

# NEWSLETTER



## ISSUE 12 - FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are again at the end of another week that has flown by. This week we have once again been focussing on Sound-Write, as well as beginning to practise ready for our Christmas celebrations in school.

We would all like to say a massive thank you to all the FOSA members who gave up their time to run the present room for the children this week. It was a huge success and every child that I saw really enjoyed the experience of choosing, and in some cases, wrapping, their own presents.

There will be some very lucky families with very well-thought out gifts under the tree this year!

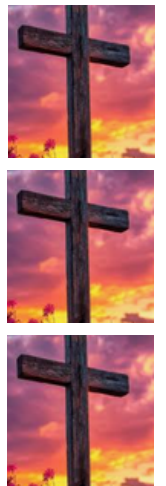
*Wishing you a lovely weekend, with maybe some decorations going up...!*

*Ms. Lucca and the Marshland Team.*

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP TEAM



Meet the founding members of our new Collective Worship Team! Santanna, Poppy and Taiha will be leading worship for us at least one day per week, and we are going to be building the team with members from each of the other year groups. Applications to begin on Monday!



Exciting times ahead!

### HOUSEPOINTS

Well done to all house teams this week, with particularly great work from the REDs again this week.

I need to remind all staff about how the children can earn house points so that we can raise the roof with the amount next week!

Red	132
Green	100
Blue	69
Yellow	60

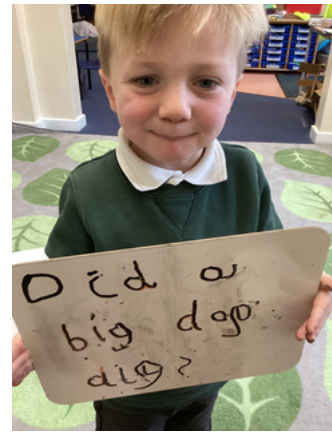
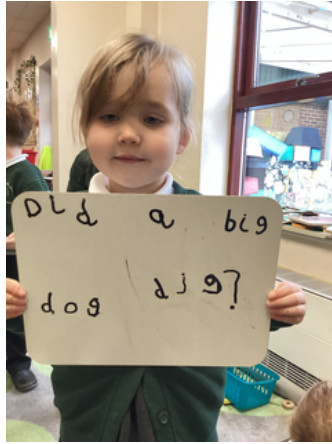
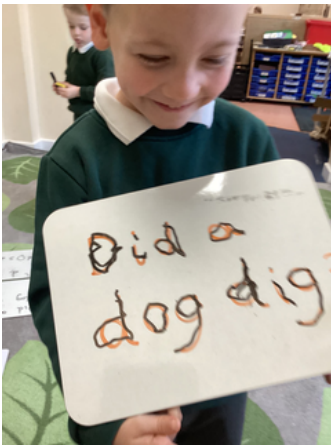


## SUBJECT FOCUS THIS WEEK: SOUNDS-WRITE

We wanted to showcase how hard our children are working across the whole school, to improve their reading, writing and spelling through the application of their phonological awareness.

### **N/RC**

The children in Reception have been working very hard in their Phonics lessons and amaze me with their progress every week. The children this week have been practicing their dictated sentences. Their formation and layout of their sentences are brilliant and we will be busy in the coming weeks working on correct pencil grip and fine motor skills to support their writing. It is wonderful to see so many of the children reading at home it makes a big impact.



**1/2B**ar 1 have been looking at different spellings for the /er/ sound, <or> <er> <ir> <ur>

- Alex - I like changing the words on the board. (Sound swap game)
- Maya - I like reading the words.

Year 2 have been looking at the different spellings of /oe/, they initially learned 4 in Year 1, they are looking at 2 additional spellings. This makes a total of 6 different /oe/ spellings! <o> <oa> <oe> <ow> <ou> <ough>. Theo could tell me that oa was one of the spellings, Joseph told me that oe was also a spelling for /oe/.

- Theo - I like going to the board and putting all the sounds up.
- Joseph - I like writing the words.



### 3/4A

In phonics we use our scheme Sounds Write to learn how to read and spell. At the moment we are deepening our understanding of how to use prefixes and suffixes, as well as splitting words into their sounds and syllables. We always review our learning and complete retrieval activities to embed our new knowledge.

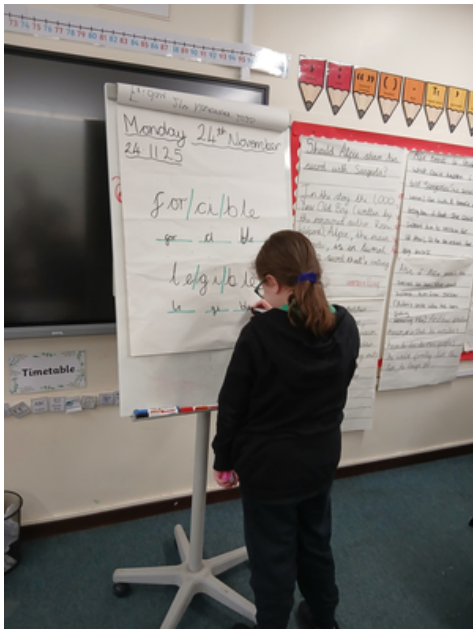
Arthur: We write words by sounding them out.

Bella-Mae: We learn new words by splitting them into their syllables.



### 5/6P

This week in Phonics we have been concentrating on words containing -ly. We always spend time in lessons reviewing and retrieving our learning from previous lessons to help the learning 'stick' we have transitioned away sound level lessons and are concentrating on syllables.



**SKILLS:**

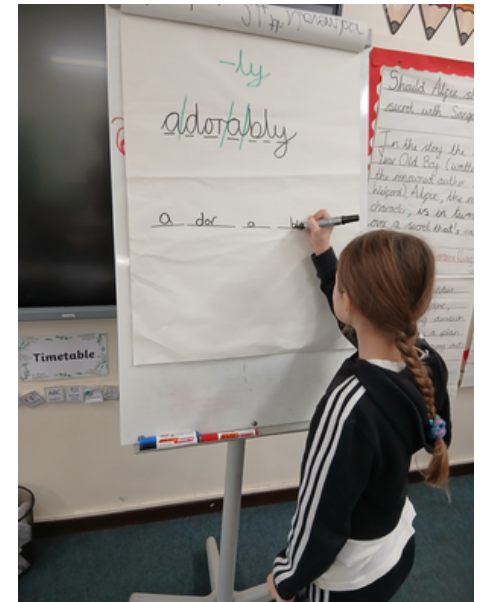
- segment: to spell polysyllabic words by segmenting them first into syllables, and then each syllable, in turn, into sounds;
- blend: to read words by first blending sounds into syllables, and then syllables, in turn, into words.

**KNOWLEDGE:**

- some words are made up of more than one syllable;
- the spelling of some common syllables, such as prefixes and suffixes;
- some polysyllabic words contain schwas.

**SEQUENCE:**

In the Polysyllabic Words Lessons we start by working at sound level, then move to syllable-level work, and we also analyse spelling difficulties in Polysyllabic Words, including schwas. Polysyllabic words are presented in a logical sequence, from simple to complex.



## December

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1st - Ely Cathedral DEMAT Carol Service (Year 6 children) Now on MCAS for consent.

4th - Christmas Fayre - School Hall 3.30pm - 4.30pm (FOSA)

5th - Flu jab mop up session for children who were absent

8<sup>th</sup> - GenR8 Christmas visit and Collective Worship

10th - Pantomime @Kings Lynn Corn Exchange. Thank you for giving consent, more details will follow regarding timings etc.

11<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 & 4 Trip to Gressingham Hall - please do look at MCAS for payment details and to give consent. **FINAL CALL FOR CONSENT & PAYMENT PLEASE!**

16th - NRC (Only Nursery and Reception) Nativity: Performances at 9.15am and 2pm.

17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas lunch day - book up now!

17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas clothes non-uniform day - monies raised will be donated to Heart Valve Voice Charity and Queen Elizabeth Hospital Kings Lynn Intensive Care unit (see above)

18<sup>th</sup> - Years 1 to 6 - Carol Concert in the school hall: Performances at 9.00am and 2pm.

19<sup>th</sup> - Last day of term



MORE DATES WILL  
BE ADDED EACH  
WEEK SO PLEASE  
DO CHECK.

## WHOLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISING - CHRISTMAS NON-UNIFORM

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, as well as it being Christmas lunch day, we are also inviting all children and staff to dress up in Christmas clothes to raise money for a really good cause that is close to the hearts of one of our MSJ families.

As many of you know, one of our children and his family suffered a tragic loss this year. To raise money and awareness of endocarditis, we will be donating all monies raised by this non-uniform day to the **Heart Valve Voice Charity and Queen Elizabeth Hospital Kings Lynn Intensive Care** so that no-one else has to go through this.

If you would like to read about the family and their story, please see the attached link. Our thoughts are with you.

<https://heartvalvevoice.com/remembering-james-clear-his-story-with-endocarditis/>

## STARS OF THE WEEK

A massive Well Done to **Brooke, Bella-Mae, Lilith and Nico** for being our stars of the week.



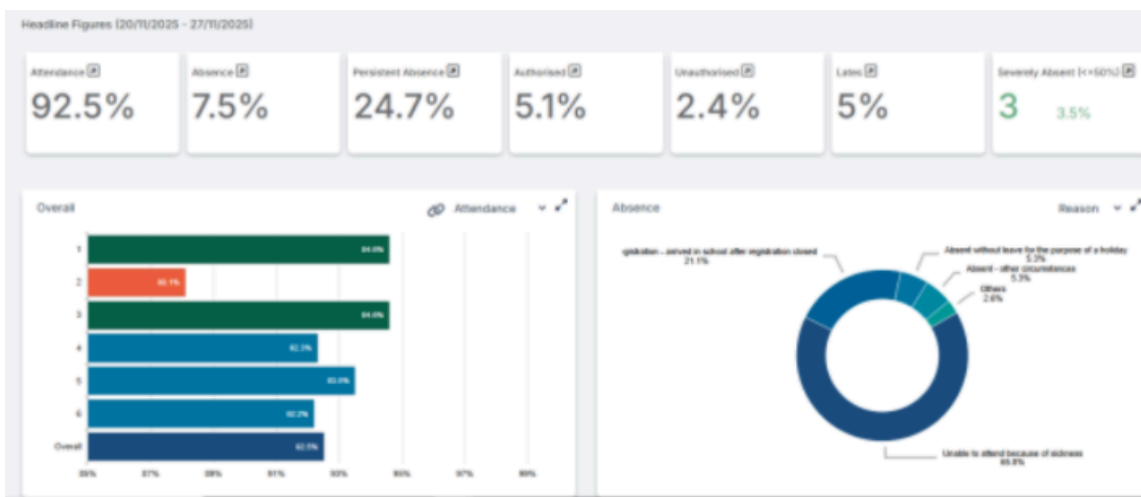
Thanks as always to our families for sharing our Celebration Worship today, it's a time when we can all reflect on our week and the successes we have had.

## CLASS ASSEMBLY

3 / 4 A showed off everything they have learned in school in their class assembly on Thursday - thanks to all families that were able to attend.



## ATTENDANCE & SAFEGUARDING



Our whole school attendance has dropped again this week, and I know the weather has been cold, but we really want your children to be in school and learning! Attendance letters are being sent out this week for those children whose attendance has dropped below 95%. National average for Primary school is currently 95.7% so this is the minimum to which we should be aspiring as our year to date percentage, I know that we can get higher than this!

There are ways in which we as a school can support you with attendance. If you need our help, then please do come and see me so that we can plan together and work together to improve your child's attendance, and in turn their life chances.

**I will be inviting families in to meet me over the next weeks so that we can talk about attendance and what we as a school can do to support you further.**

**YEAR TO DATE: 94.4%**