



Christmas 2025 Newsletter



A message from Mrs Bartley

As we look back on the wonderful experiences our children have enjoyed this term, we are reminded that none of it would be possible without the incredible support of our community. From the dedicated reading volunteers who spark a love of books, to the tireless PTA who organise the events, to the members of the church who share their time, we THANK YOU - each contribution makes a lasting difference.

We are keen to start developing the range of clubs we offer. Some parents have mentioned various skills and passions they would like to share. If you know anyone or any organisations who could perhaps run a club for a short amount of time either after school or at lunchtime, please complete the Google link with your suggestions and ideas:

<https://forms.gle/ELeGXh8Wo3KV9qtu6>

Finally, to say a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you have a restive (and festive break) and look forward to seeing everyone raring to go in 2026!

DEMAT Together Carol Concert

On Monday 1st December, Year 6 joined other DEMAT schools at Ely Cathedral for a magical carol service.

We practiced our songs, sang our hearts out, and represented our school proudly. It was a truly festive day!

April and Nico

Singing with St John's Choir

On Wednesday 26th November, Year 3 and 4 gathered in the school hall for a special singing session with a choir from St John's College. We sang Sunny and a fun song with actions for a polar bear, a seal, and a penguin! Sophie and Ezra helped conduct one of the songs, and the whole experience was rated a big 10/10 by the children.

Kourtney and Rosie

Science Sparks with Mrs Lambert

On Wednesday 17th December, Butterflies class had an amazing science session with Mrs Lambert (Wilf's mum!).

She taught us all about evolution, focusing on natural selection. We even carried out an experiment called Sticky Dogs.

In this activity, we designed our own dogs by choosing features like colour and hair type. Depending on the habitat, some dogs survived and had offspring, while others didn't—just like real natural selection!

Wilf L & Charlie F

A Bedazzle-ing performance of A Christmas Carol

On Thursday 11th December, Swaffham Prior and Swaffham Bulbeck were treated to a fantastic pantomime performed by Bedazzle.

The talented cast, including people with additional needs, put on an incredible version of A Christmas Carol with a modern twist. You could see the effort and passion in every scene—it was truly amazing!

*Abby Dodd-Patrick
and Iona Balson*



Class Attendance

Ladybirds:	95.8%
Swifts:	92.3%
Bees:	94.5%
Butterflies:	96.1%

A reminder to please contact the Office by 9:00 to inform them of why your child is absent and please be sure to check in with the Office each day of the absence.

Team 4 U

Shoebbox Appeal

On 10th November 2025, pupils at our school were given shoeboxes to fill with gifts for the less fortunate living in countries such as Ukraine and Georgia.

A total of 1,492 shoeboxes were sent to the charity, with help from our school.

Well done and thank you to those who gave generously.

Festive Feast & Jumper Toy

On Wednesday 17th December, Swaffham Prior enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner—huge thanks to Sally and Joe, our amazing cooks! Everyone came dressed in cosy Christmas jumpers, with some adding festive accessories to their hair.

Even the teachers joined in! It was the best Christmas dinner yet.

Elodie, Noah and Rosie





Bebras Challenge

Our school took part in the Bebras Computing Challenge! We logged onto our Chromebooks, entered our passwords, and tackled tricky questions to test our problem-solving skills. It was a great way to stretch our brains and see how high we could score!

April Owen and Nico

Swifts at the Panto

Swifts had an unforgettable trip to the pantomime! After a long bus ride, they settled in for two hours of laughter and excitement. The highlight? When Jack saved the day! It was a fantastic experience that everyone enjoyed from start to finish.

Teddy and John

Litter Pick Leads to Big Change

Back in October, we went on a litter pick from the school gates to the start of Cage Hill—and found over 80 pieces of rubbish in such a short distance! The next day, we wrote letters to the village council explaining what we found and suggesting ways to make a difference. A week later, they replied saying they will organise a whole-village litter pick to help keep our community clean. We're proud to have sparked this positive change!

Holly and Hannah

Spectacular Swimming Success

This term, swimmers from our school—including Orson, Molly, and Elspeth—joined pupils from Swaffham Bulbeck for a thrilling gala at Newmarket Leisure Centre.

There were individual races, relays, and plenty of splashes! Our team worked hard and finished 5th out of 13 schools—a brilliant achievement.

Well done, swimmers!

Orson, Molly and Elspeth



The Greatest Show -

Butterflies' PE Extravaganza

Butterflies class wowed everyone with a jaw-dropping five-minute unison dance inspired by The Greatest Showman! From fire-breathers to acrobats, every child had a starring role.

The choreography was packed with techniques like cannon, robotic moves, and continuous sequences. Parents were amazed by the hard work and dazzling performance. Bravo, Butterflies!

Bessie and Lacey

Smile Squad Visits Year 3 & 4

On Wednesday 3rd December, Bees and Kingfishers welcomed two special visitors—a dental receptionist and a tooth-cleaning expert! They taught us how to brush properly and revealed just how much sugar hides in our favourite snacks. Everyone agreed it was brilliant—10/10! To top it off, each child went home with a tooth-care goody bag.

Maisie and Matilda

All things PTA

Events coming up:

- **Art Event** 23rd January 2026
- **Valentines Disco** 6th February 2026