



# The Duchy of Lancaster Newsletter

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News and information for families and the community



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## Message from Mr Finney



As we approach the end of term, I wanted to update you on several important matters affecting our school community.

The past week has been exceptionally busy, filled with numerous events and activities that have kept our pupils engaged and learning.

I regret to inform you that I am currently unwell and will be absent during this final week of term.

Additionally, Mrs Cockedge will also not be present during this period.



We have some staff changes to share: Mrs Housden has made the difficult decision to leave us and pursue new challenges.

While we are sad to see her go, we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

I am pleased to confirm that Miss Clucas and Mr Neech will be continuing in line with our current arrangements for Reception and Year 1/2, respectively, ensuring continuity of education for our pupils.

## RABBITS



In Reception, the Rabbits class have been working hard in maths, focusing on naming and describing 2D shapes.

They have been exploring different shapes such as circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles, learning to identify their sides and corners.

The children are using mathematical language like "straight," "round," and "corners."

This hands-on learning helps build a strong foundation for their future maths skills.

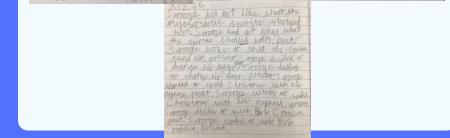
## HEDGEHOGS

This week, as well as being busy preparing for the Christmas spectacular that was the Midwife Crisis nativity performance.

Hedgehogs have been writing a recount of our class text, *A Christmas Carol*.

We have been changing simple sentences into complex and compound sentences, and learning the difference between writing in the past and present tense.

We have also been discussing how Scrooge changed over the course of the text and why he decided to embrace Christmas.



## SQUIRRELS

Key stage 2 went to the high school and competed in a cross county event alongside 17 other schools.

They displayed fantastic teamwork and resilience.

This week badgers continued to show resilience completing practice SATs tests.



In maths they investigated square numbers and composite numbers.

In English they wrote their own balanced argument.

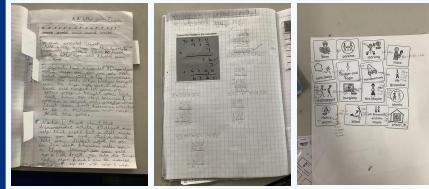


## BADGERS

Squirrels have been working hard this week carrying on their multiplication unit in maths and learning the long multiplication method.

We have started writing our letters to Oliver from Fagin to apologise for how Fagin treated Oliver during the story, practicing expanded noun phrases and subordinate clauses in our long writing.

This week the children have learned to recite the poem 'crying my little one, footsore and weary?' by Christina Rossetti.



## CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday to

Jacob  
Harper

Be On Time Gee Winners

Badgers 95.9%

Elephant of Excellence Winners

Hedgehogs

Positive Points

Green Mercator - 98 positive points  
Yellow Hillary- 112 positive points  
Blue Raleigh- 116 positive points  
Red Goodall- 115 positive points



## Diary Dates

### Film Night

Tuesday 16th December 5pm

A special film showing in the school hall. Look out for information about how to sign up.



### Decoration Afternoon

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Come into school from 2pm and make a Christmas decoration with your child in class.



### Wrap Around Care

EVERY DAY - 07:45-18:00

Our excellent Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club are open every day. You can book through MCAS.

### Christingle Service

Thursday 18th December 2pm

Our annual Christingle service supported by the wonderful volunteers at St George's Church. To be held in the school hall.



### Xmas Panto

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Our annual visit to the panto. This year is sure to be full of excitement as Rapunzel makes her bid for freedom.

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