



Dear Parents/ Carers,

## Message from the Head

What a wonderful few weeks of festivities we have had and it has been our pleasure to share this with you. I hope that, for those of you who were able to join us for the Christingle Service, you felt uplifted by the children's singing and instrumental performances. As a school, the bringing together of our community is vital and such a powerful experience to be a part of. I know that as a staff team, despite the festive 'busyness', we love coming together for events including Christingle, Christmas Fair, Nativity and Christmas dinner. Well done to Mrs Owens and Ms Quantrill for their largest lunch cover yet- 79 children and 12 members of staff all happily enjoying their sprouts.

This week we have had some rather exciting post as the children in Robins received letters from Father Christmas in response to their writing earlier on in the term. Staff have also had some wonderful deliveries as we have collected items from our Amazon wish list generously gifted by parents. These will support curriculum areas across the school. Thank you from all of us!

My thanks go to New Hall School swimming staff who have supported children in Owl class this term. The progress the children have made is excellent and we also have some very talented water polo players! Next term, children in Kingfisher class will be swimming and this will go through until Easter. Please ensure your child has a suitable costume or swim shorts, hat, goggles and towel. These will all need to be clearly labelled in a separate swimming bag. The first lesson will be on Friday 9th January.

In assembly today we celebrated success and efforts in reading, children's attendance and awards for Agents of Change. As we continue our Agents of Change project, I would like to 'Express Gratitude' to all of the staff. Being part of a small school is unique, all staff have multiple roles, and do so with much care and diligence, working together to ensure the very best in education and personal development for all children. I am sure you will all join me in thanking them. My thanks also to you, the parents and wider community who are so supportive of us in all that we do.

I hope that you all have a wonderful break over the Christmas holidays and are able to spend time together as a family.

Very best wishes,  
Mrs Charlotte Cornelius



## Agents of Change

On Monday 15th December we had a very wholesome morning as we welcomed some of the residents from Totham Lodge Care Home, as well as grandparents, for some Christmas singing. This is something we plan annually but were unable to do last year because of illness across the school. This year, Robins used the opportunity to work on their termly Agents of Change project as they made cards and cakes for the visitors to take away with them. The staff from Totham Lodge were most grateful for their beautiful cards and sweet treats they were given.

I am particularly proud of the children in Year 6 who volunteered to lead the care home residents into the hall and sat with them chatting, singing and bringing joy to their Monday morning. It is a wonderful reminder that thinking and caring for others has a significant impact on their wellbeing. You can see some of the photos on the school's Twitter/ X account @MessingPrimary.

## Attendance

This first term has been really positive with 96.6% for our whole school attendance. This sits above national which is fantastic. In assembly on Friday we celebrated all children with attendance at 98% or above.

Below are the children with 100% attendance for the Autumn Term (up to 15/12/25). Well done to:

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| Wrens       | Charlie, Henry M, Marcus  |
| Robins      | Hunter, Rain, Otilie, Hudson, Sapphire, Jake, Ava, Isaac                              |
| Kingfishers | Olivia, Agatha, Isla, Aiden, Bonita, Isaac, Toby, Jack                                |
| Owls        | Shyla, Margot, Jess, Lenny, Tavis, Chloe, Ella, Pippa, Olivia, Lily, Caroline, Dexter |

## Spring Term Sports Clubs

Sign-ups for the [new clubs](#) will be on Tuesday 6th/ Wednesday 7th January and they will start week beginning Monday 12th January.

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| Monday AM- KS2 Golf                  | Monday PM KS1 Gymnastics         |
| Tuesday AM KS1 Multi-skills          | Tuesday PM KS2 Football          |
| Wednesday AM KS2 Racquet Sports      | Wednesday PM KS2 Dance (Mr P)    |
| Thursday (Lunch) KS1 Football (Mr P) | Thursday PM KS1&2 Girls Football |





## Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the planning, cooking and set up- this is a big undertaking! With your support in the purchase of raffle tickets, vouchers, food, drinks and crafts we raised just over £800. We all had a fantastic time celebrating with you.

## A Christmas Recipe

Wow- I was truly blown away by the children's performances in the nativity last week! It's left me smiling and thinking about how incredibly talented and unique each child is. From the sparkliest snowflakes, bounciest sheep, dramatic donkey, feathery robins and charismatic cat and dog, through to the wisest of men, shiniest presents, superb shepherds, brightest stars, fabulous cooks, excellent compare, glorious angels and Mary and Joseph, all were brilliant.

### Recounts written by children in Robins Class



Last week at the Christmas show I had lots of fun. I was a sheep in the show and when I went on the stage I bounced in excitement and I loved it.

"First when Mrs Canham showed us what to do I thought I couldn't do it but when I started I did it so well."

By Max (Yr 1)

Last week I did my class show. My feelings were mixed. I had two partners, Isaac and Alfie, I acted as a Wise Man. It was very enjoyable but I was still very nervous. The audience was packed.

By Frazer (Yr 2)



## Spring Term Diary Dates

You can find dates for the year ahead on the [school planner](#).

**Mon 5th Jan-** Non-pupil day

**Tues 6th Jan-** Children back to school

**6th/ 7th Jan-** Sign up to Spring term clubs

**W/B Mon 12th Jan-** External sports clubs begin

**Thurs 22nd Jan-** KS2 Choir at Young Voices

**Fri 23rd Jan-** Free Write Friday

**Mon 26th Jan-** Yr 6 SATs talk for parents 3.20pm

**Weds 28th Jan-** Height & weight check (Rec & Yr 6)

**Mon 2nd Feb-** Road Safety Awareness

**Thurs 5th Feb-** KS2 Sportshall Athletics

**Tues 10th Feb-** Safer Internet Day

**Thurs 12th Feb-** Year 4 MTC talk for parents 3.20pm

