



UPDATE FOR PARENTS

Friday 29th
November
2024

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Thought for the week...

This Sunday is the first Sunday of advent , a four-week season in the Church calendar dedicated to anticipating the arrival of the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth.



The first candle symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the 'Prophecy Candle' in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ.

Winter-themed art competition

The annual art competition has been launched. All the children are welcome to enter a piece of artwork with a winter theme.

You may use any media, for example, watercolours, acrylics, coloured pencils, charcoal, pastels etc.

Your artwork can be any size or shape and can even be 3D.



I have included a couple of previous winners for you to look at.

The closing date for all submissions is Friday 6th December and entries should be handed to Mrs Singh.



Prizes will be given for the winner of each year group. Good Luck - I look forward to seeing your submissions!

Recycling Mixed Media Art Workshop

A big thank you to all the talented children who participated in our recent Recycling Mixed Media Art Workshop! Your creativity, effort, and enthusiasm were truly inspiring.

Your artwork beautifully highlighted the importance of recycling and showed us how we reuse materials to create emotive pieces of work. Each piece was a testament to your imagination and commitment to a greener future.

We are so proud of every one of you—thank you for sharing your ideas and bringing this important message to life in such a colourful and impactful way! Keep creating, keep recycling, and keep being awesome!

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our talented parents, Tannaz Oroumchi and Nisha Vidal who gave their time and expertise to work with the children.

I have selected a few to showcase the work that was created.

Mrs Bowen (Art and Design subject leader).











Focus on Attendance

This academic year, there is an increased national and Hertfordshire focus on the importance of attendance. All our attendance figures are reported to the Department for Education every week, enabling them to assess how well each school is doing.

I will be including an attendance and punctuality report in each parents update, enabling you to see the picture across the school.

Congratulations to *Beech* class for near-perfect attendance!

Attendance and punctuality for Week beginning: Monday 17th November 2024

<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Number of children late</i>
3 Holly	97.33%	5
3 Willow	93.79%	2
4 Juniper	97.24%	5
4 Oak	94.33%	4
★ 5 Beech	99.33%	7
5 Elm	94.33%	3
6 Poplar	90%	6
6 Rowan	94%	5



Our target is 97% attendance each week!

Upcoming events for your diary

<i>Events</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Is this event open to parents?</i>
Carol Service 	11th December (10.30am – 11.15am)	Yes – a limited number of tickets available on school gateway from Monday 2 nd December (tickets limited by space in St Andrew's Church)
Christmas  Lunch	13th December	No
Pantomime 	17th December	No
Singer of the Year Finals 	19th December (11am–12 noon)	Yes – parents of finalists are warmly invited
Variety Show (Talent Show) 	18 th December 1pm	No

Stars of the week

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Class	Nominee	Reason
Holly	Sonny	<i>For a well structured and well written Fable. It was wonderful to see your use of conjunctions, prepositions and noun phrases to excite and engage the reader. Well done.</i>
	Abubaker	<i>For excellent perseverance with column addition. Your slow and steady approach paid off when you were able to answer the calculations independently and precisely. Well done.</i>
Willow	Ryan	<i>For his ongoing commitment to reading at home and independently to himself and increased confidence in reading aloud in class. Well done, Ryan. Your hard work has really paid off. I have enjoyed seeing your development in this area and witnessing how proud you are of your achievement. Keep up the good work.</i>
Oak	Gabi	<i>For showing great determination and focus in class, especially during our English lessons where you have shown great imagination when writing a narrative.</i>
Juniper	Jason	<i>For demonstrating fantastic technique, strength and listening skills during our Yoga lesson.</i>
Elm	Kumayl	<i>For excellent effort and work in his Maths and English and for working so well with Mr Capozzi.</i>
Beech	Enis	<i>For providing some wonderful answers in class discussions this week. They were well thought out and insightful. Well done!</i>
Rowan	Anay	<i>For demonstrating brilliant scientific enquiry skills during our Electricity investigation.</i>
Poplar	Yohaán	<i>For being a fantastic new member of Poplar Class: Yohaán is hard-working, focused and extremely kind. We are very lucky to have him at Nascot Wood Junior School. Well done, Yohaán.</i>