



UPDATE FOR PARENTS

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Thought for the week...

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. In the Christian church calendar, Advent is a four-week season that focuses on anticipating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, whom Christians understand to be the Messiah.



The second advent candle, 'The Bethlehem Candle' represents peace and the third candle represents joy. It is called the Shepherd's Candle' and reminds us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.

Art of the week



Hannah, year 4 Willow

Art of the week



Aliabbas, year 4 Willow

Art of the week



Shahmeer, Year 3 Oak

Art of the week



Patrick, year 4 Willow

Art of the week



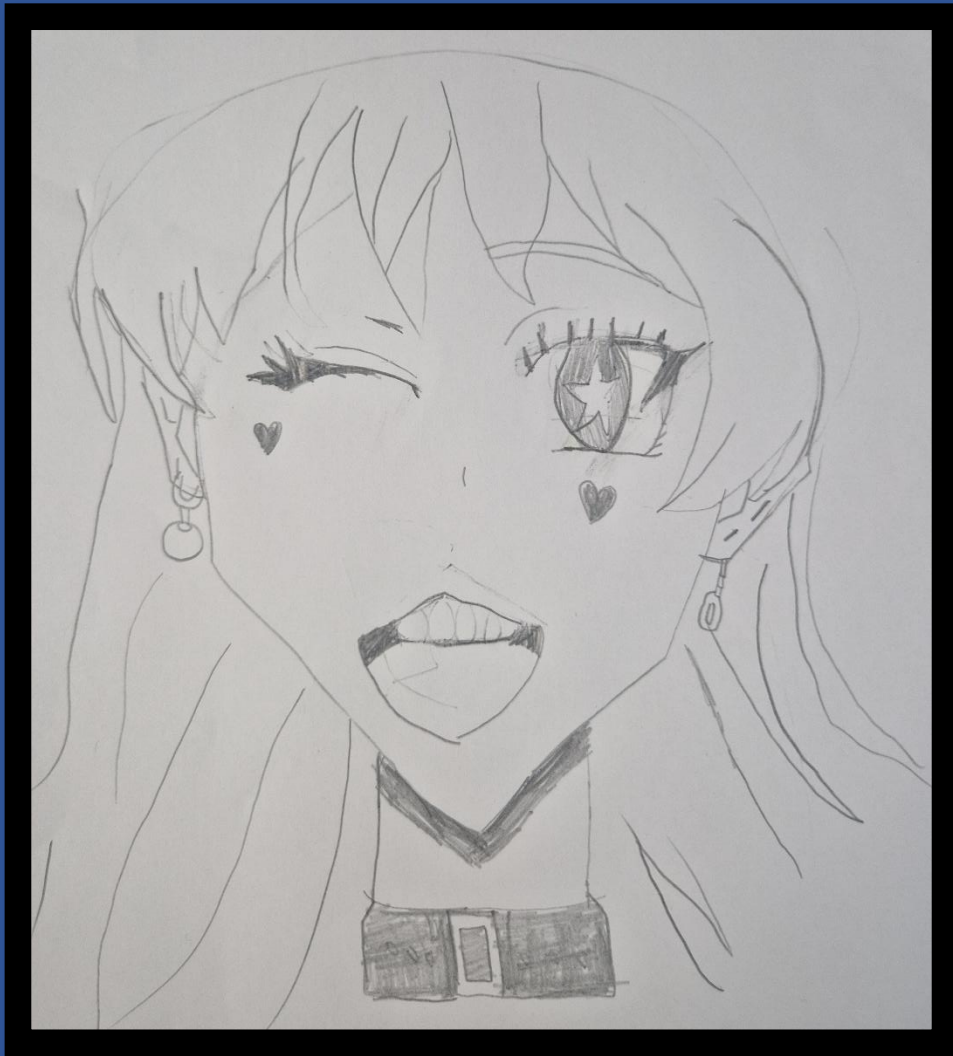
Lily, Year 4 Willow

Art of the week



Jasmine, year 5 Elm

Art of the week



Isla, Year 4 Willow

Community fundraising

This December, we would like to support our local food bank with a Reverse Advent Calendar. Instead of receiving a treat each day, you give one. We would ask you to choose a day (or as many days as you wish) to send in the food item or household product noted below. There will be a box in each classroom to collect the donations. By the end of the month, our donations will have made a real difference for families in need this winter.

December 1st A box of cereal or bag of porridge	December 2nd Long life milk (Dairy or plant based)	December 3rd A tin of food (beans, tomatoes, soup, tuna etc)	December 4th A bag or box of pasta	December 5th A bag or packet of rice or noodles
December 8th Tea or coffee (herbal and decaf too)	December 9th A jar or sachet of cooking sauce (pasta, curry, stir fry etc)	December 10th Dry snacks (cereal bars, breadsticks, crisps etc)	December 11th A shower gel (for adults or children)	December 12th A toothpaste or toothbrush (for adults or children)
December 15th A condiment (ketchup, mayonnaise, gravy etc)	December 16th A breakfast toast topper (jam, marmalade, honey etc)	December 17th A sweet treat for an adult	December 18th A sweet treat for a child	December 19th A festive treat!

Thank you for all your generous donations!



Focus on Attendance

There continues to be 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.

Congratulations to *Holly, Oak, Beech and Poplar* classes for achieving a percentage at or above our target attendance!

Attendance and punctuality for Week beginning: Monday 1st December 2024

<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Number of children late</i>
3 Holly	99.33%	2
3 Oak	97.33%	7
4 Juniper	95.67%	5
4 Willow	93.33%	19
5 Beech	97%	6
5 Elm	95.33%	8
6 Poplar	98.33%	0
6 Rowan	96%	3



Our target is 97% attendance each week!

STEM Careers Fayre

On Friday 5th December, Mrs Ahmed arranged a STEM careers fayre for the upper school (years 5 and 6).

We were honoured to welcome:

- Mr Hu – Associate Professor in Clean Energy & Infrastructure
- Dr Vivian Li – Senior Group Leader and Assistant Research Director
- Mr Luca Marsiglio – Senior Engineering Manager
- Ms Kanika Nayar – Head of UK & Ireland Market for Nokia Cloud Services
- Mrs Kate Roberts – Software Engineer
- Priya Nagalingam – Doctor
- Mr Al-Karim Govindji- Climate space



All the speakers were experts in their field and gave the children a wonderful insight into the world of STEM.

This is definitely something that we are going to repeat.

Many thanks to Mrs Ahmed for organising this wonderful event.

Upcoming events for your diary



Date	Event	Time	Notes
15/12/2025	Whole School Pantomime	Please note: Leaving school promptly at <u>8.45am</u> . Gates open from 8.15am.	Whole school walks to the Watford Palace Theatre.
17/12/2025	Singer of the Year – Final	Please note: <u>Wednesday 17th December at 11am</u>	Open to parents of children who take part in the final
19/12/2025	Last day of the Term School finishes at 12pm	<u>12pm</u>	Please note school finishing time

Stars of the week

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Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	Archie	<i>For your fantastic contributions in lessons. Your ideas are always so interesting, creative and thoughtful, and you always express them in such a clear and considered way. Well done Archie.</i>
3 Oak	Maahi	<i>For confident auditions for the talent show and singer of the year. Your beautiful voice and great gymnastics skills were a pleasure to watch and impressed both your classmates and the staff. Please keep practising. You are a finalist in the making.</i>
	Brylenn	<i>For a fantastic reading at the Carol Service. Well done, Brylenn. Your vocal variety, confident body language and appropriate eye contact created a real connection with the audience and the piece you were reading.</i>
4 Juniper	Anvay	<i>For always and consistently working hard on his reading and ensuring that he has always read for long enough throughout the week. Keep it up.</i>
Willow	Sara	<i>For taking her time to create a beautiful piece of Christmas word art.</i>
5 Beech	Annabel and Sreshtha	<i>For delivering their readings in the carol service with such clarity and confidence. They did a wonderful job representing our school at the church. Very well done!</i>
5 Elm	Satvika and Jaazebah	<i>For displaying fantastic teamwork and camaraderie when working together to audition for the Variety Show. Your confidence and work ethic really showed through, well done.</i>
6 Poplar	Kenan	<i>For writing a beautiful narrative based on our English text, 'Wisp'. Kenan's story was full of rhythmical figurative language which made the poetic imagery come 'alive' for the reader. Well done, Kenan!</i>
6 Rowan	Zachary	<i>For your wonderful reading at the carol service.</i>

Headteacher's award



Codie, Brylenn, Isha, Sofie, Amara, Oluwatomi, Ileas, Annabel, Sreshtha, Zachary, Isaaq and Vedhaa, for your wonderful reading at the lower and upper key stage carol services.

Congratulations to Joseph and Rayan who sang beautifully to begin our carol services.

I was so proud of you all!

