



Fingringhoe

Church of England (VA) Primary School

Autumn Term 2022

15th December 2023

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 19th December—Nativity supplement (Gazette on sale in local shops)

Wednesday 20th December—Last day of term!

Thursday 4th January—First day of the Spring Term

Wednesday 10th January—Maple class school trip to Colchester Castle

Thursday 11th January—Year 6 Revision Club (Finishes 4:15pm)

Friday 12th January—Elm class Netball Club (for those signed up)



Dear Parents,

Thanks to all of our families who came along to the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, it was a resounding success! We are incredibly grateful to our PTA for all of their hard work, both in the preparations before, as well as on the day itself to ensure that it was a fantastic afternoon for our school and village community. I would also like to thank our staff team for their contributions, particularly Mrs Rees who has been working with the choir to prepare them for their first public appearance, and also to Miss Baker and Miss O Toole, who spent the day with Santa as his elfin helpers! This week in school, the children have continued to get into the Christmas spirit by enjoying a special Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and watching a Christmas pantomime. On Friday afternoon we are looking forward to our Christmas Carol Service in the church at 2pm - our choir will also be making an appearance, so it really is not to be missed! Don't forget there will be some tasty treats on sale afterwards so please do come along and join in!

Best Wishes, Mrs Coyle & Ms Parker

Reminders

No BAA (afterschool) on Wednesday 20th December

Don't forget to bring your Christmas cards in January (before 17th) for our recycling bin.

Please check Parent Pay for any outstanding arrears for lunch / Breakfast club / BAA & trips

Headteacher Awards	Week commencing 04/12/2023	Week commencing 11/12/2023
Willow Class	Teddy	N/A
Beech Class	Jaxon & Amadea	N/A
Maple Class	Hannah, Ollie, Oliver, Lily	N/A
Elm Class	Fia, Harry, Esme & Freddie	N/A

Willow

This week, Willow class have been learning about shadows and how these are formed. They experimented with a range of materials before creating their own Christmas themed puppets and putting on a show!

They also had a fantastic afternoon at the outdoor classroom with their Year 6 buddies, creating Christmas decorations and playing a range of different games. It has been lovely to watch their connections blossom over the last few months.



Beech

Beech Class have been very busy in RE and DT this week. We visited Reverend Terry Walker in Church who explained how the Church and Christians prepare for Christmas time during advent. He showed children the advent candles, explaining the representations of each candle and why some are different colours. Children asked some excellent questions, resulting Reverend Terry bringing out his beautiful purple robe.



In DT, we have been exploring what makes a stable structure. We tested different materials based on their properties, for example whether they could bend, fold, be cut and tested their strength by balancing toys. We will use this experiment to make informed decisions when we come to designing and making our own stables for Mary,



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Maple

On Thursday 7th December, Maple class went to a Sports hall Athletics tournament in Leisure World, Colchester. They worked really hard, trying their best and cheering on their teammates. Mrs Hurst was especially impressed with the support that they gave one another; it was lovely to see. Everyone had a great time and represented Fringringhoe well!



Elm

Last week, Elm Class travelled to Aveley Lodge and read some of their writing to the residents. The children finished off by singing some Christmas songs that they have learned at school.

More recently, the children have drafted and are now editing their Newspaper Report on the Battle of Marathon. The class are also working hard in Maths in which they are learning about Fractions. At the start of the week, Elm Class watched two interviews with people working on the new Artemis Project - a new mission to fly astronauts to the moon and live there for two months! We listened to Libby Jackson, Head of Exploration at the UK Space Agency, and Howard Hu, Orion's Program Manager (Orion is the Rocket). These interviews were a great way of seeing into the paths and lives of people who are involved in the future of Science.

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