



# Fingringhoe

## Church of England (VA) Primary School

Autumn Term 2024

Friday 29th November

### Dates for the diary



- Music lessons—Every Friday (for those signed up)
- Gym club—Friday's (KS1 for those signed up)
- Tuesday 3rd December—2pm Nativity (Willow & Beech)
- Wednesday 4th December—9:30am Nativity (Willow & Beech)
- Saturday 7th November—PTA Christmas Fayre at St. Andrews Church
- Monday 9th December—Flu Immunisations
- Wednesday 11th December—'Elfridges' pop up shop
- Friday 13th December—2.15pm Final Celebration Assembly followed by KS2 Christmas carols

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for your support in purchasing a poppy this year; we are pleased to have raised £94.17 for the Poppy Appeal. Well done to our Year 6 pupils who were in charge of selling the merchandise.

This week, Willow & Beech class have been rehearsing for their upcoming Nativity in the church and are really excited to perform in front of their families next week.

The children were especially excited this morning, wearing their own clothes and very much looking forward to the performance of 'Scroogical' this afternoon! On Monday 9th December, nurses will be in school to administer annual flu vaccinations, so please remember to follow the instructions on the letter sent out previously.

The PTA have been very busy planning a fantastic Christmas Fayre for us all to enjoy, please do come along and join in the Christmassy fun! The children and staff would also like to say a huge thank you to our PTA for organising the pantomime for us, as well as some advent calendars to enjoy.

Have a lovely weekend—Hannah Coyle & Donna Parker

### Reminders

- **KS1—don't forget to sign up for 'Floor Gymnastics' after school club for the Spring Term.**
- **If you would like individual music lessons / to continue with then please sign up via Essex Music Hub**

Headteachers Awards	Week commencing 18/11/2024	Week commencing 25/11/2024
Willow Class	Felicity & Hugo	N/A
Beech Class	Flo, Ollie, Harry, Alfie & Rosie	N/A
Maple Class	Lily-Sophia, Ilaria & Ollie	N/A
Elm Class	Whitney, Lilah & Oliver	N/A

## Willow

Last week, the children in Willows have continued exploring seasonal changes at the outdoor classroom. They have been discovering how seasons impact the trees and wildlife, whilst considering how they can personally help the animals during the colder months. They enjoyed making their own hedgehog hideaways ready for the hibernation period and have created their own bird feeders in school, to help the birds during this chilly period.



## Beech

This half term, Beech Class have been practicing their gymnastics skills. We have been creating shapes and learning different jumps and then putting them into sequences to make a routine. We have understood the importance of stretching our bodies correctly and being mindful of the movements we are making.



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## Maple

Maple class have just finished a unit of Art where they have been learning how to use charcoal. They began by learning about artists who use charcoal, they practised how to use the media and then they explored chiaroscuro (how to use light and dark to create atmosphere).

Their final piece was to draw an object, in the dark, using a torch to create a shadow to draw. They really enjoyed it!

We then asked the rest of the school to visit us to show off our learning. Maple class really enjoyed discussing their learning with their peers.



## Elm

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, Elm Class were treated to an assembly by someone who works for the UK Parliament Education Team. The assembly was about how Parliament works, including how a new law is accepted, how a party may lead the government, what an MP is, and how to be more involved in the future.

In lessons recently, the children have been writing up Diary Entries from the Battle of Hastings, using multiplication and division to work out multi-step problems, understanding the history of the Hagia Sophia in R.E., and binary addition in Computing.



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