

# Willow Newsletter



Willow Class has had a fantastic second half of term. We have been busy practising our play for a great deal of the term, but have still been doing lots of learning too! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with costumes, learning lines and attendance at all performances.

I am sure you will agree that the children were brilliant!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

Mrs Balls and Mrs McKeever

In Willow Class, we wear the birthday hat and glasses on our special day!



## Class assembly



"I enjoyed being a dragon in our assembly!" Hattie

"It was fun being a princess in the class play." Ivy

"I was pleased I learnt all my lines!" Thomas

## Gabriel's Big Break

"We loved all the songs in the Christmas play and enjoyed singing them a lot!" Ava, Skye, Annabel

"I felt beautiful as a star!" Fifi

"It was fun being Ariel and I am glad that I haven't really got a cold!" Florence

"I loved my angel costume and dancing to the music!" Ella

"I loved being a special star!" Freya

"I enjoyed being an innkeeper." Alex

"The star dances were great fun!" Lily-Mai, Anna, Yuyan



### Notices

P.E. Kits will be coming home next week. Please can they be returned to school on the first day back. Kits should include jogging bottoms as P.E. lessons will be outside - weather permitting.

Reading Books - In the New Year, please can your child read their reading book **twice**, over two nights, before their book is changed. This will prepare your child for the higher expectations of reading, comprehension and inference in both Year One and Year Two, leading to end of Key Stage One tests. The first time your child reads their book will allow them to decode and read the words. The following times, they will develop fluency, allowing them to comprehend and make inferences about the plot and characters. You can support your child to do this by asking them open ended questions about the story. Please continue to comment every time you have read with your child so that the book can be changed when needed.

### English

"We wrote letters to Santa!" Sean

"We learnt how to use question marks." Sophia

"We are learning the alphabet and how to form capital letters." Amelia

"We wrote a story using a castle setting, I enjoyed writing mine!" Max

### Diary Dates

- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Carol service in church
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - Term ends
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Jan - Staff training days
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan - Term begins

### Science

"We are learning all about materials." Jack  
"Opaque means that you can't see through it and transparent means that you can" - Yusuf



We love going to the Nature Reserve and even made daisy chains in December!



### Maths

"We have learned the names of 2d and 3d shapes." Michael

"We have practised subtraction." Bo

"We know how to use number lines to add and subtract." Ben

"We enjoyed working out Christmas mosaic puzzles." Vishnu, Rishabh and Logan S.

"It was fun making Christmas number books." Layla, Hector, Logan M. and Freddie

*It would be really helpful if you could spend a little time practising number formation and also writing number words one to twenty with your child during the holiday please.*