

St White's Primary School

Always Learning!



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Welcome to our last newsletter of 2024! We wish everyone a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year – have a lovely holiday and we will see you all again in 2025!

Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who have



celebrated or will have their birthdays in December: Ellis, Ryan du F, Kyran, Paige, Isaac, Teddy, Darcy, Isla, Gabriel, Willow D, Evelyn, Finley, Brix,

Kailen, Alex Ha, Lola, Connor, Miss Ewles and Miss Earthrowl.

Ofsted Report! We were thrilled to finally be able to share our Ofsted Report with everyone last week. There is no longer an overall judgement of the school, but we were judged as "Outstanding" in three out of the five areas and "Good" in the others. The report says some wonderful things about the school and about your children and we would particularly like to thank the parents who took time to speak to the inspectors and complete the parent survey. Here are just a few of the things the report says:

"Pupils have plentiful opportunities to thrive at this ambitious school."

"Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. They are very well mannered and equally attentive both in lessons and at social times."

"Pupils live up to the high expectations the school has of them."

"...children in early years are exceptionally well prepared for their next stage."

"Pupils have highly positive attitudes and know they can make a difference to their school community."

"Pupils here blossom into confident young people ready for secondary school."

Diary Dates

Weds 8th January 2025 – School Starts

20th January – Bikeability Week – Year 5

Thurs 30th Jan – UKS2 RE trip

Tues 11 & Thurs 13 February – Parent Consultations

Fri 14th February – last day of term

The full report is available on our school website, or on the DfE website here: [St White's Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted](#)

Puzzle Days over the past few weeks lots of children have taken part in "puzzle days" to practise our problem solving skills – it has been great fun!



Class Cooking – Upper KS2 classes have been making pizza this term, including making the dough – it has been really yummy!



Spelling Bee – congratulations to the winners of our spelling bee in December! Well done to everyone who took part – there were some really tricky words such as “controversy”, “nuisance”, “separate” and “beautiful”.



Eco Committee – we were invited by the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to help with some tree planting. It was a very wet day and they got a

bit muddy, but they were amazing and planted 48 trees!



Outdoor Learning Jay Class have been having great fun in outdoor learning this term.



Dance Showcase – A huge thank you to Mrs Cartwright-Wynne for running our dance clubs all term, and well done to everyone for the fabulous Dance Showcase performance last week. You were all FAB-U-LOUS!!!

Whole School Concert – Last Monday the whole school took part in our end of term concert. Parents of Year 5 who have been learning the trumpet, and the guitar club, were invited to see their children perform – we are sorry we can't invite everyone, but there just isn't space in the hall!



Winter Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

We all had a wonderful time on Wednesday wearing our winter jumpers and we raised £116 for Save the Children. Our Christmas Dinner was delicious, and we were very lucky to be joined by Mrs Jones, one of our governors, riding on a polar bear! We had to make sure he didn't steal everyone's turkey!

Nativity Plays – The school has been full of Christmas songs for weeks while EYFS and KS1 practised their nativity plays and their performances this week were amazing! Thank you to parents for supplying costumes and for helping them to practise their lines.



Robin Class Christmas Activities – thank you to all the parents who joined us last Friday for Robin Class Christmas Crafts – we also had a very special visitor! And this week Robin have been making salt dough decorations and decorating gingerbread men.



Carol Services – a huge thank you to all the parents who have come with us to the carol services today – we hope you all feel really Christmassy now!

Head Teacher's Award - Well done to Miquel in Kingfisher Class who achieved a special head teacher's golden sticker for amazing progress in reading!



Discos and PTFA Fundraising – Thank you to Mrs Cartwright-Wynne for running the discos last night – they were a huge success and the children all had lots of fun! Also a big thank you to Harry from Heron Class, who wrote to Mrs Tilling asking for us to have the disco again, and for helping to choose the playlist! We raised over £500 from the Disco!

Also a really big thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes – and congratulations to the winners who have all been contacted. The PTFA raised over £750 from the raffle! Thank you so much everyone!

Christmas Mischief!

Some very naughty elves have been up to no good in the school car park, decorating Mr Hayward's car!



Governor News We would like to say a really big thank you to three governors who have left us over the last term. Their contribution to the school over their time with us has been invaluable and helped us to achieve the amazing outcome of our Ofsted Inspection. Thank you so much to Lynne Adams, Fran Palmer and Tony Griffiths.

STOP PRESS: Congratulations to Ruby House (Red) who have won the most house points this term!

Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on 14th February 2025. If there are any achievements or any other celebrations you want to share with everyone, we will be very pleased to feature your child in the next newsletter. Please email admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk by Monday 10th February 2025.