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### **NEWSLETTER 6 DECEMBER 2024**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

We are nearing the end of term and it has been wonderful to see the children getting excited about our preparation for all the Christmas activities and celebrations that will be taking place during the final two weeks of term.

FOLS members very kindly gave up their free time earlier this week, to come into school and decorate our Christmas tree, which looks wonderful! The children have been busy posting cards to one another and preparations are in full swing in Cherry and Willow Class for the nativity performance.

Our House Captains have launched a Christmas card competition, open for all children to enter should they wish to do so. The task is to design a Christmas card (at home), with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places awarded to each class, with the winners earning extra team points for their class. Entries must be handed in by Tuesday 17 December.

Christmas aside, four of our KS2 children attended the Cross Country finals at Langley School last week; Stella, Faith, Elsie and Sophia represented our school beautifully, competing against almost 100 other runners from around the county. We are all very proud of their achievements.

Willow Class have visited the church as part of their RE learning – please see more about this below. Thanks to Reverend Richard for helping facilitate the visit.

We are all looking forward to the last two weeks of term and hope that the children have fun taking part in our celebrations. Please do make sure you have a look at the diary dates below, so you are familiar with everything that is going on!



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### EDP Sports Equipment for Schools Campaign

If you (or friends and family) have been collecting tokens published in the EDP for their sports equipment campaign, please ensure these are returned to school **by Monday 9 December** so that we can count them in good time before the end of term.

Thank you!

### Christmas Lunch

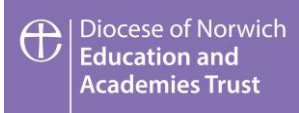
If your child would like the school Christmas lunch on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, please return your booking slip by **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. We must have a slip returned for every child that requires a lunch, even for those in receipt of free school meals.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On **Thursday 12 December**, children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers, instead of their usual school jumper on that day. They should wear their usual school uniform on their bottom half please. If they don't have a Christmas jumper, just add some sparkle (tinsel?) to a regular colourful jumper!

### Reception Places September 2025

Norfolk County Council have asked us to remind all parents with children due to start school in September 2025 that the deadline for receipt of applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. If you have a child due to start next September or know someone who does, please make a note of the deadline. Thank you.



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 Vaccination UK

# FLU CATCH-UP COMMUNITY CLINICS

The festive season is a time for travelling, visiting family, and gathering with loved ones – but it’s also the perfect opportunity for the flu to spread. With packed trains, busy airports, and close contact at family gatherings, the risk is higher than ever.

Making sure your child has had their flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and those you care about.

**Stay Well:**  
Keep the festive spirit alive without the misery of flu.

**Protect Others:**  
Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.

**Stop the Spread:**  
Help prevent flu outbreaks this holiday season

If your child missed their flu vaccination at school, you can book an appointment at one of our community clinics.

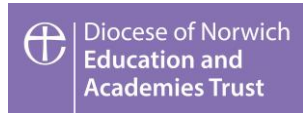
For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK team please follow the links below:





<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>

Immunisation Provider for  
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### Shining Lights

#### Cherry Class – Year R

Aurora - for settling so well into Cherry class and making great progress with her learning.

#### Willow Class – Year 1

Martha- for her excellent effort and ideas for her independent poem.

#### Willow Class – Year 2

Tiffany- for her excellent effort and perseverance in her instructions writing this week.

#### Rowan Class – Year 3

Neave - great effort with her independent writing.

#### Rowan Class – Year 4

Lexie - great effort with her independent writing.

#### Oak Class – Year 5

Jensen due to his consistently good approach to his maths learning; his determination and skill shown in Rugby in PE and the very recent discovery of wonderfully neat handwriting.

#### Oak Class – Year 6

Tom for his excellent writing this week, producing an entertaining narrative. He’s also showcased some impressive skill with the ball in hand in our rugby matches in PE.

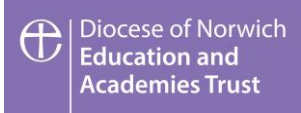
### OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year 1 & 2	Can we put toys in order?
Year 3 & 4	Can you explain what the Bronze Age was like?
Year 5 & 6	How did Britain rebuild after WW2?

### WOW MOMENTS!

Please remember to continue to send in your WOW moments for achievements out of school

<https://forms.gle/q6MZXdmzvtNHvJp19>



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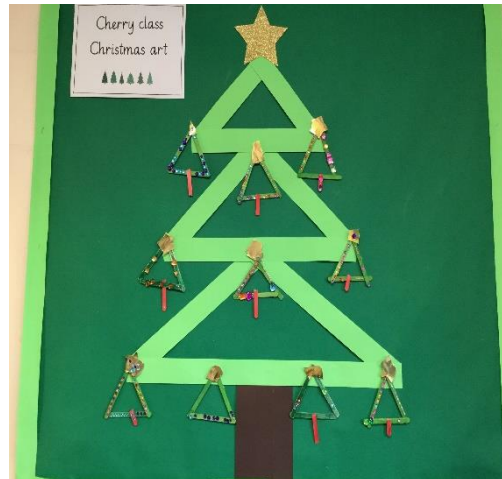
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### OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK.....

#### Cherry Class

This week in Cherry class the children have produced some fantastic letters to Father Christmas. They put them in an envelope and we walked to the post box to post them. We are looking forward to getting a reply! We also made some excellent sock 'Superworm' puppets as part of our focus book this week. Finally, the children have produced a brilliant Christmas display.



#### Willow Class

We have been very busy in Willow class the past few weeks. Nativity practice is in full swing and we cannot wait to show our families the performance! On Monday, we visited the church as part of our RE learning. We learnt about how the church brings communities together around Christmas time. During our Forest School session this week we made clay trees linking to our sculpture work we have been doing in Art.





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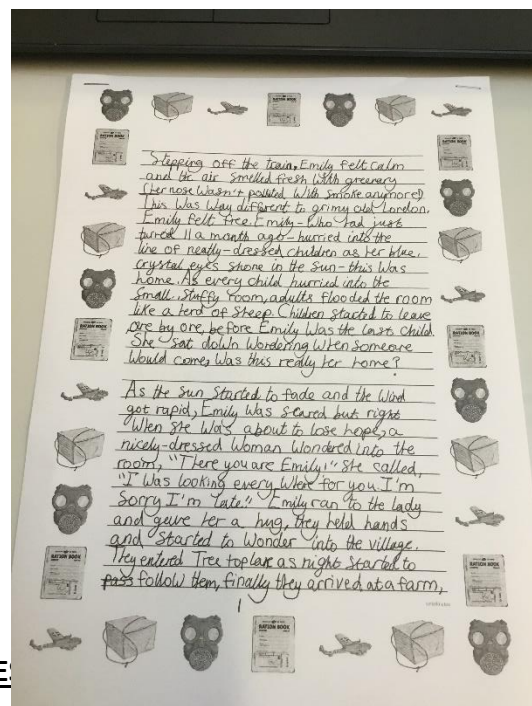
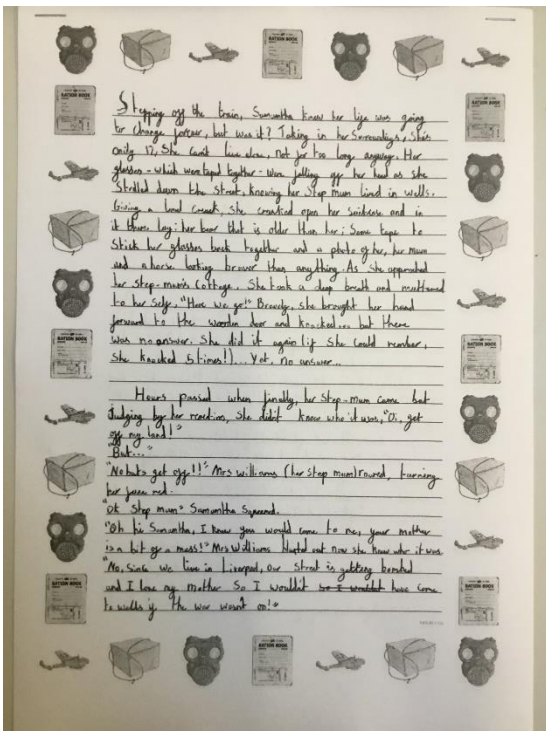
## Rowan Class

Rowan had an excellent Forest school lesson creating cave art on fabric, you can now see all our art on a display in school. In music, we have been learning to play some chords on the ukulele.



## Oak Class

This week, Oak have been completing their writing outcomes for our recent narrative topic, showing some excellent writing skills, with a particular focus on including dialogue and characterisation. The children have all worked very hard to learn these skills and then express them in an accurate and effective way - I for one am very impressed with the outcomes. Here are two great examples provided by Orla C and Orla O:



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### December

- 6<sup>th</sup> FOLS Christmas Bake Sale and Mini Christmas Fayre (3.15 – 4.30pm)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Karate Taster Sessions (all classes)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> Cherry & Willow Nativity – performances at 9.15am and 2.00pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Willow Class to Holkham Hall
- 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Church Service at Lyng Church (2.00pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch
- 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term  
FOLS Christmas Disco (at the village hall)

### Christmas holidays 23<sup>rd</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> January

#### January

- 7<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

#### February

Half term 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### March

#### April

Easter holiday 7<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Children return to school

#### May

5<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday – school closed

12<sup>th</sup> SATS week for year 6

Half term 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May

#### June

2<sup>nd</sup> Inset Day – school closed to pupils

#### July

22<sup>nd</sup> Last day of term