



WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Class 1 - End of Term Round Up

What a busy term! The children have loved our topic of 'Fire! Fire!' where they have learnt all about the Great Fire of London. They learnt about how the fire started, why it spread so quickly and how the people of the time managed to get the fire under control. We've talked about leather buckets, fire breaks, water squirts, fire hooks and even gunpowder to stop the fire from spreading. The children have been very enthusiastic, and it is amazing how much they can recall about their history learning this term. Linked to the topic, the children have learnt about how the fire service has changed and it was lovely to have a visit from firefighters Zoe and David, who showed us some of the clothing they wear to protect themselves and even shared that they like to have ice creams when they come back from a call!

In Geography, the children have been exploring the UK and finding out about the countries and capital cities. To expand the children's knowledge, we focused on the capital city of London so they could make connections to the history they had learnt. We turned the classroom into London with the children creating famous landmarks out of a variety of resources. There was a junk modelled Big Ben, Tower Bridge and London Eye, Buckingham Palace built from Duplo, our train set became the London underground, the Tower of London was built from wooden bricks and the children used a roll of wallpaper to create the River Thames with their own drawings of boats.

The children have also been busy learning about the human body and what we need to survive as well as different animal groups including birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish and insects. We've also learnt about what animals eat and how they can be omnivores, herbivores and carnivores. At Forest School, we have been thinking about the changing seasons and how some animals hibernate to survive the winter. We also had a wonderful autumnal fire where we warmed up pumpkin soup to eat with our freshly made bread. We have also explored and learnt about Diwali, Harvest, Creation, Remembrance and of course Christmas, with the children enjoying being the post person to deliver Christmas cards, opening our Advent Street calendar, joining in with different Christmas games and retelling the story of the first Christmas.



Throughout the term, the children have worked exceptionally hard on developing their phonics with Nursery developing their listening skills, Reception beginning to segment and blend and Year 1 learning alternative pronunciations. They have also been developing their handwriting and writing skills. We have enjoyed a range of books including The Three Little Pigs, Look Up! and a non-fiction book about The Great Fire of London. In Maths, the children have continued to develop their understanding of number and shape, thinking carefully about patterns and spotting shapes in the environment.

Thank you for all your continued to support and all the reading being done at home. It really makes a difference to the progress your children are making. All there is left to say is have the most wonderful Christmas and have a happy New Year! We look forward to hearing all about it in January.

Merry Christmas!

Miss Deane



What's happening this week ...				Dinner Menu: week 1								Dinner Menu: week 2	
05.01.26	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	12.01.26	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
AM	PD DAY					AM							
PM	PD DAY			C1 Forest School	Whole school music/PE	PM				C1 Forest School	Whole school music/PE		
Clubs 3.30-4.30/5	PD DAY	No Club	No Club	No Club	No Club	Clubs 3.30-4.30/5	Art	Craft	STEM	Movie	Sports		

Dates for your Diary ...

Monday 5th January
Tuesday 6th January
Mon 16th - Fri 20th February
Tuesday 24th March

PD Day
First day of Spring Term
Half Term
Easter Service

Friday 27th March
Monday 13th April
Monday 4th May
Mon 11th - Fri 15th May

Last day of term
First day of Summer Term
May Day Bank Holiday
SATs week

Due to unforeseen circumstances, dates may change from time to time.

The Clunbury Vision

'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.'

Proverbs 22:6 The Good News Bible

Our Values

Trust & Truth, Joy & Happiness,
Love & Respect, Thankfulness,
Friendship & Family,
Perseverance & Resilience



Class 2 - End of Term Round Up

As we reach the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the incredible hard work and progress every child has made this term. We are so proud of them! Each child has shown determination and enthusiasm for learning right up to the very last day of term. Their growth in all areas of the curriculum and confidence developing across all areas of learning has been a joy to watch.

A huge thank you to all our staff for their unwavering support and dedication to every child. It truly makes a difference.



Our visit to Chester Zoo was a real highlight! It brought our Rainforest topic to life in the most exciting way. One Year 2 child summed it up perfectly: "*It was the best trip EVER!*" The children explored the wonders of the rainforest and learned about the challenges these ecosystems face, including the dangers of palm oil. This linked beautifully to our History unit on the history of chocolate—although the 80% dark chocolate tasting was met with less enthusiasm!

The children have represented our school wonderfully in all our Autumn term events with a joyful Harvest Festival; a poignant Remembrance Service, where the community joined us for the first time; the festive Christmas Café performance featuring our talented Class 2 and 3 choir alongside, *The Cadettes* and finally, the magical Christmas Nativity, where Class 2 children took many star roles and overcame their nerves to deliver a beautiful performance, complete with a stirring rendition of *Feliz Navidad*.

Myself, along with Mrs Chorley and Mrs Burns, could not be prouder of everything the children have achieved this term. They have worked so hard and shown such resilience and joy in learning. Now it's time for a well-deserved rest! Thank you so much for all your help with your child's learning throughout this long term.

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here's to an exciting Spring Term ahead!

Mrs Jones

Class 3 - End of Term Round Up

This term the children have been working extremely hard in a range of curriculum subject areas. The children have continued to work hard with their spellings, times tables and reading both in school and at home. The Year 5/6 children particularly enjoyed our English work on King Kong in the first half term. All of the class have been engrossed in our class text 'Who Let the Gods Out' over the last few weeks when we have been able to dedicate more time to reading it. In maths, we have worked hard to make progress with our place value, four operations and fraction knowledge.

In science, the children enjoyed learning about space before half term but have been even more enthused with our electricity topic this half term where they have been building lots of circuits and experimenting with different components. Thank you to the Friends of Clunbury School for supplying us with some brand-new circuits equipment and also funding our trip to the ThinkTank in Birmingham which has made this area of our learning so much more valuable this term.

The children have worked hard with Mrs Burns to create some fantastic abstract portraits in their artwork which are on display in Class 3. We were also extremely grateful that Johnathon Franklin from The Old Wheelwright Pottery at Little Brampton came in to make some magnificent Greek pots with the children, which he then took away fired in his kiln and glazed before returning them to school.

The children have developed their subject knowledge of European geography with a focus on Greece and been able to learn about some aspects of Ancient Greek life and culture. We have also developed our knowledge and understanding in French, RE, PSHE, computing, PE and music.

There's also been the Year 6 trip to Arthog, Bikebilly for the Year 6s, the bog-eyed jog, Harvest and Christmas celebrations, the remembrance service, carols at the Clunbury Café, the school craft fayre, the magnificent sewing ladies who helped the children create a fantastic Christmas display which is on show in the church, weekly netball fixtures, our trip to panto and probably 100 other things I've forgot to mention.

So, after all of that in an extremely busy 15-week term, I think everybody deserves a good rest over Christmas!

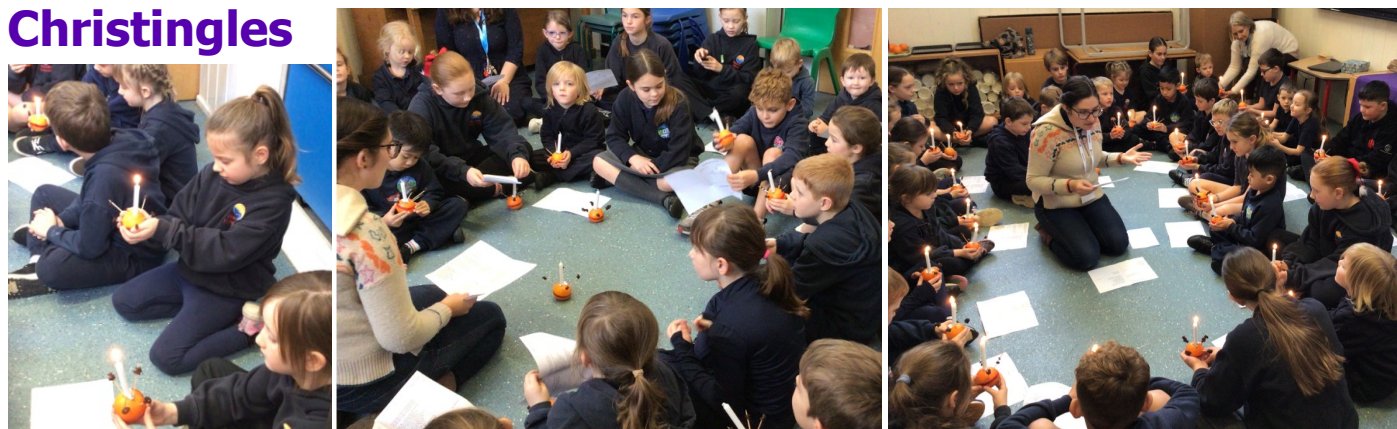
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Mr Griffiths**



Christmas Carol Singing at Clunbury Cafe



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Our Amazing Christmas Nativity



Netball Autumn 2025

Throughout the course of this term some of our children from Year 5/6 have been giving up their own time on a Monday evening to represent the school in weekly netball fixtures and I just wanted to share with you their success.

Between the start of the academic year and October half term we were playing weekly fixtures at Ludlow Primary School. Our children performed excellently and finished in second place overall after beating two teams from St Lawrence's Ludlow and last year's county champions Corvedale. Unfortunately, the team from Ludlow Primary School proved a little bit too strong in the final for us.

Since the half term break, we have continued our weekly fixtures at Craven Arms Community Centre. This time taking on two sides from Stokesay, two from Wistanstow and our now seemingly unshakable nemesis Ludlow Primary. Once again, the children performed brilliantly beating both Stokesay and Wistanstow teams but losing out to Ludlow, giving us a second-place finish in the group stages. This of course meant a third game of the term against Ludlow in the overall final. Despite some last-minute tactical changes, we were still unable to overcome the bigger school, however the progression the children have made over the course of this term has been magnificent.

In total this term we have played 8 different school teams and beat 7 of them convincingly. All of the children (11 in total) have been superb throughout, but I would like to give a special mention to our stalwarts who have been to pretty much every game: Emma, Annabelle, Ava, Josie and Natalie. I do feel the need to make quick special mentions to two of our players very quickly. Out of the 10 matches we have played, the team has scored a staggering 82 goals. Our star player and captain, Emma, has scored exactly half of those with a ridiculous 41 efforts finding the net! Annabelle is also showing that her shooting talents aren't limited to football as she's a clear second in our scoring tally with 19 goals herself. Both have superb energy around the court and a real talent for the reading the game play in both defence and attack.

I'm very much looking forward to the School Games Netball tournament in the Spring term and seeing how far our team can progress. If we have to play Ludlow again in the final then..... is there such a thing as 4th time lucky?

Mr Griffiths



School Attendance - since start of Autumn Term

Early Years & KS1: 97.8% KS2: 92.7% Whole School: 94.9%

Good Primary School attendance is considered over 96%

It's known that missing school for any reason can cause a child to fall behind in their learning. Sometimes children will find it difficult to settle back into school after a break.

When children are taken out of school during term not only does the education of the individual child suffer, but it can cause disruption to the rest of the class, with teachers having to repeat work and give extra help so that the pupil can catch up.

There are 190 school days in an academic year, leaving 175 days free for families to take holidays.

Not taking into account other absences, just taking a fortnight's holiday each year means that, between the ages of 5 to 16, a child would miss around half an academic year of learning.

Headteachers are only allowed to authorise any leave of absence when an application has been made in advance, and it's felt to be for an exceptional circumstance. The annual family holiday wouldn't be deemed an exceptional circumstance.

Unauthorised Absence Fines: Shropshire Council can give each parent a fine of £80 per child, rising to £160 if you do not pay within 21 days. From the 2024 to 2025 school year, each parent will only get up to 2 fines for the same child in a 3-year period. If you get a second fine in 3 years it will be £160. If you do not pay the fine in 28 days you may be taken to court for keeping your child out of school.

If your child is off school 3 or more times within the 3 years you will not be fined but may be taken to court.

Parents/carers should never simply discount the amount of a penalty notice from the cost of a cheaper holiday, because this is a criminal offence and when doing so they're always risking prosecution.

From January, all medical absences (including GP, dentist, opticians) must have evidence to support the absence. Without evidence, the absence will be deemed as unauthorised.



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