BLAKENEY CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2025

It is our last newsletter of 2025 and now that we have passed the first Sunday of Advent, the school will definitely take on a very Christmassy feel.

Last week, the children each took home an advent calendar. These were given to the children by a kind, local gentleman who wishes to remain anonymous. Beginning Advent with an unexpected gift is a special way to mark the season. I know the children appreciate the community in which they live but this a wonderful example of the kindness around us.

The PTFA Bingo event was a huge success (thank you to everyone who organised, supported or attended the event) and raised nearly a £1000. Our school would not be able to provide the children so many extra-curricular opportunities without the funds raised from these events and we are so grateful for all of their tireless efforts.

The whole school visit to the Christmas Tree festival visit at Fakenham Church on Tuesday was a real highlight this week. I loved watching the children decide which charities to donate extra pennies to. They had been working hard to earn the money for 2 weeks.

Nativity Play practice is up and running and the children are busy trying to memorize their lines. It is a special time in school and lovely to have the whole school in the hall singing and helping each other. We are arranging costumes but you may get a request from your child's class teacher regarding leggings, tights and tops etc.

Amongst all of this, our learning and lessons continue in earnest. Mornings remain largely undisturbed with Phonics, Grammar, English and Maths. Please read your class news section to keep up to date with learning themes and intentions.

The focus of worship this month is obviously Advent. This is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ. The coming weeks will be filled with lots of wonderful opportunities to take part in the Christmas Story and for us to wish you a Merry Christmas. I am hoping that we have provided a lovely balance of enabling the children to reflect on what the season means while enjoying and looking forward to the many services and celebrations.

Next Friday is Christmas Jumper Day, which is in aid of Save the Children. Pupils are invited to wear a festive woolly in place of their normal school sweater (other uniform remains the same) and to bring in a donation-if possible. There's no need to splash out on new sweaters, to join in the fun you could borrow or decorate an old one with a few baubles or some tinsel.

This afternoon/evening is the Carols at Kelling event. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Please check the diary section to keep abreast of other events as the school is about to get very busy!

If we don't manage to catch you at one of the end of term events, from all of the staff here, thank you for your support of the children and the school this term and we wish you a very happy Christmas.

Team Blakeney

HOGLETS & HEDGEHOGS

Hedgehogs and Hoglets have all been super busy and working hard to get everything done in time for Christmas!

In Maths we are now finishing our units of learning.

KS1 are doing their NFER test papers and Reception will be focusing on recognising and writing numbers independently.

KS1 have now finished their book The Comet and are now looking at the book Here We Are which is a great non-fiction book to spark children's interest in the topic space!
Reception and Nursery have been reading the book Roaring Rockets and have now started to not only label different things independently but are moving onto writing their first sentences which shows how much progress they have made. We are so proud of them all for working so hard and always persevering even when it has felt challenging!

We had a wonderful time at the Christmas Tree Festival in Fakenham and it was lovely too see all their little faces fill with excitement, putting us all in the Christmas spirit.

Next Tuesday we have a Christmas craft day coming up where we will be joined by Foxes from Walsingham.

We have an exciting day planned for the children with lots of different activities.

Thank you all for your continued support and we hope you have a lovely Christmas and an even better New Year!

Samphire Class

The children may have mentioned it but NFER assessments have begun. These termly tests in Maths, Reading, and Spelling and Grammar are an important part of monitoring the children's progress and learning. The results inform my teaching for the next term and enable us to fill any highlighted gaps in their learning. I am spreading the exams over a few weeks to avoid overloading the children and we have normal lessons proceeding at the same time.

In Maths, Years 3 and 4 are ahead of schedule. They have completed their lessons and now have time to consolidate times tables and other arithmetic skills. Years 5 and 6 still have long multiplication and division to cover before we break for the holiday but we are making good progress.

In Geography, our learning continues on our volcanoes theme and we have some lovely writing activities to complete which tie in with this. The idea is that we build up the children's stamina so that they are able to write longer pieces.

We have had an amazing first term and the children have created some amazing pieces of written (and art) work. I am hoping for the same effort and outcome after Christmas and my lesson planning is almost complete. Our learning will be centred around the theme of Lights, Camera, Action. If any parents do need book suggestions for Christmas, something related to this topic would be great.

SPRING TERM CLUBS

Clubs will continue in Spring Term

Monday	Club with Mrs McInally
Tuesday	Football Club
Thursday	Choir and Sports Club
Friday	Cooking Club

If your child didn't attend a club last term but would like to this year, please speak to a Teacher to obtain a permissions form.



10th December	Christmas Lunch Menu
12th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	2pm Christmas Music Concert in the school hall - friends and visitors welcome
	3pm School Disco (no tickets needed -just show up at the Harbour Rooms on the day)
16th December	Federation trip to the Pantomime at Kings Lynn Corn Exchange
19th December	2.00pm Nativity and Christingle in the Church - all friends welcome
6th January	Back To School