



WRITTLE SCHOOLS NEWS

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025

The festive season has well and truly arrived! Thank you to Reverend Tony for leading the Infant School's Advent Service at All Saints Church on Monday. The Junior School will see him again at their annual Christingle service on 18th December. The Infant School are in full rehearsal mode for their Christmas performances - details are below. Both schools are working on decorations for our Christmas Tree Festival entry - the church will be filled with trees on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December so go along and take a look!

We've received some amazing donations of gifts for the Friends of Wittle Schools' Elfridges Store on 12th December. Please take a look at their newsletter (sent home separately) for more information.

Have a lovely weekend.

NP Taylor

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	INFANTS Further dates on our website Please see our separate letter: Wittle Infant School Festive Events	JUNIORS Further dates on our website
Thu 4 Dec, 9.15am	Reception Christmas Performance - tickets here!	
Thu 11/Fri 12, 9.15am	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance - tickets here!	
Thu 18 Dec, 2pm	WJS Christingle at All Saints' Church	

Please check communications to parents for further details, or contact your school office.

LINKS TO IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HOME LEARNING	INFANTS Reception Year 1 Year 2	JUNIORS All homework is uploaded to Showbie .
CLUBS TIMETABLE	Infants*	Juniors*
*As we approach the end of term, please check the last day your child's club is running!		
SCHOOL LUNCH MENU - Please click here for the new school menu, w/c 1st Dec is Week 2* *Please note there is an error on the menu - there are no jacket potatoes on a Wednesday.		
COMMUNITY NEWS - Please click here for local events, resources and charity updates.		
KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE - The 2 Johns are hosting a free online meeting for parents on Thursday 11th December, 8pm. For more information click here: https://esafetytraining.org/upcoming-events/		

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

INFANTS	JUNIORS
95.4%	93.13%

CELEBRATIONS!

INFANTS - SUPERSTAR AWARDS!			
SQUIRRELS - Knox, Ralphie		FOXES - Louie, Ophelia	
TURTLES - Max, Ethan	PARROTS - Harley, Mason	DOLPHINS - Maddie, Archie	SHARKS - Alyrah, Noah
JUNIORS - CHILDREN'S MAKE THEIR DAY!			
LS - Phoebe	RT - Matthew	SW - Louie	KH - Archie J
CL - Holly	HA - Felix	SH - George	SL - Suzie

MUDDY MARVELS AT THE CROSS-COUNTRY RACE!

What a day for our young runners! The Cross-Country Race at Hylands Park was less of a race and more of a mud bath, but our children in Years 3 to 6 handled it like champions in our new sports kit provided by the Friends of Writtle and kindly sponsored by D&B Scaffolding.

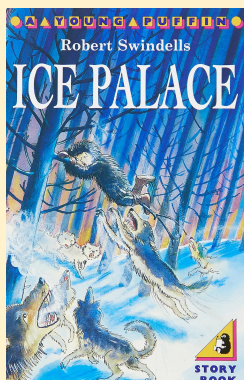
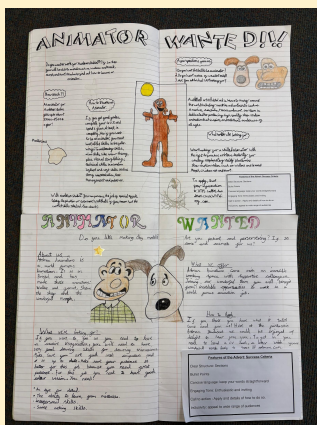
Around 100 children competed in each race, battling very wet and extremely muddy conditions. Every single runner showed incredible grit and determination. We couldn't be prouder of their effort!

A massive well done goes to everyone, but a special mention for Alexa (Year 6) who powered through the mud to grab an outstanding third place in the Year 6 Girls race!

We would also like to thank all the parents who came to cheer us on and to Mrs Holloway and Mrs Walsh for all their help organising it and on the day. Very much appreciated.



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	
 Christmas has officially started! We have beautifully decorated Christmas hoops ready to go up in the school hall and we spent time practising our Christmas show, which we can't wait to show you next week! The children also drew pictures and wrote code in lessons which focussed on building their vocabulary, imagination and joy for writing. The codes the children wrote made their characters do wonderful and hilarious things, so they have absolutely LOVED these lessons! Thank you to Mandy from Balanceability for building the children's cycling skills and confidence. They loved the balance bikes and many of them continued practising in Reception's outdoor garden!	 We have been super busy this week! We were so proud of the children during the Advent Service who sang and behaved beautifully. We have been learning how to read and write split digraphs in phonics this week which the children have taken in their stride. In maths we have been learning about partitioning numbers up to 10 using a cherry diagram. In English we have enjoyed exploring our special book, 'Pumpkin Soup! The children really enjoyed freeze framing some of the story as you can see in the photo. We have also been practising hard for our Christmas Show and making Pudsey bears for our entry at next weekend's Christmas Tree Festival! Do go along to the Church so you can see all the trees and vote for us, of course!	 We kicked off our week with our annual Advent Service at All Saints Church where our children sang beautifully to Jingle Bells and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (great preparation for our Christmas production!). In Maths, we wrapped up our 'addition and subtraction: strategies within 10' by consolidating skills like doubling, halving and using number bonds. Next week, we advance to 'addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers'. In English, we focussed on grammar by developing our understanding of contractions and apostrophes, and furthering our Polar Regions topic. The children also got creative by writing a voice-over for a video about a polar bear and her cubs! Finally, with our KS1 Christmas performance preparations underway and the creation of 'carol' themed decorations (our festive hoop crafts), we are officially in full festive mode. Let the glitter-filled madness of this half term commence!	
YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
 In Year 3 we have been getting very hands-on with our history topic - the Stone Age. We have created cave paintings under desks by only the flickering light of (LED)	 We've had a busy and varied week in Year 4! We have		 We think Alexa in SH has gone above and beyond this term with her London homework. Each week she arrives with another model. The London Eye actually

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candles, excavated real fossils that are millions of years old, and investigated the stone age diet by dissecting stone age poo! In maths we have begun to look at multiplication and division, and in English we have researched climate change in order to produce a persuasive leaflet.	continued to read some of our class book, The Ice Palace and started our research for our reports on how to survive in the extreme cold, inspired by poor Ivan's lonely journey through the freezing forest to find his missing brother. We have learned some new specific vocabulary that we will use in reports, too - words like avalanche, hypothermia and resourceful. We're continuing to plan our puppets, and will start to practice sewing next week. We are still working on our musical instrument double page spreads. In Art, we have been creating collages with a musical theme, tearing and cutting different papers to experiment with colour, texture, tone, shape and pattern. Our times tables and division speed and fluency is really coming on too, as we're really enjoying using our own flashcards to get better and better every day.	In Year 5, our topic 'Lights, Camera, Action' is springing to life. We have begun a new book in English, 'The inventions of Hugo Cabret' which links into animation as we will find out in coming weeks. We have designed some wonderful job adverts for Aardman Animations, identifying the key skills that are required by their employees. We have discovered the film scores of John Williams and explored many of the film songs that he composed. It is an exciting time as we are just beginning to explore our own animations, creating stop motion quick films and our own flip books.	spins and the Greenwich cable cars actually move around. The O2 (Millennium Dome) in the foreground took longer to complete as the base is paper maché! We also owe a thanks to Alexa's Grandad who has been helping her, we think they're both brilliant. Miss Herdman is looking forward to having the whole London skyline by Christmas.