



WRITTLE SCHOOLS NEWS



FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all the children for their winning entry at the Christmas Tree Festival! The schools were awarded "Best Tree in the Festival" by the guest of honour, Cllr Ian Nicholls, Chair of Wittle Parish Council. You can visit the church again this weekend to participate in festive activities at their Messy Church service on Sunday morning, 10am,

Years 1 and 2 were magnificent in their performances of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" this week! Well done to them all for their brilliantly confident singing, acting, narration and dancing. It was magical to watch and will hopefully create a lasting memory for them all. We are very grateful for your generous donations to The Children's Society during our performances, our collection will continue next week at the WJS Christingle service.

Thank you to the Friends of Wittle Schools for organising the ever-popular Elfridges store today and the Festive Fun nights at both schools. We are very grateful for your support.

One more very festive week to go! Enjoy your weekend.

NP Taylor

Wilson

C. Horner

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
Wed 17 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	
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	All clubs have now finished for this term.	Choir will run on Monday, but all other clubs have finished for this term.
SCHOOL LUNCH MENU - Please click here for the new school menu, w/c 15th Dec is Week 1* *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.		

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

INFANTS	JUNIORS
95.8%	95%

CELEBRATIONS!

INFANTS - SUPERSTAR AWARDS!			
SQUIRRELS - Brontie, Basil		FOXES - Mia, Reya	
TURTLES - Everyone!	PARROTS - Maeve, Franklin	DOLPHINS - Luna, Summer	SHARKS - Everyone!
JUNIORS - TEACHERS' MAKE THEIR DAY!			
LS - Jasmine	RT - Kiki	SW - Jos and Cruz	KH - Naomi
CL - Farrah and Alice	HA - Bobby	SH - Alma	SL - Jessica
Lunchtime Award: LS & SL Special mentions: Theo (LS), Nevai (RT), Gabriel (SH), Millie (SH)			

ECO-AWARD FOR WJS!

For the last year, Writtle Junior School has been working hard to achieve the Eco-Schools Green Flag. The Eco-Schools programme empowers young people to make a difference in their school, local community and beyond with environmental issues such as climate change, biodiversity or plastic pollution. The children focused on three main areas, biodiversity, marine life and healthy living. Biodiversity was increased on the school site through the amazing work in the outdoor wilderness area. Marine life is being helped through the Eco Refill shop and reducing the use of single use plastic bottles and a sensory garden will be planted in the spring to aid the well being of children in the school. In August this year,



Writtle Junior school was awarded the green flag. This is an amazing achievement and thanks go to all the staff and children who have helped achieve this. The work will continue so we can maintain our green flag status through the Eco club, the Eco refill shop and the outdoor wilderness group. Please support the work of these groups whenever you can.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	
<div></div> <div><p>This week in Drawing club, we have enjoyed listening to the story 'The Tiger who came to Tea'. We drew the cafe setting and gave it a code. We have been recognising and creating repeating patterns. The children have started on their Christmas craft this week. They have been very excited to give everything a go. Next week, beware, there will be lots of glitter!!</p></div>	<div></div> <div><p>We have been very festive during the last two weeks! We have been making our Christmas cards, decorations, decorating our classrooms and practising for the Christmas show. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did, the children loved performing it for you. We are very proud of them! Our elves have been up to their usual mischief as well!</p></div>	<div></div> <div><p>This week our Year 2s have been immersed in our fabulous Christmas production. The children represented themselves beautifully for a great rendition of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Alongside all the craziness and fun of the production, we've also been enjoying some lovely Christmas themed arts and crafts, finishing up our learning in English and Maths in readiness for the end of the year and experimenting how climate change affects animals in the polar regions using ice and plastic animals!</p></div>	
YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
<div></div> <div><p>This week in Year 3 we have finished reading our book Pebble in my Pocket in English and have created some brilliant persuasive leaflets on climate change. We have also been continuing our topic Stones to Bones and have tried our hand at flint knapping just like they would have done in the stone age. We have also learnt how fossils are formed</p></div>	<div></div> <div><p>This week, parents and family members from Year 4 joined us for an afternoon of</p></div>	<div></div> <div><p>Year 5 has had a creative week this week. We have been exploring the life of Georges Melies in English, he was one of the first people to use Special Effects in film making. We also have created our own animations using stop motion and will be showing these in our movie premiere next week. Our time with dance instructor Leon came</p></div>	<div></div> <div><p>Thursday afternoon saw the whole of Upper School take part in their first ever Leon Dance Show. It was incredible. They shook and shimmied their way through four dances of Caribbean and Bollywood style that they have been learning with Leon our dance teacher. There</p></div>

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using jelly babies, bread and books.	festive puppet-making, using the children's designs, based on characters from the Nutcracker, including Clara, the Sugar Plum Fairy, the Mouse King and the Nutcracker himself. The children had been practising their sewing skills, and used them to produce some wonderful puppets. We are going to be using our creations to perform playscripts that the children will be writing over the next few days.	to an end on Wednesday. Upper School danced the afternoon away in a spectacular of colour and fantastic moves. Both Year 5 classes shimmied away to their Caribbean Carnival dance music. This experience allowed us to share the hard work the children have put in this half term with their parents.	were fantastic moves, huge smiles and lots of applause. We all felt so proud of what the children achieved. How Leon managed to co-ordinate them all is mind blowing and a thank you to all the children for making us all smile.