



Dear Families

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I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended the Festive Friday last week. Despite the awful weather and the football, families arrived with their festive spirit! The whole event was a huge success and really well attended. The children had lots of fun meeting Santa, shopping on the lovely stalls and the snow machine stole the show with lots of our younger (and older!) children. Adults commented on the scrumptious hotdogs and an awesome drinks wagon – the mulled wine went down very well.

The PTA were fantastic, so much went on behind the scenes to ensure this Festive Friday happened despite the downpour of rain just as they were about to set up. Plans quickly changed and everyone helped out to get the stalls inside the school and ready for the 5:30 start! More is updated in the PTA section, including a huge amount of money raised for the school.

THANK YOU PTA - An amazing community event for our families!

Emails to staff – I am aware that teachers are receiving a very large amount of emails recently. This is a fine line to balance. Firstly, we want communications between the school and home to be effective, this is important. However, the volume of emails some teachers are receiving is impacting on their time to effectively do their work after school. Unless a teacher has directed you to email them, the policy has been that emails should be sent to admin/office. This is also difficult as we have asked you to be mindful of how understaffed we are in the office. We have now recruited two new office staff who will start with us in the new year.

This week the children have been involved in some amazing activities inside and outside school. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing our Y2 children engaged and enthused in their learning. This is the feedback from our visitor:

Dear Mrs Fletcher

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of meeting Year 2 for a morning session to share information about Edward Wilson on behalf of the Wilson Museum.

I wanted to email you and say what a pleasure the visit was. The children were impeccably behaved, thoroughly engaged and demonstrated both excellent subject knowledge and a thirst for learning. It was very

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clear that they all enjoyed their topic work and wanted to take part. I was also greeted by numerous children while setting up the activities. Each child was polite and interested but also respectful of the artefacts.

Both at break time and after the session, numerous children came to thank me for the visit and I was again overwhelmed by the excellent manners echoing the behaviour demonstrated throughout. This was also very clear in their interaction with Mrs Chew and the KS 1 staff who were welcoming and worked brilliantly as a team to organise and engage with the children across the day. It is clear to see how the Year 2 children's enthusiasm is inspired.

I visit many schools and yours was a true highlight. Thank you for having me.

Very best wishes

Ginny Burge

What an awesome piece of feedback about our children – one to share with OFSTED when they should arrive. I have heard they are in the local area so we are anticipating it could be very soon.

Have a lovely weekend as we move into the season of advent!

Mrs Gayle Fletcher

[Mrs Fletcher](#)

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School News

Buildings update

Yesterday we met with GCC and the project manager to discuss new proposals for the school building programme. As we didn't reach a conclusion in the time we had yesterday we will be meeting again before Christmas. I and our parent governor stressed the importance of communication from GCC to you, I have also emailed GCC this morning to reiterate this point. As ever, I will update you when we have further information. The classrooms will be ready by January, however, the officer area will not be ready until January 13th.

What I can tell you is that no work will commence until Easter.

PTA

The PTA are an essential part of this school and provide our community with magnificent events which raise money for both the school and charity. Nevermore have we needed extra funds to support children's learning and key experiences.

NPPTA Update

A monumental THANK-YOU to all those who volunteered their time, energy and cash to support last week's Festive Friday!

Together, we raised a magnificent £3,000 to go towards school projects.

It was wonderful to see the whole school community come together to welcome in the festive season and heart-warming to see parent volunteers and school staff pull together to get the fair underway in the face of the afternoon's meteorological challenges! Soaked through to the bone, gazebos went up, plans quickly adapted and BBQs miraculously lit. Surely, a fitting modelling of the school motto that TOGETHER WE CAN!

A special thank you to Hudson Rose Mortgage and Insurance on Bath Road who sponsored our snow machine. They have very kindly offered to donate £50 to the PTA for every product sold where Naunton Park Primary PTA is mentioned, so please spread the word!

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A peek at the fun to come next year...

All events below TBC - specific details released nearer the time

- Fri 27th Jan - [Bag2School](#) collection
- Mon 16th Jan - Blue Monday Crazy Hair Day
- Spring - Jumble Trail (details out in the new year!)
- Spring - Quiz (details out nearer the time)
- May/June - Cake/plant/book sale
- Sat 1st July - Summer Fair (date tbc)

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Class News

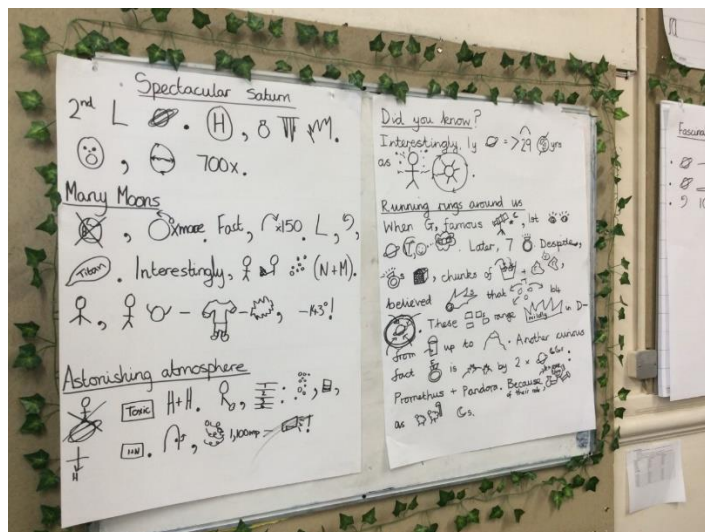
We have been learning about Space this week in Red Class! We have talked about the different planets, learnt about how they move around the sun and loved making these astronaut pictures. We also found the fog fascinating. We went out at different points in the day to notice the changes and talk about what we could see. Or not see as the case may be!



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This week, Year 5 have been introduced to their new non-fiction text, all about Spectacular Saturn. They have worked hard creating their own story maps and practicing saying the text aloud with actions, which they learnt in record time! They have also been busy designing and creating their own planet which they are excited to write about in the next few weeks.



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We have been working on counting and recognising numbers to 100 this week in Yellow Class. To help us practise these skills we have been playing snakes and ladders and using a great interactive game called paint the squares <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/paint-the-squares>.



On Wednesday Year 2 had Ginny from the Wilson Museum visit. She brought lots of artefacts for the children to look at and handle. They spent an exciting morning drawing, dressing up and even playing with Victorian toys. This is what some of the children said about the morning:

"Edward Wilson was an explorer, painter and doctor and he lived in Cheltenham. My favourite thing was making the snow glasses and drawing things from Antarctica."

Branwen

"I enjoyed playing with the toys. Ginny told us all about Edward Wilson and how he was an artist. Edward Wilson came with Captain Scott to Antarctica, but Amundsen won."

Henry

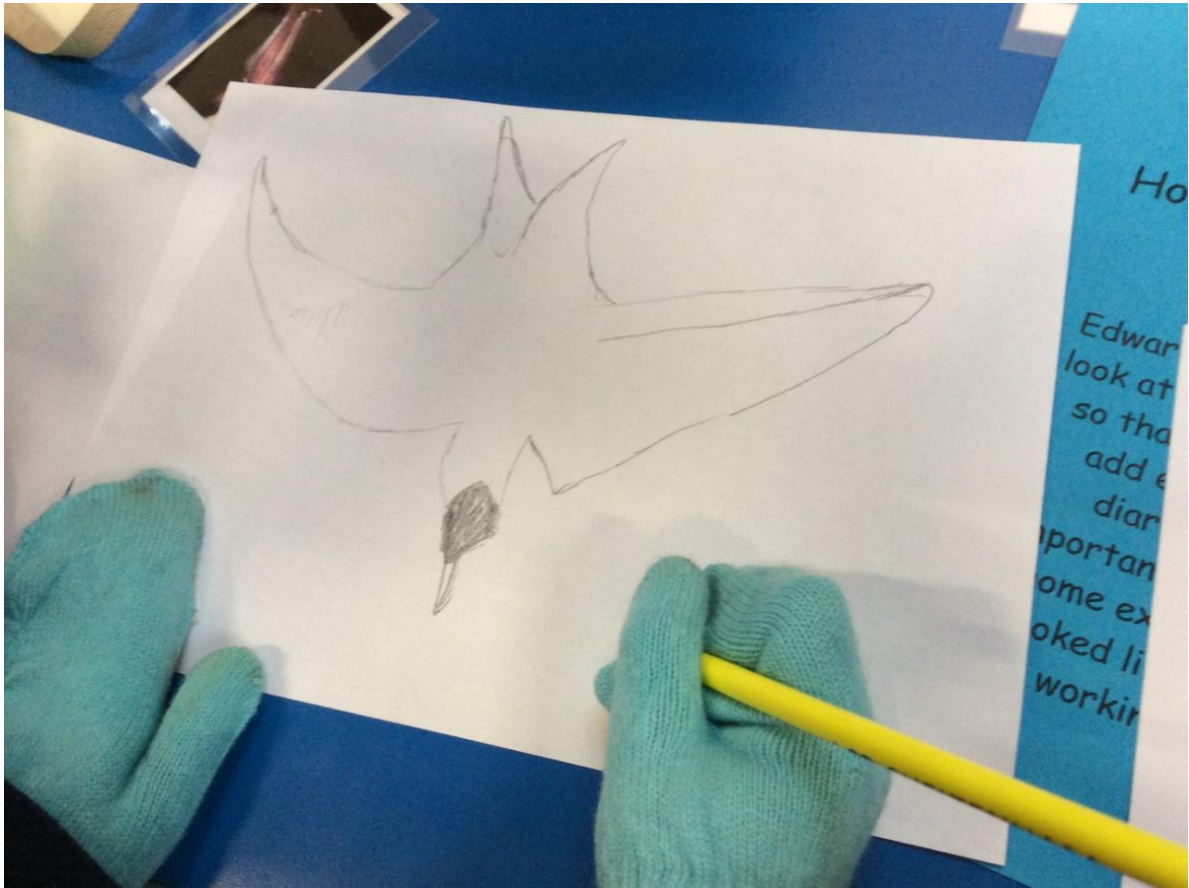
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In our PE lessons, we have been learning about the 5 basic shapes in gymnastics: pike, straddle, straight, tuck and star. This week, we used the large apparatus to try to create balances in these shapes. Our challenge was to be interesting and creative! Y6

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Whole School Annual Attendance: %

Recognition Certificates

Well Done!	Attitudes to learning	Rules
R	Anna Fullerton Pujol Bertie Ward	Jago Stew Lola Ramsey
Y1	Mila Vernall Alfie Averis	Arthur Galvin Molly Eelers
Y2	Rupert Capener Bel Crownshaw	Zac Smith Ryan Price
Y3	Sophie Tang Jackson Young	Anna Churchill Sam West

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Y4	Zander Zasokowski Sunny Chan	Jack Glen Elle Janzen
Y5	Rosin Lemmy Jack Long	Jack Truscott Isabella Satchwell
Y6	Victor Shotton Ruby Carswell-Lund	Aadvika Adarsh Emily Moriarty

Something to Celebrate

We now have our Friday assemblies in the afternoon before the children go home. It is a lovely way to end the week celebrating and recognising the achievements of our children. Recognition certificates focus on two aspects – demonstrating our new school rules and attitudes to learning. In addition to this we would like for parents to send in any club certificates or medals to school so we can share this in assembly. Children can give them to their class teacher on Friday morning - this is a better way than it being on the newsletter as not all children get to see it.

Diary Dates

Monday 5th December

Friday 9th December

Saturday 10th December

Monday 12th December, 9:30am

Tuesday 13th December, 9:30am

Tuesday 13th December, 1:45pm

Wednesday 14th December

Friday 16th December

Y4 Egyptian Day

YR Forest School

Carol Service at Emmanuel Church

YR, Y1 and Y2 Nativity performance*

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Christmas lunch

End of term (3:15pm finish)

***There is a maximum of 2 tickets per child purchased via ParentPay.**

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