



# Dear Families

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With the festive season upon us it has started to feel very Christmassy at school. This week, as a Naunton Park tradition each class has a tree to decorate for outside their classrooms. The children have made some lovely decorations, I was in Reception class earlier this week watching them make peg snowman and I was very impressed! As I am typing this I can hear the little ones rehearsing their nativity – it sounds wonderful!

Our governors at school have different ways they hold the school to account and support school improvement. Over the year we have several committee meetings on the curriculum, standards, resources and finance. In addition to this we also have 6 Full Governor meetings (FGB) where we cover a myriad of aspects of school improvement. The governors also need to have a view of the school as it functions on a day to day basis and as such each governor will complete regular school visits and then feedback to the board. This week Pat Clayfield conducted a learning walk where we focused on early years, looking the provision in place and how the EARLY CHALLENGE Curriculum is enacted. We also visited Y1, Y2, Y5 and Y6 – it is good to gain a perspective of where are children start and end, and the progress they make. Pat spoke with lots children about their learning during her visit, she reported how calm yet busy the school is.

*This week we had our final governors meeting of 2023. This was David, Mike and Sheena's first meeting and it was fantastic to them joining the governing board. The main items discussed were the curriculum and premises updates which are all very positive. We now have a standing item about sustainability and it was great to hear how much the eco-warriors made at the Christmas fair to further their work in the school community.*

*As a governing board we would like to thank all the staff at Naunton Park for their hard work and dedication this year. We would like to wish the whole school community a safe, restful and happy holiday break.*

*Rachael (chair of governors)*

## **NEW START TIMES in January.**

We have had an increase in children being late on the gate and we need to improve this. The register is taken at 8:55am but we still have families arriving after this, which means children are missing out on learning or the start of activities. Children entering late can also disrupt the class.

## **New Routine January**

**Gates will open at 8:40am – 5 minutes earlier so families can be ready on the playground for the doors to open.  
Staff will open doors at 8:45am and will be present on the playground as normal  
Gates will close at 8:55am – 5 mins earlier**

We are going to be closing the gate at 8:55am – if you are late you will have to go around to the main office. Please do not ask staff to re-open the gates, they are just doing their directed job. The staff are fully supportive of this as it does cause disruption to the day when they have tasks set up and children are late and have missed instructions. As always, if you are on time this will not affect you. We except on occasion there will be something that causes a late, we are really focusing on persistent lates.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Gayle Fletcher

**Together we can!**

# School News



## NEW OFFICE STAFF

We are pleased to let you know that we have successfully recruited our new Office Supervisor since Mrs Hart left last week. Mrs Francis was successful in gaining the post and we are looking forward to her continuing the good work.

There is now an advert out for School Admin and Attendance Officer, which we have already had several applicants for. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Lockman back at school who is helping out temporarily in the school office.

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# Under 11 Netball



## **Years 1 & 2** Gloucester

Thursdays, 6.00-6.45pm.  
Venue: The King's School, GL1 2TF.



## **Years 3 - 5** Gloucester

Thursdays, 5.00-6.15pm.  
Venue: Oxstalls Campus, GL2 9HW.



## **Year 6** Gloucester

Thursdays, 6.45 - 8.00pm.  
Venue: The King's School, GL1 2TF.



## **Years 3 - 6** Tewkesbury

Mondays, 3.45-5.15pm.  
Venue: Tewkesbury School Sports  
Centre, GL20 8DF.



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# Class News

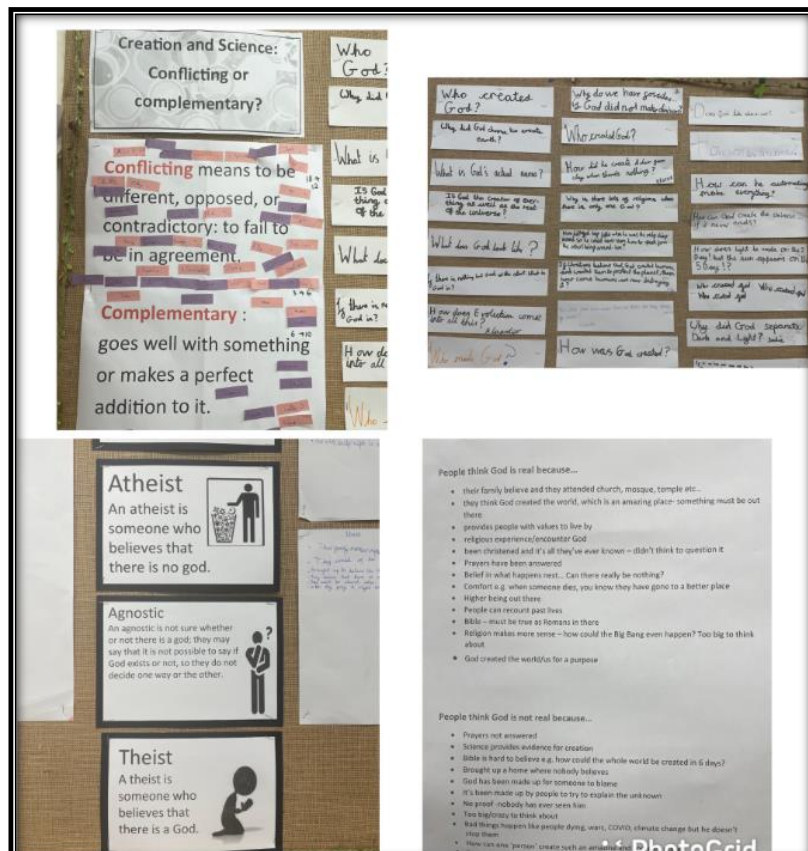
# Class - Windrush

## Big Questions!

Year six having been tackling big questions during RE week.

- Creation and Science -conflicting or complementary?
- Why do some people believe in God and others not?

These are photos of our working wall.



# Class – Severn



This week, Year 5 finished their 5-week DT project at Cheltenham College. They came away with some extremely impressive pencil holders, which they designed, cut and decorated. In RE, we have also been studying the question. What does it mean if God is Holy and Loving? As part of this we visited Emmanuel Church to learn about how the church shows this in its architecture.



# Yellow Class

As part of our R.E unit on What does it mean to belong to a faith community? Year 1 went on a trip to Emmanuel Church where Reverend Sarah showed us a baptism. We then wrote a recount about our trip. We have also been learning about the ceremony of Aqiqah in Islam.



Wednesday 6 December 2023  
 R.E. recount to Emmanuel Church to see a baptism 1(6)s  
 I can say out loud what I am going to write about.  
 I can re-read what I have written to make sure it makes sense.  
 I can use time connectives to sequence sentences.  
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 Emmanuel Church to go about  
 baptism. ✓ We were Sarah put  
 all of the baby's head. ✓  
 Then Sarah put water on  
 the baby's head. ✓  
 After Sarah lit a candle. ✓  
 Finally we got back  
 to school. I like seeing the  
 church!

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 After that Serv splash water  
 on the baby's head. ✓ At the  
 end Sarah gave the parent a  
 candle. ✓ Finally we went back  
 to school. I like it when  
 Serv lit the candle at  
 the baptism.

Class – Y2 Blue


## RE – Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

This week in RE, we have been beginning to answer the question: Why does Christmas matter to Christians? At the start, we had a think about how we could answer the question, before we beginning the unit of work – and the children had some interesting and insightful ideas. Over the past couple of days, we have explored the importance of 'advent' to Christians and have learned about the meaning of the candles and the advent wreath itself. Then we explored what Christians believe the 'Good News' is about the Christmas story and how this helps them to lives their lives all year through.

Session 2 - Tuesday 5th December 2023

To understand how Christians get ready for Christmas. ✓

To understand the meaning of the candles in the advent wreath. ✓



Peace  
Love  
Hope  
Joy  
Jesus / Christ

November Christmas year celebrate kind  
light crown

Advent begins at the end of November

Advent ends on Christmas Eve.

The candles are the light of God.

Advent is the start of the Christian year

Christian's prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

A wreath represents the Advent crown

Jesus is kind, giving and selfless.

Session 4 - Wednesday 6th December 2023

To understand what Christian's believe is the good news about the Christmas Story.

Draw three lines to the answers you think are correct.

Christian's believe the good news of the Christmas Story is:





- The wise men giving Jesus gifts.
- That Jesus had come to Earth to be the Saviour (to save) the world.
- Giving gifts to other people who have less than us.
- Christmas dinner and crackers.
- Thinking about and caring for others.

✓ Super ideas!

Challenge:

Christian's believe that it is important to think and care about others all the time.

Draw and label pictures that show how you could show kindness to others this Christmas.

<p>I am being kind giving people presents.</p> 	<p>Helping some won't get up then they hurt self.</p> 
<p>sharing with someone.</p> 	<p>telling a teacher that someone is hurt.</p> 

During the week, we have also learned about the word 'incarnation'.

The children have learned that Christians believe that baby Jesus was no ordinary baby, but God on Earth.

They also know that the meaning of 'incarnation' literally means, 'God in the flesh' – and that Christians believe that God came to Earth (as Jesus) to live among ordinary people as a human himself, to help teach everyone how to live their lives.

# Class – Thames

Together we can!



Year 4 have been lucky enough to be visited by an anaesthetist and a surgeon this afternoon! Marius & Maddie Tulbure came in and spoke to Year 4 all about what happens to food inside our bodies! It was fascinating and we impressed them with everything we knew so far but loved finding out new things too, like we can last without air for 3 minutes, water for 3 days and food for 3 weeks! We also found out that you can eat without teeth by using your gums.



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# Safeguarding

## Attendance & Punctuality

Statistics in the UK show that pupils who performed better at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days of school than those who did not perform so well. In 2019, 84% of Year 6 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard at the end of primary school, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent.

### What does your child's attendance percentage equate to?

<b>100%</b>	0 school days off each year
<b>98%</b>	4 school days off each year
<b>96%</b>	7 school days off each year
<b>95%</b>	9 school days off each year
<b>94%</b>	11 school days off each year
<b>90%</b>	4 school weeks off each year
<b>85%</b>	6 school weeks off each year
<b>80%</b>	2 months off each year

### 5 minutes late is missed learning!

<b>Today</b>	5 minutes of maths or English missed
<b>This week</b>	25 minutes of maths or English missed
<b>This half term</b>	1 morning of maths, reading and writing missed
<b>This year</b>	3 days absent
<b>By the end of Year 2</b>	9.5 days absent
<b>School life</b>	7 weeks, 3 days & 2 hours absent

Children who miss fewer days become better readers.

Attendance in school strengthens relationships.

Missing school or coming in late is a cause of anxiety..

High attendance is linked to good mental health.

Low attendance can cause social isolation

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# Diary Dates

**We have removed the Forest School dates from this calendar as we are finding that dates need to change according to the timetables and needs of the classes/staff. Dates for your child's Forest School sessions will be communicated to you via email by your child's class teacher in advance of their blocks.**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 swimming
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2:30-3:00pm Open Classrooms
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 swimming
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	YR, Y1, Y2 Nativity
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	YR, Y1, Y2 Nativity
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch TBC
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	KS2 carols
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	3:15pm end of term
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Arts Week (until Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 swimming
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	<del>6pm, Online Safety Information meeting</del> – POSTPONED TO 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Wye Class Assembly
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y4 swimming
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Cherwell Class Assembly
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	6pm, Online Safety Information meeting for parents with Glos. Constabulary*
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 swimming
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week (until Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<del>3:30-7:30pm Parent Consultations</del> – POSTPONED to TERM 4*
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	<del>3:30-6:30pm Parent Consultations</del> – POSTPONED to TERM 4*
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Mid-year attainment and progress summary reports to parents
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 swimming (last session)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 swimming starts
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	3:40-7:30pm Parent Consultations*
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	3:40-6:00pm Parent Consultations*
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Sherborne Class Assembly
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 swimming
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 swimming
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	3:30-4:00pm Open Classrooms
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Blue Class Assembly
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 swimming
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	RE Week
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Celebration TBC
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March-Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays

**Term dates and events in the diary can be found here:** [Naunton Park Primary School - Calendar](#)

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# Recognition

Class	Ready Respect Safe	Effort Persistence Commitment
YR	Jaxon Brown Khal Waldron	Evie Biggs Jemima Freedman
Y1	Rupert Burns Evelyn Berry Kitchen	Seth McWilliams Eddie Alexander
Y2	Jack Haywood Ifeoluwayo Oderinde	Alexandra Spanou Henry Wilmer
Y3	Arlo Farmer George Lawrence	Leo Forey Sam Beake
Y4	Alfie Tilson Isla Garner	Benjamin Cantle Stanley Batsford
Y5	Santino Tozza Ahad Kashif	Noah Bentley Max Smith
Y6	Adi Acharaya Oscar Sherringham	Olivia Rich Delilah Roylance

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