



# Dear Families

Dear Families,

We have great news to share with you today regarding how the money you have all generously given at PTA events will be spent. A few weeks ago, governors met with the PTA to discuss how best to use the funds. As you may imagine I arrived at this meeting with a lengthy list of possible suggestions.

It was decided that best use of funds would be to ensure children have better access to great technology, as this is something that needs improvement at school. The PTA are ensuring that every class in the school will have three new ipads, per classroom, from Reception Class to Y6. This will significantly improve computing but also access to researching the wider curriculum. As you know our CHALLENGE Curriculum is enquiry led, and as well as answering the questions through beautiful books, which the PTA have also funded, all children need to be able to carefully navigate the internet to complete research.

The new addition of 3 ipads in every class is going to transform the way in which children learn. This also means we are one step closer to being able to invest in a platform where we can share your children's work with you, such as SEESAW or Tapestry.

The teachers will be delighted with this news, as will the children. We are incredibly grateful for the commitment and hard work of the PTA, and all who support them in their events. This is a prime example of our school motto "Together We Can!" in action, and we cannot thank you enough.

We will keep you updated on when these arrive and how they are used in future newsletters.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Gayle Fletcher

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# School News

## Strictly Club Christmas Party

On Thursday after school, the hall was lit up with disco balls, sequins and Christmas songs. It was the Strictly Come Dancing Christmas party and after 9 weeks of the club we showed off our cha-cha-cha, jive & waltz to parents and family that turned up to see us perform. The children all did brilliantly and we even had a guest of honour, Mrs Theophilus, an ex-teacher at Naunton Park who originally launched the club with Mrs Windsor about 13 years ago! She was delighted to see it still going strong. A huge thank you to the children for looking so sparkly and smart and to those of you who provided lights to make it a really special Christmas party. The spectators rated our dancers a '10!' and all that's left to say is keeeeeep dancing!

Mrs Windsor & Mrs Burton

**FAB BOOKS WON BY OUR VERY OWN MRS CHEW – AMAZING!**

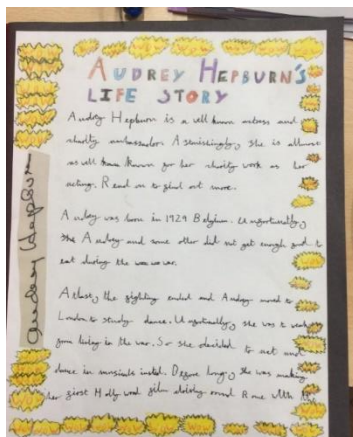


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# Class News

## Cherwell

This week in Cherwell we have been busy writing and designing our double page spreads answering our RE question: What do Christians learn from the Creation story? We're also enjoying reading our class book of biographies – we wrote about such an amazing selection of people from writers to actors, from sporting heroes to astronauts!



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# Orange Class

During our Art sessions, we are learning about primary and secondary colours and developing our painting skills. We firstly went on a primary colour hunt around our classroom and worked with friends to make circular pictures (mandalas) with the items. We then used JUST the primary colours to paint a picture that we were given, trying hard to paint carefully using both thick and thin paintbrushes. We will then be learning how to mix the primary colours to create secondary colours and comparing how we feel about using the different types of colours.



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# Class – Year 6



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# Class – Purple

This week Y2 visited Emmanuel Church as part of their RE Unit of work - Why does Christmas matter to Christians? After learning about the advent wreath and the colours and meanings of the candles it was lovely to light some of the advent wreath in church. The children also got the chance to make a Christingle and learn about the different meanings and symbols as represented by the orange, red ribbon, cocktail sticks and most important for Year 2, the sweets!



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# Class – Frome

Year 5 had a great session altogether in the hall learning how to colour mix ready for painting their 'Big Frieze' for RE week. First, they learnt how to mix together primary colours to make the secondary colours and then how to mix those with primary colours to make the tertiary colours.

After that, they put their new skills into practise, sketching and colour mixing to paint a variety of leaves in shades of green, yellow and orange.



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# Class – Green

We have been learning about primary and secondary colours. First we found and named primary colours. We used paper, card and ICT games on the interactive whiteboard to name them. Next, we used see-through cellophane to create secondary colours from primary colours. Finally, we printed with 2 primary colours finger prints and then mixed them together to create the secondary colour. We know a lot about colour now.



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# Class – Wye

This week in Year 4, we have been creating our own double page spreads answering the question 'What do Hindus believe God is like?' The children have worked so hard all week and have learned so much about Hinduism.

WHAT DO HINDUS BELIEVE GOD IS LIKE?

The Trimurti  
The Trimurti is made up of the three main deities of Brahman: Vishnu the Protector, Shiva the Destroyer and Brahma the Creator. These three gods have many avatars like Rama, Hanuman, Ganesha, Lakshmi, Sita, Saraswati etc. Hindus also believe that Shiva the Destroyer is very important because you need to have death in your life.



Introduction  
Hinduism is a religion which originates from India. It was named after the river Indus and is thousands of years old. Read on to find out more about Hinduism!

Puja

Brahman  
Hindus believe that there is only one supreme god called Brahman who is represented by the Om symbol and lots of other deities. Although you can't see him, he can see you and is always watching... over you in the toilet! Brahman is like the roots of the tree and everything else is the trunk, branches and leaves.

Ganesha

The Story of Ganesha  
Once upon a time, there was a goddess called Parvati and her husband, Shiva the Destroyer. Parvati wanted to take a bath so she made a boy out of clay to guard the house. Shiva arrived home after a long battle and was very tired. He tried to go into the house but the boy didn't let him in. He got angry and chopped the boy's head off. Just then, Parvati came out of the bathroom and was very angry with Shiva. Shiva and his army went into the forest and came across a baby elephant who was sleeping. They chopped the elephant's head off and put it on the boy's neck. Parvati was still unhappy so Shiva said that people would pray to Ganesha before they prayed to Shiva.



What do Hindus believe God is like?

Hanuman  
Hanuman is a monkey god that wears a red and white dhoti and has a moustache. He is believed to be the son of Lord Rama. Hanuman has a very strong body and can fly. He is also very brave and has a lot of friends.

Story of Rama and Sita  
Rama and Sita were husband and wife. But then the king of Ayodhya died and his son, Prince Rama, was crowned king. Rama and Sita were very happy. But one day, a demon called Ravana kidnapped Sita. Rama was very angry and went to rescue her. He fought a battle with Ravana and won. Sita was very happy to see Rama and they lived happily ever after.

Purnima  
Purnima is a festival where Hindus light candles and pray to Lord Rama. It is a very important festival and is celebrated all over India. People also eat special food and wear new clothes.

Brahman  
Brahman is the Hindu god and he is everywhere. He is the creator of the universe and everything in it. He is also the destroyer and the preserver. Hindus believe that Brahman is the source of all life and that we are all part of him.

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# Diary Date

Class	Ready Respect Safe	Effort Persistence Commitment
R	Finn Hanks Bruce Oak	George Newsome Max McLennan
Y1	Hudson Jones Alena Kikhtenjo	Lola Ramsay Mae Davis
Y2	Kate Reeve Joshua Vitkovitch	Isabella Perkin Artie Venn Smith
Y3	Mahrus Alam Finn Morgan	Stephan Delsaux Sophie Croot
Y4	Taya Cullis Ching Leung	James Watkins Vihaan Kalra
Y5	Kimiya Dehaashti Maddie Eckford	Evan Watkins George Biggs
Y6	Jake Morris Lily Long	Olivia Rich Joe Harris

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