



Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Performances

As we come to the end of this festive season, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you all. Your support for our Christmas performances has been incredible - from providing costumes and jars, to helping the children learn their lines and songs. Most importantly, thank you for attending and showing your encouragement with those familiar, smiling faces. The children truly did us all proud, and their performances brought the Christmas spirit alive for everyone. What a wonderful way to end 2024!

The PTFA

A special thank you goes to our amazing PTFA for creating an unforgettable Christmas Fair - our very own Lilliput Lapland! The event was a huge success, raising well over £5,000 (the final figure will be announced in the New Year). Their hard work and dedication not only raised vital funds to enhance the school experience for our children but also sprinkled extra Christmas magic throughout the season. This was alongside hosting our first Car Boot Sale, Santa's Grotto, selling refreshments at every performance, and even running a wreath-making workshop. An incredible effort by all involved!

Theme for Life: Courage

Next half term, our theme will be Courage. We will explore what it means to be brave in the face of challenges, to speak up for what is right, and to try new things even when they feel daunting. The children will be encouraged to reflect on the words from Joshua 1:9: "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." We hope this theme will inspire them to face new opportunities with confidence and faith, knowing that they are never alone.

A Heartfelt Thanks

Finally, on a personal note, I want to thank you for your support during my time as Acting Headteacher this Autumn Term. It has been an honour to serve this school community in this capacity and, though there have been challenges, I never leave this building without feeling immensely lucky to lead such an incredible school. A school filled with phenomenal children who give their all to school life and dedicated staff who go above and beyond for their pupils, all supported by parents and carers who help us achieve the very best outcomes for all children.

I hope I have done Mrs Chambers justice and that you feel this term has been a successful one - filled with learning, joy, and festive fun for the children. Thank you, so much; it has truly been the pleasure and privilege of my career.

Seasons Greetings

Finally, I want to wish our whole school community a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 6th January (don't forget that INSET day on Monday 5th January). Here's to more fun, learning, and shared successes in the Spring Term!

Kind regards,
Mr Lloyd B Allington
Acting Headteacher



Important Dates



Children return
to school on
Tuesday 6th
January as
Monday 5th
January is an
inset day



Spring
Half Term
17th - 21st
February 2025



Message from our Governors

Dear Parents & Carers

The Christmas holidays are fast approaching & the children are very excited. They've all worked very hard. The standard of work they are producing is amazing.

Mrs Chambers is continuing to recover at home and has made good progress. Christine is looking at returning to the school in the new year. Mr Allington & the senior leadership team along with all the staff have done an amazing job keeping the standard at Lilliput high.

The Governing body have been meeting to discuss the school improvement plan and I am happy to report everything is moving in the right direction.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas & New Year - we look forward to the children returning in the new year.

Kind Regards,

Simon Marshall
Chair of Governors

Message from everyone at BBC Children In Need!

We do everything we can to make life lighter for children and young people who are affected by challenges involving the cost of living, mental health, family-related issues, disability, marginalisation or anything else that prevents them from thriving.

The more money we receive through donations, the more we are able to be there for children and young people right across the UK, in local communities like yours.

So - once again - thank you for your donation of:

£297.82

Pudsey and the Children in Need Team



Year 2 Geography Field Trip

Year 2 went on a Geography field trip this half term around our local area as part of our learning on physical and human features. On the walk we identified whether or not the pictures we had on our sheets were examples of physical or human features. It was so lovely to all get out together, get some fresh air and exercise and to enjoy our stunning local area.



Year 2 and EYFS Buddies

At the beginning of the year, each Year 2 child was paired with a child coming into EYFS to be their 'big friend' who supports them and meets up with them throughout the year to share books, work and to keep a look out for them on the playground.

The Year 2 children have loved spending time with their buddies in EYFS this week as they'd made Christmas cards for them and had written their special festive kenning poems inside them too!



Year 1 Trip to the Pantomime - *Dick Whittington*

This week, our children enjoyed a truly magical visit to the pantomime to see *Dick Whittington*. From the moment we arrived at the theatre, the excitement was buzzing. For many of the children, it was their first time experiencing a live show on a big stage, and the joy on their faces as the lights dimmed said everything.

The performance was full of vibrant characters, lively songs and plenty of the classic pantomime humour we all love. The children were captivated throughout, laughing, cheering and joining in with the fun. One of the biggest highlights of the show was the wonderfully mischievous cat, who quickly became a firm favourite among the children.

After the show, the children were eager to share their thoughts:

"The cat was my favourite It was so funny and cute"

"I loved all the music, it made me want to dance in my seat"

"It was amazing sitting with my friends and being in a real theatre"

Beyond the performance itself, it was heart-warming to see the children enjoying the experience together, chatting excitedly during the interval, pointing out favourite moments and soaking up the atmosphere of live theatre. It was a day full of laughter, shared memories and those special moments that make school trips so meaningful.

We would also like to commend the children for their exceptional behaviour throughout the entire trip. They represented Lilliput beautifully, polite, respectful and full of enthusiasm. Staff and members of the public commented on how well mannered and engaged they were, something we are incredibly proud of. We would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents/carers that offered their time to help. We could not run trips without volunteers so a big thank you from the Year 1 team.

Overall, it was a fantastic outing this week, fun filled, memorable and a wonderful way to bring some seasonal magic to our learning.



School Council

Miss Mott received so many fantastic letters from the children in Year 2 applying to be School Councillors. She was so impressed with the thought and effort that clearly went into each letter, that this year everyone who applied will be able to have a turn being School Councillors.

Autumn 2 and Spring 1-

Squirrels - Georgina D, Luca R

Badgers - Eli G

Owls - Lucca A, Fred P, Leon S H

Hedgehogs - Maya W, Marlowe H, William C, Bertie N W

Spring-

Squirrels- Hattie G, Beni T, Finn B

Badgers- Benjamin E, Isla R

Owls- Ollie H, Izzy P, Flynn T B, Constance R

Hedgehogs- Sienna C, Isaac S, Sofia, M-L, Theo S, Lucia T

Summer-

Squirrels- Grace T, Teddy W, Chloe W

Badgers- Jackson P, Freddie J

Owls- Henry B, Helena T, Chloe W, Poppy C

Hedgehogs- Jessie L, Mae S, Jacob G, Elodie T

Warning to schools and local contractors: suspected fraud scam

Please be alert to approaches from a company calling itself Educational Wellbeing Solutions Ltd.

We have received a report from one of our own schools of a scam in which this company contacted a small local contractor, claiming to work with or on behalf of schools, and requesting payment to "sponsor" advertising space in a local magazine or publication, stating that the sponsorship will support schools, pupils, or wellbeing initiatives. Unfortunately the contractor paid the money. There are multiple reports online about this company.

Key concerns reported include:

Claims of affiliation with schools

Pressure to make quick payments for advertising or sponsorship

Lack of clear, independently verifiable information about the publication or its distribution

Schools being named or implied as beneficiaries without the school's knowledge or consent

If you are contacted by a contractor or business about Educational Wellbeing Solutions Ltd, please make them aware that this is a scam.

If you are aware a contractor has paid money to this organisation, please ask them to report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>.

Christmas at The Church of The Holy Angels, Lilliput



We warmly invite you to join us for our Services over Christmas.

Sunday 21st December

9.45am Parish Communion

4.00pm Carols by Candlelight followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December

3.00pm Christingle and Crib Service

4.15pm Christingle and Crib Service

11.15pm Midnight Mass



Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December

9.45am All-age Christmas Communion

President: Bishop Karen, Bishop of Sherborne

