

Newsletter 6

Dear Parents

December has been a very busy month!

We have seen the amazing PTA Christmas fayre (Thankyou to the PTA!!!), Christmas performances from **all** year groups, Christmas lunch and many of our year 5 and 6s performed beautifully at a Christmas singing concert one evening at the Winter gardens in Weston-super-Mare. Not only that, we took everyone to see the fantastic annual Pantomime at the Playhouse in Weston-super-Mare. As we reach the very end of term, things are slowing a little so that children can enjoy the end of term!

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. We will be pleased to see you all back in school on Thursday 4th January 2024!



*I would give all of our performances
a '9' as well!*

UPCOMING DATES			
Event	Day	Date	Time
Start of term 3	Thursday	4 th Jan	
Year 6 Lifeskills Trip	Friday	12 th Jane	Morning

February Half Term Holiday Drama Club
Chew Magna Baptist Church, Bristol, BS40 8SP
Tuesday 13th February 2024, 10am-4pm
Cost £24* (*plus booking fee)

Join Valley Arts for a day of self-expression and imagination at our upcoming Acting and Devising Workshop! Enjoy playful group games, thrilling storytelling adventures, and the chance to hone essential acting skills. Take to the stage for a performance, receive supportive feedback and direction from industry professionals, and, above all, experience an abundance of joy. Book now for a workshop that promises creativity and fun!

www.ticketsource.co.uk/valley-arts

There will be 2 groups running, open to children in School Year Groups 2 - 4 and 5 - 8. Please note - If booking in siblings, each child must be under a separate booking.



School Library books

Please can any school library books that have been borrowed be returned to school at the beginning of next term. Many thanks.



Open the Book

The Open the Book team performed the Nativity story on 19th December.

They wish all children and families a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing the children in 2024. God Bless.



Backwell School – Alice In Wonderland Production

Backwell School 6th form are currently working on creating a production of the timeless classic, Alice in Wonderland. There are students designing and constructing sets, costumes, music, and lighting. We have student run, production, backstage and tech teams, and of course, an all student, all fun, cast to perform.



- The production is 10-12 Jan 2024
- Ticket prices are £8 children, OAP's £8 regular
- Wheelchair access downstairs
- Interval with refreshments available
- All profits go towards 1625 Independent People, a charity which helps young people who are at risk of or are already homeless or leaving care.

Link for Tickets:

<https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/backwell-school/1000-sixth-form-production-of-alice-in-wonderland>

Celebration Assembly Certificates

<u>Lion Reception</u>	<p>Cole- for really impressing us with his phonics work! Cole has worked so hard over the past few weeks to learn all of the sounds we have covered in phonics and has become so much more independent with his reading and writing! Keep up this great work Cole!</p> <p>Sargun- for settling into our class so well over the past couple of weeks! Sargun is a lovely addition to our class and works so hard at everything we do. She is also always ready to learn and plays so nicely with everyone. Well done Sargun!</p> <p>To the whole class!! For another amazing term!! We are so proud of everyone- particularly in the last week for our amazing Nativity. We cannot believe that you all have only been in school for two terms and you put on such a great show. Everyone was also so sensible at the Panto last week- you represented the school so well. Have a lovely Christmas break and we'll see everyone in January.</p>
<u>Leopard Year 1</u>	<p>Moss - for working really hard this week. Moss is taking on board feedback and acting on it to make improvements to his work. Moss has contributed well on the carpet and produced some lovely work. Well done!</p> <p>Bailey - for working really hard to learn her lines off-by-heart for the nativity and reading them loudly and with confidence. Well done Bailey!</p> <p>Well done to the whole of Leopard Class for a fantastic term! You have all worked so hard and been fab to teach! Have an amazing Christmas!</p>
<u>Panther Year 2</u>	<p>Dylan - Wow! You have made brilliant progress with your reading skills this term. You read fluently and expressively, and you have an excellent understanding about what you are reading. All of the reading you do at home has paid off and you have moved up a level. Well done and keep up the fantastic reading effort.</p>

	<p>Harper - you have done some lovely work in Literacy over the last few weeks. Your handwriting is getting neater each time you write and you are thinking carefully about spelling, using phonics to help you. This week you created some brilliant noun phrases using adjectives to describe the character, The Tomten. You thought carefully about what he might be like and used information from the story to choose accurate adjectives in your writing. Well done!</p> <p>What a fantastic term it has been, Panthers! You have really impressed me with your resilience and enthusiasm now that your learning is becoming more challenging. I have seen some beautiful handwriting emerging and you are all getting the hang of listening to one another and participating on the carpet. You have also put a lot of effort into how you walk around school, line up and use your voices around the school. I am really looking forward to the amazing work you are going to produce next term. Have a Merry Christmas and don't forget to read lots of different books!</p>
<u>Tiger</u> <u>Year 3</u>	<p>A massive well done to all of Tiger Class for their FANTASTIC performance of Lights, Camel, Action. You all worked so hard leading up to it and you truly delivered an unforgettable performance! There were so many lines to learn and dances to remember but you really did yourselves proud. Thank you for making me so Christmassy and ever so proud!</p> <p>To all of Tiger class on another fantastic term! I have been so proud of everything you all have achieved so far this year and I know you will continue to make me proud in the new year! Lots of learning has taken place since September, but a lot of fun and memories have been made too. Have the most wonderful and restful Christmas - you all deserve it! I will very much look forward to welcoming you all back in 2024.</p>
<u>Jaguar</u> <u>Year 4</u>	<p>Oscar has been making a huge effort with his work in literacy over the last few days. He's being writing some longer and more creative sentences and paying special attention to his letter formation and neatness of presentation. Well done!</p> <p>To all of Jaguar class, well done for an amazing term. You've worked super hard and impressed with your listening and learning skills. Have a wonderful Christmas and do spend some time reading</p>
<u>Lynx</u> <u>Year 5</u>	<p>Danny- I have been super impressed with Danny's attitude to his learning this week. He has shown a real desire to learn more about fractions and has been showing me exactly what he can do! He has shown an excellent understanding of adding fractions with different denominators with completing some of the more challenging activities. Danny has also been sharing some fantastic mathematical thinking during our class discussions.</p> <p>This week Poppy has shown a real dedication to whole school life. She stepped up at the last minute to join the Winford touch rugby team and showed excellent effort during the tournament. Poppy is always quick to offer help and support to others whenever it is needed.</p> <p>To the whole class!! For all of your hard work and motivation this term. I am so impressed by your new and improved learning attitudes, including how you move around the school. Each one of you has made progress with your writing (including relative clauses and adverbial phrases), and your maths. You have all wowed me with your improved understanding of fractions! I have loved learning about our different topics together and answering all of your wonderful questions.</p> <p>It has been a pleasure to spend the build up to Christmas with you, you made me so proud when you sang at the Winter Gardens and in the church- you were all stars that put a huge smile on my face! Have a wonderfully relaxing Christmas holidays, and don't forget to tick off as many boxes on your Christmas homework as you can-relax, be Christmassy and kind! I can't wait to learn lots more together in Term 3.</p>
<u>Puma</u> <u>Year 6</u>	<p>Well done to all of these children for attending the Christmas carol concert at the Winter Gardens. It took a lot of dedication to prepare for the event and extra out-of-school hours to perform. All of the children sung wonderfully, their effort was outstanding and we felt very</p>

proud to see them on-stage performing with other schools and a live band. We also had the best dance moves - of course! Well done everyone!

This term, Puma class have well and truly become the Year sixes that I always knew they could be! Every single child has improved- their attitude to learning is positive and inspiring; their behaviours around school are starting to set a wonderful example and their progress in learning has been outstanding.

Some highlights of this term have been numerous sporting fixtures, Romeo and Juliet innovations, tackling fractions, exploring light, singing performances and becoming world war 2 historians.

I am so proud of Puma class and I'm very excited for all that we will achieve together in Term 3.