



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a week full of learning, festive activities, and some surprise guests to school along with busy TV crews – well done and thank you to all staff, pupils, and visitors for helping it to run so smoothly.

Running house points at the end of this week are Oak (26), Ash (18), & Elm (24).

Grand National – 35th Runner

We began the week with a surprise visit from the first female jockey to win the Grand National, Rachael Blackmore. Rachael and her team along with ITV Granada visited the primary department to surprise Joshua with the very special honour of being the 35th Runner of the 2025 Grand National. Josh and his family will be welcomed to Aintree in April, and we will all be following the action. You can catch-up with the surprise visit over on ITV X.

A visit from Wooden Spoon

On Tuesday we welcomed Trustees and volunteers from the Wooden Spoon charity to officially open our new all-weather sports surface. Wooden Spoon made a generous donation of £10k towards the completion of this facility – and I would like to thank them again for this contribution. The impact of this facility is already evident with many more pupils active during breaks and lunch, the school's football team well-established and Saturday activities on offer. The next phase of this development will be to begin to add specialist reverb boards so we can offer a range of specific VI activities across the sight classifications.

Visits to Residential

I've made several visits to residential this week – one of which also coincided with a visit from the Independent Person. I enjoyed as always getting involved with the activities and even had the pleasure of joining pupils with wider staff for their very own Christmas Dinner.

Residential questionnaires will be shared with all parents and carers before we break for the holidays.

Bebras Maths Challenge

Congratulations to all pupils in S4 & S5 who have been taking on the Bebras Maths Challenge. Pupils have been tackling a series of interactive tasks designed to encourage logical thinking and problem-solving skills. All received certificates for their efforts – very well done indeed.

Visits to Harry

After a successful operation, some staff and pupils have enjoyed visiting and catching up with Harry who is making a great recover – and already working very hard in his physiotherapy sessions. Harry was also paid a visit from members of the LFC team including Mo Salah and manager Arne Slot. Keep up the hard work Harry – and we can't wait to have you back in school.

School Christmas Lunch

A reminder to all parents and carers that Christmas Lunch will be held on Tuesday 17th December. All pupils can wear their own clothing and Christmas jumpers at the ready please!

Headteachers Hot Chocolate

Today I welcomed Arthur for a Headteachers Hot Chocolate. Arthur has been working hard in school and staff have observed him being really helpful to others around him. Very well done indeed, Arthur.

Hot Drinks and Mince Pies

On Friday 20th there will be hot drinks and mince pies available in reception – please help yourself as we end what has been a very busy term.

Saturday Activities

Tomorrow will be the last of the Saturday activities before we break for Christmas. If you would like to attend, school will be open from 10 am – we'll also be holding a small Christmas party alongside activities.

I don't think we could squeeze much more into school this week – well done all pupils – and thank you all staff, parents, and carers for your help.

Wishing all a staff, pupils, parents, and carers a very well-deserved and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher