



DECEMBER



A message from Mrs Bower

Thank you for supporting the academy by visiting the Christmas Fair. We hope that you had a nice time and it was lovely to see you all. I will let you know how much money was raised next week.



Well done to the football team who came 3rd in a tournament this week.

£1000 worth of new books went into the classroom book corners this week.



A message from Mr Bull

Two year groups took part in trips this week. Year 3 went to Derby Museum and Year 4 went to the Think Tank Science Museum in Birmingham. We were incredibly proud of the children's behaviour and learning that took place. Our characteristic of the week has been 'aspirational' - *having a strong desire for success or achievement*. We have so many children who display this characteristic day in day out, but we need children to remember that to be aspirational is not just academic - although it is important, there is so much more to it than this. We want to celebrate the 'whole child' and if your child has success out of school we would love to celebrate this too so please feel free to bring in certificates, trophies or medals to celebrate how children show aspiration outside of school!

Important Dates

Wednesday 11th December

Christmas dinner
Normal school uniform
Christmas jumpers allowed!

Wednesday 18th December

1430 – 1515
SEND Coffee Afternoon in the assembly hall

Tuesday 17th December

Visit to Alvaston Parish Church in the morning for the Christmas service

Friday 20th December

Last day of term
Normal school uniform
Christmas jumpers allowed!

Monday 6th January

First day of spring term

Word of the Week

Aspirational

Attendance

This week's attendance
92.52%

Highest class attendance
97.32% Talented Turtles

What's been happening this week?

Year 3



This week we enjoyed our first trip out as a year group to Derby Museum. We had a great time exploring the different rooms and taking part in the Stone Age workshop. The children learnt how fire was made, how stone age people made clothes and how they used stone hand axes and other tools. We also got to handle some animal bones and try our hand at cave painting. Additionally, we saw the impressive Bronze Age log boat found in nearby Shardlow. Needless to say, the children's behaviour was first class, and it was a pleasure taking them out of school to learn in a different environment. We are looking to do a second trip out to a local Gurdwara after Christmas to further broaden their knowledge of the RE curriculum. Have a great weekend everyone.

Year 4



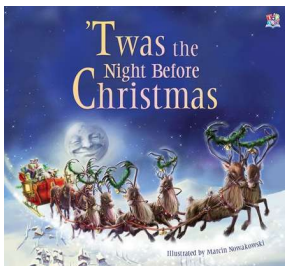
Year 4 have had a fantastic week of learning! We have been focusing on decimals in maths, with an in depth look into tenths and hundredths. The children have finished their 1st person retell on the topic of Beauty and the Beast in English, using the brilliant metaphor 'the music wrapped around us as we danced across the floor'. Their behaviour has shined this week especially during the Think Tank trip on Tuesday where they displayed manners and curiosity throughout the day. An excellent week again Year 4, we are extremely proud of the progress you are making!

Year 5



This week it was great to see how the children were using what they had learnt at the Space Centre as we looked at how the shape of the moon changes and why it happens. In geography, we have been learning how time zones work. We had to draw on our maths skills to help us work out what the time would be in different countries around the world. Some countries even have different time zones across one country! Ask the children if they can name one! We have been applying our geography skills in PE using compasses to plot a route around various items of interest on the playground as a class. Next week, we're having a go one our own! In maths, we have been working on comparing lengths in different units. This has meant we have to know how to convert from km to m, m to cm and cm to mm, and back again. The children have worked very hard to master this skill. In English, we have started working on our newspaper reports for describing the tragic death of Romeo and Juliet. Look out for the final edition published next week on an iPad near you!

Year 6



This week, Year 6 has participated in a variety of engaging and thought-provoking lessons. In science, classes explored evolution through Darwin's Finch experiment, investigating how different beak shapes help birds adapt to their environment. Students learned about the treatment of Jewish people during our World War II topic, gaining a deeper understanding of this significant and sensitive topic. The children showed a mature approach and engaged thoughtfully in discussions, demonstrating empathy and respect for the subject matter. During our shared reading sessions, we embraced the festive spirit with the classic poem *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, analysing its language and themes. A big thank you to all our sensible helpers at the Christmas fair – your support was greatly appreciated!