



# THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

Issue 201  
13/12/24



Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome so many family members to our Christmas performances this week. I feel so proud of all the children for how they performed and the confidence they demonstrated on the stage. Thank you so much for all the lovely comments that were passed on to staff about the super performances. We are really pleased that you enjoyed them so much!

We are really looking forward to our other exciting events next week, including our visit to the pantomime on Thursday, Christingle and party day.

I would like to thank the Friends of School for their generous donation of £5 per head towards the pantomime costs and for all their hard work with the 9 raffles this week!

Yours sincerely  
Holly Marchand  
Headteacher

## Hungate Christmas Tree Festival



We are pleased to announce that our tree came second in this year's Christmas tree festival. A big thank you to our Friends of School team for their support and assistance with this event.

## Year 3/4 Tennis

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, a group of Y3/4 children took part in a tennis tournament at the Sir John Leman High School. The afternoon involved a carousel of skill-based activities including aiming, racket skills and mini-games over the nets. The children worked really hard and came away with more confidence in their tennis skills, well done!



## Year 5/6 Ice Skating Event

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Mr Eden and Miss Muttitt had the pleasure of taking 12 pupils from Year 5 and 6 to the ice-skating rink at Adventure Island in Lowestoft. During our hour-long session, it was brilliant seeing how the children grew in confidence and moved from clinging onto the barrier to 'whooshing' around the ice with their friends. There were a few slips, slides and bumps but it was impossible to wipe the smiles off all of our faces.

The children were a credit to the school and were fantastic at helping each other on the ice.



Thank you to those of you who donated £1 for your child to wear their Christmas jumper in aid of Save the Children. If you have yet to make your donation, please feel free to drop it in to the school office.



On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding our own Christingle service in school for pupils. If you have any spare change (pennies, etc) which your child could bring in to donate, we will forward this on to the Children's Society, who have kindly provided some of the resources for us.

### Christmas Party Day and Party Menu

The children are invited to come to school in non-uniform for their party day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

At lunchtime the kitchen will serve:

*Selection of Sandwiches*

*Cocktail Sausages*

*Sausage Rolls*

*Carrot/Cucumber Sticks*

*Shortbread Biscuit*



### Squirrels After School Club



Please note that on the last day of term, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, the Squirrels after school club will close at 4.00pm.

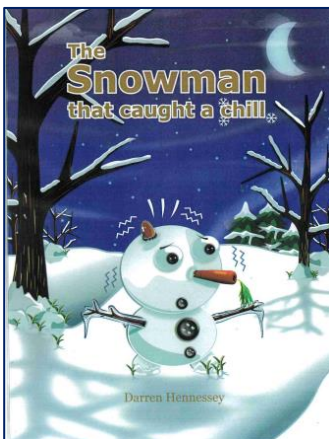
### Walk to Church

We will be walking to the church for our Christmas Open the Book service on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Please ensure your child has a warm coat.



### Thank You!



We would like to extend our thanks to one of our parents, Mr Hennessey, who has kindly donated 4 copies of his book to our school library. The book, aimed at children in the Early Years and Key Stage 1, has been shared by these classes and, once read, will be placed in our school library for all to read and enjoy. As a school, we wish Mr Hennessey every success with his book and we look forward to welcoming him into school sometime in the new year.

### Christmas Foodbank Donations



Thank you for your generous donations for the Parish Pantry and the Waveney Foodbank, which will be distributed to local families in most need.

### Christmas & New Year Calendar

Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle Service
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Party Day
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pantomime – Whole School
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Autumn term / Walk to Church
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PD Day
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First day of Spring term
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	FOS Non School Uniform
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term week
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> March	FOS AGM – 3.30 – School Library
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parents' Evening
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parents' Evening
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Spring term
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	PD Day
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	First day of Summer term
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
W/c 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS week
W/c 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Science Week
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	FOS Non School Uniform
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term week