



# Newsletter

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## INFANTS SCHOOL

Christmas has well and truly been celebrated at the Infants this term! The Christmas performances from Key Stage 1 and Early Years were absolutely brilliant. I was incredibly impressed by how many lines, songs and rhymes the children learnt and delivered with loud voices and smiles on their faces. Thank you to all of the parents/family members who came along to support the children, we hope you enjoyed watching as much as we did.

We have also enjoyed Christmas lunch and the children had a great morning on Monday visiting Elfridges, thank you to the PTA and all of the volunteers who came along to help the children with their Christmas shopping.

A very happy Christmas to all of our families. Wishing you a restful and magical Christmas break.

Miss Wright

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

It was lovely for the Junior School to host the Christmas Fair and great that so many were able to attend. Thank you to the Friends of FCVS for putting on such a wonderful event. I really enjoyed watching the Year 4 Assembly. The feat of combining facts about the Romans with Abba songs was wonderful to hear; we learnt that actually the Romans did do quite a lot for us! Well done Year 4!

The children and staff looked wonderfully festive on Christmas Jumper Day and thank you for your contributions to Save The Children. They looked equally festive on Wednesday for Christmas Lunch and for our Christmas Carols events; it was a pleasure to welcome you to these to share in our Christmas celebrations.

I hope that the holiday brings you enjoyment, rest, and wonderful time with family and friends. Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Mrs Hurst

## Junior School Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Junior School Book Fair. It was very well attended and we hope that you and your children enjoy the books purchased. The sales at book fair mean that the Junior School now has £291 in rewards to spend on books for the school.

## Pudsey and Children in Need

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November, both schools received a visit from Pudsey as part of Children in Need; the children enjoyed meeting him. Thank you to all those who purchased Children in Need merchandise.



## School Council at the Infants

We've had a fantastic start to the year with the introduction of our new School Council format. The addition of the *School Council Award* in our weekly celebration assemblies has been a tremendous success, and it has been a joy to see our pupils engaging so enthusiastically with the high expectations we set for them.



The children had a number of responsibilities this term, we had a special visit from some of the residents at Farnham Common House Care Home. They came to share some fond memories of what has made them smile over the years, in particular, when they were children. The children wrote messages back to the residents sharing what makes them smile.

A heartfelt thank-you to Bertie, Shreya, Seren, Charlie, Alfred, Eleanor, Zoravar, and Lily-May for their outstanding representation this term. We look forward to electing a new School Council for the spring term early next year.

## Eco Council at the Infants

The new Eco Council at the Infants have assembled and have been very busy auditing the school's current eco-status. Themes they have reviewed include biodiversity, waste, water, energy, and healthy living. The Council are going to make an action plan next and work towards their Eco Schools accreditation. So far, the children have spotted some quick fixes in the school and have given each class a label for their paper recycling bin and have started collecting used pens and glue sticks to recycle. Keep up the good work!

## Cheerleading Club

Cheer club had a fantastic end to the term with a showcase displaying skills they have worked very hard on. Learning dance and gymnastic skills has been great fun! They are incredibly proud of including tumbling and a stunt in their routine - a testament to their hard work and dedication.

Well done Farnham Common Cheerleaders!



## Year 4 Rockin' Romans!

As part of our Discover topic on the Romans, Year 4 had a fabulous visit to the Verulamium, in St Albans. We spent the morning exploring the museum, looking at artefacts and learning more about mosaics before taking part in a market workshop. This involved handling replica items that reflect the artefacts discovered during excavations at Verulamium, as well as learning more about daily Roman life.

We continued our learning about the Romans in our Assembly, Rockin' Romans where we explored all the various legacies the Romans have left us with. From roads to aqueducts and wine, we certainly have a lot to thank the Romans for. We would also like to thank all the parents for their support with learning lines and costumes, and the children for pulling an Assembly together in record time. Thank you!



## Year 6 Burnham Beeches

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, Year 6 went to Burnham Beeches to gain more knowledge about World War II and how Burnham Beeches was used during the war. It was mostly a place to store and repair military vehicles as the trees protected them from being seen or bombed. We used the augmented reality map to see and hear what it was like there during the war. Overall, it was a very educational trip.

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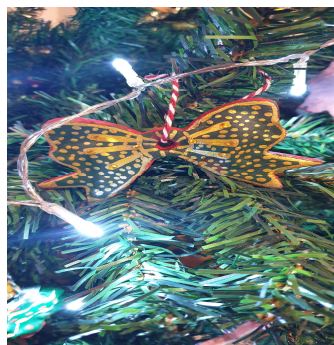
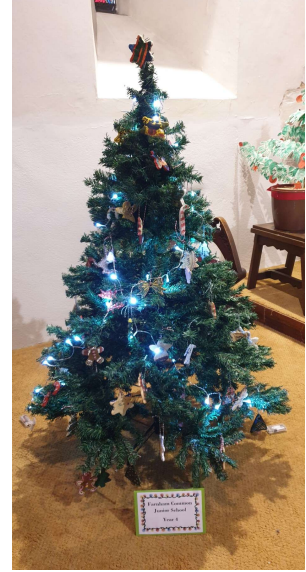
## Farnhams Christmas Tree Festival

Over the last few weeks, pupils in both the Infants and the Juniors have been making decorations and trees for the Farnhams Christmas Tree Festival. They are all now in display at St. Mary's Church, Farnham Royal. Thank you to Aya and Kavan, our head pupils, who helped set them up. On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, members of the Junior School Choir attended the Carols and Switching On of the Lights. They performed three carols as well as joining in with the whole congregation singing of traditional carols. There was a visit from Father Christmas, face painting, hot dogs and mince pies.

Farnham Common Village Schools have received some lovely feedback. This is a letter from Jay Njire, the Church Youth Worker:

*"I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your incredible contributions to our annual Christmas Tree Festival. The eight Christmas trees you brought and decorated were truly amazing, creative, and beautiful. Each one stood as a unique testament to your talent and hard work, and they were the highlight of the festival, filling the space with festive beauty and spirit. Thank you also for bringing the lovely choir; every melody was so warming and beautiful and made the day very special."*

*Thank you so much for the immense effort and time you dedicated to making this year's festival such a spectacular success. Your commitment made a real difference and was deeply appreciated by everyone who attended."*



## Choir's Christmas Visit to Signature

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, the Junior School Choir visited Signature Care Home to sing a range of Christmas songs and carols to the residents. It was very busy as we were able to take the entire choir. Our songs and carols ranged from Away in a Manger to Christmas Dinner to a lively performance of Jingle Bells accompanied by some of the residents who played bells and joined in with the singing.



## Junior Challenge Gold Award - Mini Medics

Over the past 6 weeks, 28 of our Gold Award Junior Challenge students have spent their time learning a very important skill; first aid. A skill for life, as I am sure you all will agree. Happy Hearts director, Sammy, has been working closely with each group, allowing them to complete their 'Mini Medics' certificate. She has been teaching them everything from how and when to use an Epi-Pen, what to do if someone needs CPR, how to help a person if they are choking and lots more! The children have absolutely loved their sessions and their Skill Section is now complete for their Junior Challenge Award. A big thank you to Sammy for leading such fun and engaging sessions and for teaching our children a skill that is so important.



## Junior Challenge Gold Award – Signature Care Home

Thirty-nine of the Gold Award Junior Challenge members have visited Signature Care Home on two occasions this term. They have read to the residents, completed some art and colouring and also made them some Christmas Cards. Their visits to the care homes puts smiles on everyone's faces and it is such a wholesome way for our students to volunteer their time. We are very proud of each and every one of them.



## Junior Challenge Bronze Award

As part of their Bronze Junior Challenge award, Lucy and Annabella collected donations for the Slough Food Bank. Despite the treacherous weather, the girls had a wonderful time. The village was, as always, incredibly generous. They began by writing and distributing informational leaflets, and a week later went door-to-door to gather donations. After carefully sorting all the items, they delivered everything to the donation drop-off centre. Well done, girls, on your fantastic effort and hard work!

## Junior School Christmas Bake Off

The competition was fierce. The Judge's deliberated hard and chose:

Audrey as LKS winner

Alfred as UKS winner

Runners up will receive 10 Dojos

Toby

Michaela

Faustine

The current total raised was £234.

Well done to Taysia, Ella C, Eva and Alexis for your committed efforts

## Year 4 Footballers

Leo, Teddy and Reggie won their u9 JPL league with their team. They have played every week for the last 8 weeks in every weather possible. They were the only team entered who are not an academy; they are a grassroots team. Well done to all of them.



## Year 5 Gymnasts

Quinn and Jessica both took part in a Gymnastics competition between T30 Gymnastics and EBJ Gymnastics. They had to perform on Vault, Bars, Beam and Floor. There were a lot of people watching and both girls were incredibly brave and professional. Quinn earned 3 gold medals and Jessica earned a gold and a silver. They did themselves and T30 very proud!



## Junior School Sports Events

Please see the separate Sports Newsletter to find out about our participation and successes in inter-school events.