

My First Nativity



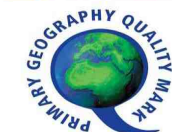
Reception presented an absolutely delightful Nativity on Wednesday, amazing all the grown ups in the audience with their calm and confident manner. The show, which was written by the children, encapsulated all that is special about the Christmas period—it was truly magical. Thank you to all Reception staff and family members who attended the performance.



By Reception



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 31: Leisure, play and culture.



Christmas Lunch



Our fantastic kitchen staff were very busy on Monday serving up an incredible 343 Christmas dinners! On the menu was turkey and stuffing, roast potatoes and mixed vegetables with ice cream for dessert and a festive cracker on the side.

Preparing, cooking and serving Christmas lunch is a major undertaking which would not be possible without the hard work of our kitchen staff and midday supervisors as well as our teachers and teaching assistants who gave up their own lunch time to help out in the dinner hall.



Christmas Parties

The Parent Teacher Association must have a special hot line to Santa because he turned up unexpectedly at our PTA Christmas parties this week bearing gifts for every pupil!



Santa and his elves did look a little familiar... Do you recognise them?



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KS2 Concerts



We were treated to two fabulous carol concerts this week, led by our Key Stage Two music teacher, Mrs Murphy. On Thursday, Years Three and Four raised the roof with some beautiful singing and skilled recorder playing. On Friday, Years Five and Six showcased their wonderful talents; some highlights being a performance by the choir and a piece performed on bass, treble and descant recorders with the choir. Guitar club also gave their first public performances at the concerts.

As a school, we have invested heavily in our music provision and it was fantastic to see pupils performing to a very high standard. Well done to Mrs Murphy and the children who worked incredibly hard in preparation for the shows. You were brilliant!



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Article 29: Goals of education.

Feliz Navidad!



Spanish Club performed a lovely Christmas play to pupils and parents today. Speaking in Spanish and English, pupils acted and sang with great confidence. They were guided by native Spanish speaker, Mrs Garrido-Martin who has been teaching them at her after school club during the Autumn Term.

Well done, everyone!



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 15: Freedom of association.

Best Wishes



Best wishes to Mrs Christensen who commences her maternity leave today. We hope she and her husband Mark have a relaxed Christmas before the birth of their first child in January.

We will all miss Mrs Christensen very much but look forward to welcoming Mrs Sharp to Sydenham for the duration of her maternity leave. We know she will continue Mrs Christensen's excellent work with Year Six.

Mrs Christensen



Well done to Y6 KC, Y6 JB and Y4 KJ who had the highest attendance at school this week with 98% of pupils attending.

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

Y3 AH	97%
YR RK	97%
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1 JL	96%
Y2 KG	96%
Y2 Ap	96%
Y3 JM	96%
Y5 CB	96%
Y1 EL	95%
Y5 JvS	95%
Y4 CD	94%

Please note that our school attendance target is 97%.

The minimum acceptable attendance, as stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is 95%.

Low attendance results in poorer educational progress



**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:
Article 3 (Best Interests of the Child.)**

Spring Term Diary Dates

Christmas holiday from Monday 24th December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2019

(Children return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019.)

Please note that school is closed for staff training (INSET) on Monday 7th January 2019 - online training on health and safety, forced marriage and honour based violence, female genital mutilation and safeguarding.

Thursday 17th January 2019	Y6 SAT's meeting for parents/carers, 5.30—6.30pm
Thursday 17th January 2019	YR Parent/carer Maths workshop, 5.00—6.00pm
Friday 18th January 2019	YR Parent/carer Maths workshop, 9.15.—10.15am
Friday 25th January 2019	PTA disco—times TBC.
Tuesday 29th January 2019	African Choir Concert, 7.00pm at The Spa Centre.

Half-term holiday from Monday 18th February—Friday 22nd February 2019

Thank You

Thanks to Zac' and Dylan's mum, Sainsbury's Local very kindly supplied school with mince pies for our Christmas shows this year. Thank you so much for this generous act.



We wish all of our families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. We hope you enjoy a relaxing time with family and friends and have a happy new year.

Selection Box Winners



Have a very merry Christmas. See you all in 2019!

Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand