

Nativity



A Festive Treat



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On Wednesday, we were treated to a wonderful Nativity performed by Reception.



This is always a special moment in a child's school life and we were so proud of all our little stars.





Well done to everyone for singing, acting and dancing so well.



Thank you, grown-ups, for allowing us to educate your wonderful children.





Last Thursday, Years Three and Four went to the panto.


Everyone had a brilliant time watching the show and joining in.



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He's Behind You!





Read our Arts Ambassador
review of the show...

Jack and the Beanstalk

“Jack and the Beanstalk” at The Belgrade Theatre was a surprising and spectacular show which was full of fun. We loved the characters and our favourites were Princess Polly, Jack and Fairy Fennell as well as the green fairy who was played by a little girl. She really spoke up and had great facial expressions.

The costumes were brilliant. We really liked Dame Trott’s clothes because she came on dressed as a runner bean, a jelly bean, a Mexican bean and even a tin of Heinz beans! The scenery and special effects were so cool and we enjoyed the smoke, bangs, sparkles, sound effects and lights. Our favourite special effects were the beanstalk which grew up to the roof and the giant—was he a robot, a puppet or two people on stilts? We just can’t work it out.

One of our favourite moments in the show was the custard pie fight (awesome) and the song, “Simon’s Mega Chippy” which we can’t stop singing. We were interested to see the orchestra pit where a guitarist, drummer and keyboard player sat, making the music.

We give this show 5 starts out of five and recommend it to children and grown-ups.

Outstanding!



Tree Dressing



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Article 14: Freedom of Thought, Beliefs and Religion



On Thursday, five children from Y2 Swallows represented their class at a special event—tree dressing at All Saints Parish Church. The children hung decorations made back in school on a special tree before touring the church. They then talked about their own beliefs and enjoyed sharing their RE learning from lessons in school. Afterwards, they were treated to a hot chocolate in the church café! Well done, children, for representing our school so well!



All Saints Church



Family Learning

On Tuesday, families came together to make winter decorations.

Everyone had fun with sequins, card and glue.





Winter Crafts

Thank you to the
Family Learning
Service for running
this session.



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Dance Stars

Fantastic Flamenco





Fantastic Flamenco

Last week, children attending Mrs Summerell's "Dancing Around the World" club tried out Flamenco. Everyone enjoyed playing castanets in time to the music and trying out a range of moves. Children even made their own Flamenco costumes!

As, we teach Spanish to all pupils in Key Stage Two, can anybody translate the following?

Bien hecho chicos y chicas!



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Ballet Show

Miss Whitehead's Ballet Club performed a wonderful show for their parents and carers this week. The girls showed grace and elegance as they danced, demonstrating pliés and jumps.

Thank you for a lovely performance girls!



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Article 15: Freedom of Association



Y5 Assembly



Y5 Kittiwakes showcased their learning about The First World War on Tuesday in their class assembly. Pupils marched into the hall singing, “It’s A Long Way to Tipperary” and then went on to share poems and a diary reflecting on the awful experience of fighting in the trenches. The children also showed persuasive posters they had made as well as some fabulous shoe box models of WWI trenches. Fantastic learning!

First World War





Y1 See Stars

On Thursday, a pop-up planetarium visited school as part of Year One's Science topic on Space. Pupils spent time in the planetarium watching projections of the stars and learning about the different planets. It was out of this world!



Pop-Up Planetarium

A group of children in red school uniforms are sitting at a wooden table, painting colorful bean-shaped decorations. One boy in the foreground is smiling at the camera. The table is covered with paint palettes, brushes, and paper. A teacher's hand is visible on the right, assisting with the painting. The background shows other children working at another table.

Magic Beans

Children across the school have been busy making decorations for their class winter hoops. Here are Year Four making magic beans inspired by their visit to “Jack and the Beanstalk.” You can see our beautiful hoops hanging in the main school hall.

Win a Box of LEGO!

Join in, win a bumper box of LEGO and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support

A group of pupils in Y6 are running a fun event to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. It costs **only 50p to join in** and your child could win a fabulous box of LEGO! What do they have to do? Simply guess the correct number of marbles in a jar.

What do You have to do to join in?

- Pay 50p on Parent Pay
- On Thursday 15th December, Y6 pupils will visit each class with a jar of marbles. Your child must guess how many marbles are contained in the jar. Their guess will be written down next to their name.
- On Friday 16th December, the person with the correct guess will win a box of LEGO. If more than one child has guessed correctly, their names will be put into a hat and one lucky winner will be chosen at random.



We really hope that you'll join in the fun. You never know, your child could be the lucky winner!



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



Busy bee readers

Lots of children have been enjoying reading at home with our special reading teddies and poetry bags in recent weeks. These children were chosen to take them home as a reward for reading really regularly at home. **Well done everyone!**



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**The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.**

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you so much to every family who came to the book fair. I'm looking forward to sharing with you which books we will receive from Scholastic for our library as a result of the £650 spent by you on books for your little ones!

Story Advent Calendar



Christmas is the perfect time for reading, when the weather is cold and there is more time to enjoy a book! Here is a little reminder that we have a story for every day of December up until Christmas Eve on our Sydenham Youtube channel, read by members of staff.

Our wintery stories can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwfpG3n2_7iJ00A1y-KEnog

For a sneak peak of what is on offer, take a look at the next page.



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I wonder which story will be your child's favourite? Drop us an email to let us know!

Happy listening, everyone! Miss Challand



ARTLAB

Christmas Art Camp

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Crafts and Games

Make Decorations and Festive Gifts

Brunswick Hub,
98 Shrubland Street, Leamington,

Thursday 1st December

4pm - 7pm

Register for free on our website




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BRUNSWICK HUB'S
TURKEY 
BATCH DAY

TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

 **11AM-3PM**

(TURKEY BATCHES AVAILABLE 12-2PM)

Come join us at the Hub for our annual Christmas celebrations—Festive fun for the family!

Free Turkey
Batches
(with all the trimmings)

Kids Craft
& Activities

Table-top Sale
of pre-loved toys
& gifts

Tombola
& Raffle

Free Kids'
Hot Chocolate

And more...

**On the day, we will be raising money for
Brunswick Hub's Hardship fund.**



98-100 Shrubland Street, Leamington Spa

Turkey Batches will be first come, first serve—
if you want to reserve yours to avoid missing out,
call 01926 422123.

Details of free Christmas events for families, at local Leamington Spa CV31 churches:

Date in Dec. / Time	Church / Location	For ages...	Event Details
Sat 3 rd 2-4pm	Christ Church, CV31 1BA	All	Christmas Craft Day: Bring the whole family to enjoy Christmas craft activities.
Sun 4 th 10.30am	Whitnash Methodist, CV31 2JJ	All	All Age Christingle Service: A Christmas service for everyone.
Sat 10 th 10.30-12.30	Whitnash Methodist Church, CV31 2JJ	4-10y	Christmas Messy Church: Story, crafts, games, lunch and more. Booking required: Whitnash.m.c@gmail.com
Sat 10 th 1-4pm	Christ Church, CV31 1BA	All	Christmas Extravaganza: Walkthru nativity! Book at www.christchurch.org.uk/book
Sat 10 th 2-4pm	Radford Semele Baptist Church CV31 1UQ	4-11y	Christmas Crafternoon: Christmas crafts & Bible story, followed by tea & cake with parents/carers/siblings! Booking essential: katherinepickford@hotmail.com
Sat 10 th 10am-4pm	Myton Church, Westbury Centre, CV31 3JE	4-11y	Nativity from Scratch! All day event with games, activities, rehearsals for a same-day Nativity performance at 3pm! For primary-school children. <i>Bring a packed lunch.</i>
Sat 10 th 2.15-2.45pm	Myton Church, Westbury Centre, CV31 3JE	2-4y	Nativity from Scratch! Pre-performance craft time: Activities for tots and their grown-ups to do together. They will also have a part in the nativity at 3pm!
Sat 10 th 3pm	Westbury Centre, CV31 3JE	All	Nativity from Scratch! Performance: Anyone is welcome to the performance.
Wed 14 th 10am; 11.30;2pm;3.30	St Mary's Church, CV31 1JW	0-4y	Nursery Rhyme Nativity: Short nativity service for toddlers, with familiar rhymes to join in with. Followed by refreshments and play. Note the 4 different start times.
Fri 16 th 5.15pm	Radford Semele Baptist Church	All	Community Carols on the church lawn: with hot drinks, cakes and nativity activities.
Sun 18 th 10.30	St Mary's Church, CV31 1JW	All	Nativity Service: "Escape-Room" themed Christmas service for all the family!
Wed 21 st 10am & 6pm	St Mary's Church, CV31 1JW	All	Christingle Service: A Christmas Celebration. Create, sing, wonder... together. Note the 2 different start times: 10am and 6pm.
Fri 23 rd 4pm	St John's Church, CV31 3BN	All	Carols for All: An informal service of hymns; come and sing your favourite ones!
Fri 23 rd 4.30pm	All Saint's Church, CV31 1AA	All	Christingle Service: Suitable for all ages, particularly young children.
Sat 24 th 3pm	All Saint's Church, CV31 1AA	All	Carol Service: Very informal – all ages welcome!
Sat 24 th 3pm & 6pm	St John's Church, CV31 3BN	All	Christingle: A family-friendly service exploring the meaning of Christmas with an orange, a candle and sweets! Note the 2 different start times: 3pm and 6pm.
Sat 24 th 5pm	St Margaret's Church, CV31 2HJ	All	Christingle Service: You are warmly invited to join us; we would love to see you!

All churches will have services on Christmas Day too (Sunday 25th December).

Search online for free events at other churches near you in CV31, CV32 or wherever you spend this Christmas!

Diary Dates

Wednesday 7th December	Y6 trip to The Royal Opera House to see “The Nutcracker.”
Wednesday 7th December	Y1/2 carol concert at 2.15pm —parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 8th December	Y3/4 carol concert at 2.15pm —parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 8th December	Choir performing in the local community.
Thursday 8th December	YR/1/2 theatre visit to see “The Stick Man” at Warwick Arts’ Centre. 10.30am performance.
Friday 9th December	Y5/6 carol concert at 2.15pm —parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Friday 9th December	Christmas jumper day! Wear a festive outfit to school.
Monday 12th December	Rock Steady concert for participating families at 2.00pm.
Monday 12th December	School Christmas lunch.
Tuesday 13 –Thursday 15th December	PTA Present Wrap Room.
Friday 16th December	KS2 Nativity at 9.15am. Parents and carers of children in the show are warmly invited to attend.
Friday 16th December	Guess the Marbles in the Jar—winner announced.
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Monday 19th—Friday 30th December school closed for Christmas holiday.

Monday 2nd January—school closed for bank holiday

Tuesday 3rd January—school closed for INSET—Inclusion training, led by The Education Psychology Service.

Pupils return to school for the Spring Term on Wednesday 4th January



Sydenham Superstars



EYFS & Key Stage One



Key Stage Two

Last week's
superstars.



Sydenham Superstars



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Best wishes from
Miss Glenny.

Key Stage Two