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NEWSLETTER: Friday 19th December 2025





And that is it for 2025 - what an end to the term we have had! The children have amazed us all with their performance talents over this last month and this week was no exception with both the Key Stage Two Carol Concert at St James Church and the Rock Steady concert yesterday. I have been very proud of all them and absolutely loved seeing the enjoyment they get out of these events.

Christmas dinner day today was a roaring success and everyone had a great day with lots of party games, movies and Christmas fun. As I told Frasier from Rock Steady yesterday - I have the best job in the World, and, although this is true all year round, seeing the children excited for Christmas is extra special.

Thank you to everyone for your kind words, cards and gifts, they are greatly appreciated. We wish you all a lovely Christmas and New Year and will see you back nice and early on Tuesday 6th January.

Best wishes,
Rebecca

Celebrating the Children

Award	Child or Class Receiving the Award	Reason
Headteacher's Award	Annabelle Bray	Annabelle received the final headteacher's award for 2025 because of the fantastic start she has had to Year 4. Annabelle has matured dramatically over this time, she has become more reflective and better able to consider her actions and responses. She is focusing on her work and we are incredibly proud of her. Annabelle you are fantastic, keep it up!

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Class	Name	Reason
Badgers	Teddy Sillence	Teddy, you have shown a positive and independent attitude to learning this week. You have approached all tasks with confidence and enthusiasm, always trying your best. Well done—keep up the excellent work!
Hedgehogs	Mia Manterfield	Mia, you truly embrace all of our school values. You are kind, positive and want to always do your best. You are a star and we are so proud of you!

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Squirrels	Ayla Patten	Ayla, you always help others and consistently show kindness and consideration in everything you do. You set a wonderful example to everyone around you through your positive attitude and actions. Well done—keep up the fantastic work!
Rabbits	Belle Clift	Belle, your confidence has really blossomed this term and we are so poud! We were blown away by how wonderfully and loudly you delivered your lines in our Christmas performance - what a superstar you are!
Puffins	Victoria King	Victoria, you have shown fantastic effort in all your lessons. You have been working extremely hard and consistently trying your best in everything you do. Your dedication and positive attitude towards learning are wonderful to see—keep up the great work!
Penguins	Dylan Thorsby	Dylan, we are so incredibly proud of all you have achieved since joining us in September particularly with your reading. You are kind, funny and a brilliant member of Penguins class. Well done.
Lions	Sylvester Bovey - Rogers	Sylvester, you always show true enjoyment in all areas of school life. No challenge is too big and you do it all with a smile, well done!
Tigers	Emilie Knight	Emilie, you radiate positvity in everything you do and always try your very best. You truly impress us everyday with your incredible perseverance and dedication but we were especially proud of you during the fire-lighting activity at Minstead, well done!
Kangaroos	Hunter Caiger	Hunter, we have been so impressed with your growing maturity, fantastic effort in all your learning and for being such a smiley and entertaining member of Kangaroos class. Well done on such a brilliant first term!
Koalas	Mia Forbes	Mia, everyday you shine brightly, showing kindness and positivity wherever you go! Thank you for being a wonderful role model for all.
Owls	Harry O'Hagan	Harry has been an absolute star this term! His kindness, positivity and determination shine through in everything he does. A true role model for our class and we are so proud of everything he has achieved so far, well done Harry!
Otters	Nikolas Talman	Nikolas, you have made a fantastic start to Year 5. You have settled in really well and shown a positive attitude towards your learning in all areas. Keep up the great work after the holidays—well done!
Flamingos	Etta Edwards	Etta, thank you for being supportive to your classmates and always setting an oustanding example. You are a joy to teach, thank you!
Toucans	Ben Ritson	Ben, you are a shining example of hard work and perseverence and should be very proud of the progress you have made this term. Thank you for working so hard and always trying your best!







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Early Years (EYFS)

🎄 **Christmas Activities** 🎄

We've been enjoying lots of festive fun! The children have taken part in matching Christmas pairs, feeding the reindeer, and writing Christmas lists in the message centre. They've also loved performing, making Christmas cards and calendars, and staying busy in the workshop creating festive projects.

Dear Hedgehogs and Badgers,

We are so proud of everything you have achieved this term – you are all stars! ⭐
There are only six more sleeps until Christmas, and we hope you have a truly wonderful time.
We look forward to seeing you all ready to go in **2026**!

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that your children have already completed a whole term in school. We are delighted with how well they have settled in and the progress they are making!

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you a very Merry Christmas! 🎄

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Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

As we come to the end of the Autumn term, we would like to say how proud we are of all the Year 1 children. They have worked incredibly hard and made fantastic progress across all areas of learning. We have been especially impressed by their enthusiasm and engagement with each of our topics, showing curiosity, resilience and a real love of learning. The children have settled well into their routines and continue to grow in confidence every day. Thank you for your continued support at home. We wish you a very happy Christmas and a restful break!

Year 2 have had a very exciting final week of school and have finished the term with great enthusiasm. The children completed their narrative writing about *The Log Princess* discovering the Dragon's egg, and we are incredibly proud of the stamina they showed. They worked hard to apply their writing skills, using expanded noun phrases, powerful verbs and adverbs, as well as including thoughts, questions and feelings to bring their stories to life. The children thoroughly enjoyed reading their work aloud to the class and sharing their fantastic ideas with one another.
In addition to their writing, the children have loved finishing their printmaking work. They carefully created their own print blocks and experimented with different colours and techniques, producing some wonderfully creative results. Their focus and imagination really shone through.
Finally, the Year 2 team would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support with reading, spellings, PE kits and all the events we run to enhance the children's learning experiences. We wish you all a restful, happy and peaceful New Year!






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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

This week in Year 3, we have been finishing off some of our units of work before going fully festive towards the end of the week! In PSHE, we explored our own superpowers, thinking about the character strengths that make us unique. The children reflected thoughtfully and were keen to share what they are proud of in themselves and others. In Science, we planned and carried out an investigation into how the distance of a light source affects the size of a shadow. The children really enjoyed this hands-on learning and demonstrated excellent teamwork, curiosity and scientific thinking throughout.
There have been so many highlights this week, with one very special moment being our Christmas Carol Concert at St James' Church. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us - the children performed beautifully and did us all incredibly proud.
We also ended the week with a wonderful festive Friday, filled with Christmas fun and a delicious Christmas dinner, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all! Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely festive break.

This week in Year 4, the children have continued to show great focus and enthusiasm. In maths, we have been learning all about time, converting between digital and analogue clocks and confidently switching between 12 hour and 24 hour time. In English, the children carried on writing their setting descriptions and read them out beautifully and confidently to the class, offering one another thoughtful and positive feedback. In music, we have been busy practising our songs ready for the Wednesday carol concert. In spelling, we have explored some festive themed words this week. Please remember to encourage your child to log on to Bug Club over the holidays to complete any spelling activities they have not yet finished. We would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.







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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

What a fantastic term it has been for Year 5! The children have worked incredibly hard and shown great determination in their learning.

This week, we've spent time finishing off key topics, including the conclusion of our much-enjoyed Ancient Egyptian history unit, which has been a real highlight for the classes.

Today, we celebrated all that hard work with a relaxed and festive afternoon, enjoying a Christmas movie together. It was a lovely way to end a busy and successful term.

Well done, Year 5 – we are so proud of everything you've achieved so far this year. Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all well-rested and ready for more exciting learning in the New Year!
We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas from Mr Langmore, Miss Boreham, Mrs Broughton and Miss Knowles x

This week in Year 6, the children have been busy drafting their *Mythologica* myths and carefully planning their pages, which will be published in the new year. We have been so impressed by the creativity they have shown and the thoughtful way they have developed their ideas.

We were extremely proud of the children who attended and performed at the KS2 Carol Service on Wednesday. They represented Year 6 beautifully, performing with confidence and enthusiasm, and it was a joy to watch them take part in such a special occasion.

Thank you to everyone for the many kind words and thoughtful Christmas gifts—it has been greatly appreciated. The Year 6 team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

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KS2 Carol Concert at St James' Church











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EPSA Update

As it's the last newsletter of the year, we thought it would be good to share with you how our fundraising events have helped the school: EPSA helped the school to purchase the new projector in the school hall; the Christmas tree; fund the year 6 leavers disco and leavers books and the year R stay and play refreshments. Thank you Kerry and Mel, along with Phil, Gem and Sarah for doing an excellent job running EPSA that made the school purchases this year possible and we hope we can continue your good work!

All the donations and participation in our events helps us put money back into the school, enhancing our kids' education. So we thank you for everything you have all contributed over the year.

Our next event is the Rainbow disco on Friday 6th February and we are planning to open ticket sales the week we return to school. We will update you with further details in the new year.

Other confirmed dates include:
School Summer Fair: 27th June
Colour Run: 17th July

A very merry Christmas and happy new year from the EPSA team. We are looking forward to a year full of exciting events in 2026!



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