

Wishing you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New year

# Yox Valley Newsletter



Autumn Term 2 | December 2023



What a year 2023 has been and to finish it off all three schools have made us so proud by sharing their amazing Nativities and Carol Services.

We have also all enjoyed a Christmas Lunch and curriculum enriching Christmas related activities. We would like to say a big well done to all our students for another year of hard work and determination. Thank you also to you, parents and carers of our pupils. Your constant support and loyalty has been very much appreciated, whether that is through the PTA, who work endlessly for the benefit of our schools, as volunteers, or just seeing you at the school gate each morning - thank you so much for all that you have done.

We hope that everyone has a well earned rest over the Christmas period and everyone enjoys the festivities.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

We look forward to welcoming you back to school in the New Year, on the 4th of January.

Christmas Wishes,

Mrs Last, Mrs Pates and Miss Garnett



## Important Diary Dates 23/24

**Christmas Break- 21/12/23-31/24 , back to school 4th of January. Please see page 5 for term dates.**  
**The New Years events will be confirmed after the Christmas break. Please keep an eye on your emails for these diary dates.**



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# Middleton Primary School News



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## Message from The PTA

The PTA would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Just last week the KS1 Nativity Raffle raised a wonderful £440.45, which will go entirely back into enriching the children's curriculum and equipment.

We look forward to more fundraising next term to support the school further.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Middleton Primary PTA



## Ash Class

This month in Ash class we have been busy preparing for our performance 'The Ordinary Ox' which we performed last week. The children worked so hard learning their lines, songs and Dance moves. A big thank you to Mrs Pain for organising it and creating some wonderful costumes and choreography.

We were also very lucky to be able to go to the Avenue Theatre in Ipswich to see 'The tale of Mr Tod.' The children were a credit to Middleton and everyone enjoyed it. This was a great preparation for our Nativity.

Polite reminder. Please could all children bring a named water bottle.

We would also like to remind you to bring your reading books each day so we can read at every opportunity.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support this term and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

See you in 2024.

Mrs Brunning, Mrs Pain and Miss Carlill.



## Spruce Class

I am so incredibly proud of the performance of readings and carols that Spruce Class delivered last week. Despite still having three children off sick, they filled Middleton Church with songs and joy and vibrance that double or triple their small number couldn't have rivaled. They belted out tunes, deciphered and confidently read complex Bible readings and half of them demonstrated their ever improving recorder skills with a rendition of Jingle Bells.

Spruce class have worked incredibly hard this term even though I don't believe a single soul has escaped the colds and illnesses and I am so pleased with their commitment and enthusiasm. I hope everybody has a fabulous Christmas.





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### Mercury

In Mercury class we have been having lots of fun preparing for Christmas. In Literacy we have loved reading and learning the story – The Smartest Giant in Town. We sequenced the story and then used the ideas to write our own stories. We wrote letters to George the Giant and to Santa. We loved performing our Nativity and sang our songs again when we went to visit St Barnabas, the care home in Southwold.



### Astronauts

Astronauts have been developing their love of books, our school library is a place we enjoy spending time in. Once a week we also get to share this experience with Jupiter class, they come along, read stories with the children, and spend some time exploring the library.



### Mars

As the Autumn term comes to an end, I would like to thank Mars for all of their hard work and focus this term. We have explored a plethora of topics, revised old skills and learned new ones together. Most recently, our DT project has come to its climax with the children building rafts following some English work on a book called The Island by Armin Greder. The children tested materials, made prototypes, and planned and built their creations, evaluating each stage as they progressed. A brilliant first term, Mars. Well done.



### Jupiter

Jupiter class have been working on multiplication and division in maths this term. We find that using a number of different methods is really helpful; songs, games, using equipment, IT packages, quick recall questions are all useful ways to help with that all important quick recall.

We have also been using the number square in the playground to help us to spot patterns in our times tables.





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### ELM CLASS

Elm class has enjoyed learning about different celebrations in Squirrels this term. They have been learning about why we celebrate Christmas. Well done to everyone that took part in the Wiggly Nativity. We were very proud of you all. We also had a wonderful 'Come and Share' session this week.



### SILVER BIRCH

This term has been incredibly busy in Silver Birch class with visits to Snape Maltings Big Sing and preparing for our Christmas Carol Concert. We have also enjoyed swimming lessons and choreographing group dances using different moves in our 'Evolution of Dance' project. For design and technology we designed, made and evaluated rafts. RSHE we have been learning about relationships and answering the question "What does marriage mean?" We have explored issues around healthy and unhealthy relationships. RE we have been learning about inspirational people, how their religion has inspired them and how they in turn are inspiring people. Each learner has chosen who to produce an information text on and we have included Muhammad Ali, Pope Francis, Elizabeth Fry, St Alban and Marcus Rashford.



### OAK CLASS

After much practice, Oak Class had a wonderful time performing their Christmas 'Wiggly Nativity' to KS2, followed by two further performances to the parents, grandparents and carers. It was a wonderful success.

We had a lovely 'come and share' session with parents/carers. Oak class and parents getting some mosaic pictures ready for our new display which will be in the hall.

During a Science lesson, Oak class worked really well together to make some simple rain gauges.



### WILLOW CLASS

In Willow class we have had a busy half term. Parents came in to share our learning about the water cycle and we made mini water cycles in a bag to put on our windows at home. In computing we compared using physical materials to create a picture with digital programmes. We have also been finishing off our stories based on 'The Snowman' - we have been editing our writing and then writing them up in our best. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.





# School Scouting Sessions



## Yoxford & Peasenhall and Middleton Primary Schools Cubs & Beavers

This term The Beavers have been working to earn their creative badge by making masks and worked in teams to build Lego creations.

The Cubs have been experiencing and researching different countries such as Brazil to earn their international badge. They also began to learn the Capoeira dance from Brazil in partners and performed it to the class.

Both The Cubs and The Beavers practiced marching for Remembrance Day Parades.



## Academic Calendar 2023/24

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PD DAYS	
01/09	Statutory Training
04/09	School Directed
30/10	School Directed
03/01	Trust Directed