

The end of the Autumn Term always brings lots of excitement and joy as we move towards Christmas. The children have continued their hard work all the way to the end. This half term has been action packed as always; we have had fundraising events, an author visit, special assemblies and we have been supporting our local community. None of this would have been possible without your support, so thank you.

Year 4 have had a refugee day as part of their World War 2 topic. Year 3 finished their Royal Ballet Workshops—well done to all the children. We congratulate those who have been chosen to go on to the next stage. Year 2 have created some fantastic art work with Mr Morris for their Great Fire of London topic. Year One have been busy learning about celebrations around the world. Reception have explored transport through various stories—their train fares are very expensive though! In Nursery, the children have been learning nursery rhymes; there have been some terrifying spiders!

The last few weeks have been focused around Christmas. We have had 6 fantastic performances from across the school. It was lovely to see Nursery and Reception telling the Christmas story with such confidence for the youngest children in school. Key Stage 1 wriggled their way through the nativity, showing us all how they are growing up. We finished with a very moving and mature performance from Key Stage 2 about the Christmas truce in 1914.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year,

The Tollgate Staff.

Fundraising Efforts

This term, we have had many fundraising events for various causes. We are amazed at how much money has been raised this term. Thank you for all your support.

We have raised:

£1,276.30

We will continue to fundraise towards our Greener Growth projects in the Spring Term.



Tree Planting

We were fortunate to be given 36 heritage orchard trees from Orchards East. Muddy Jo and Flowery Fi, from Greener Growth, came in to work with Mr Morris and the children to plant all these trees on the school field. Each class will be involved in caring for the trees as they grow—this will include helping to water them throughout the summer months. Hedgehog class also got to place a hedgehog house in the wildlife area. We must say a huge thank you to Greener Growth who have done so much for the school. We look forward to working with them again on future projects—we have a long list!



Attendance

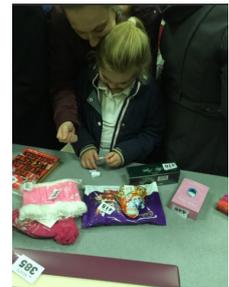
Each week we celebrate the class with the best attendance in school. At the end of term, we recognise children who have had 100% attendance, as well as the class with the best attendance. We must congratulate Reception as they have the best year group attendance. The class with the best attendance this term is...

Bumblebees



Christmas Fair

It was brilliant to see so many families at our Christmas Fair. With stalls ranging from the tombola, candy catch and pin the nose on Rudolph, there was lots to keep you busy. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who make events like this happen. We raised a total of £582!



Christmas in the Community

A group of Year 4s took part in the Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fayre's Opening Parade. They enjoyed a whole day of an art workshop to create their penguin puppets. On the evening, the puppets were wrapped in fairy lights to make them glow—they looked amazing!

Choir took to the Greene King Stage at the Christmas Fayre on the Friday afternoon. The children sang beautifully for 30 minutes non-stop! It was wonderful to see so many parents supporting the choir. We received lots of lovely compliments from members of the public too! Choir have also been out and about in the community sharing some Christmas cheer; they have performed to the residents of Manson House, as well as the patients of Rosemary Ward, Newmarket Hospital. They even performed a few songs in the main entrance area on their way out!

