

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2024

MRS SEARLE'S MESSAGE

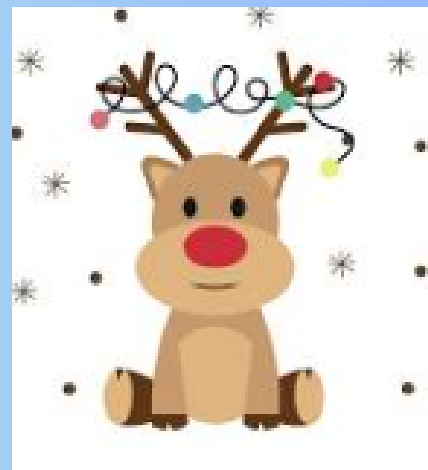
These last few weeks have been packed with preparations for Christmas. The children have entertained us with their nativities and the staff in turn have created the beautiful advent windows which have appeared around the school each day - if you haven't had the chance to see them they are all on our social media accounts. On Monday, the children from Key Stage 2 had their chance to shine and share at our annual Carol Concert. Which just leaves me to wish you all a peaceful and restful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

REMINDERS

- Uniform - Full, smart, winter uniform should be worn. [Click here to see updated uniform guidelines Uniform guide](#)
- Late arrivals - Please note that the gate closes promptly at 08.50am, arrivals after this time will need to enter via the office, and will be marked as late.

Have you seen our school Facebook & Instagram page? Join the page to keep up to date with what's happening at school:

[Cheapside Facebook page](#)
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The Poppy Appeal

Thank you
for your
generosity,
together we
raised
£129.03



Carol Concert - Key Stage 2 - written by Year 6

The carol concert was a musical delight, with mind blowing talent! Festivity bounced around the church, displaying the Christmas story written by the Year 6's in their own words, and performed by Year 5. This celebration also included a French version of 'We wish you a Merry Christmas, an extravagant violin solo and plenty of singing and Makaton.

Singing Club performances

Singing Club has had a busy run of it this year. As well as performing at the school Carol Concert, on Sunday 2nd December they performed at the annual St Michael's Concert, both independently and as part of a larger community choir and then on Monday 9th



December they took to Savill Garden and performed a set of Christmas carols and festive songs for those in the restaurant. This is always a really special occasion and this year was no exception. It truly got us all in the Christmas spirit and the children were a real credit to the school. Well done Singing Club!

School Council & Inclusion Ambassadors

Special thank you to Mrs Howarth for volunteering her time to run these .

Inclusion Ambassador update

This term we made a PowerPoint presentation about Parliament for the MP Jack Rankin who visited our school. We have written thank you letters to the Governor for the wooden cross in the hall and to the MP to ask if we can go to The Houses of Parliament. We have brought in suggestion boxes for all classes so children can put their ideas to us. We have decorated the outside Christmas tree. - *Year 4 Ambassadors*

We have run a toy sale to give money to children who do not have presents at Christmas. Next term we would like to raise money for the homeless. - Year 3



Wren class nativity - in the words of Year 6 pupils...

The Reception nativity was full of excitement. The costumes were adorable, funny and made the audience smile all the way through. The music was extremely catchy. This experience made me and the audience laugh. I think the children should be hugely proud of what they've accomplished.



Year 1 & 2 nativity - in the words of Year 6 pupils...

The KS1 nativity was filled with fun and festive laughs. It was a delightful musical which made you want to stand up, start clicking your fingers and dance with joy. KS1 really put time and dedication into it and there was a brilliant outcome. There was so much talent on stage and everyone should be extremely proud of themselves.



Author visit - Philip Kavvadias

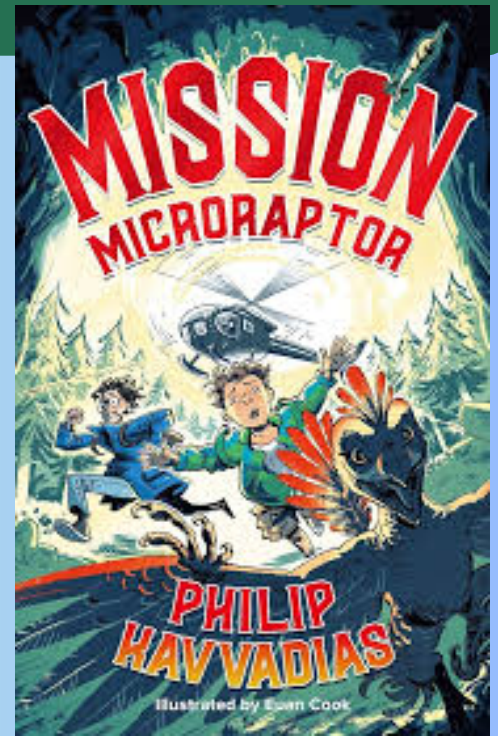
Key Stage 2 were lucky enough to have an author come into school earlier this month. They enjoyed hearing all about the life of an author and how to approach writing a story for publishing.

Philip Kavvadias, is the author of the Mission Microraptor series and further to his talk to KS2 he has undertaken a book signing for those who ordered copies of his book.

Children having the opportunity to find out about how and why stories are made is so important for their own writing and we are very grateful to Philip for taking the time to come in to talk to the children here at Cheapside.

Christmas jumper day

Our Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day on Wednesday was great fun! Thank you to all the staff who pulled together to serve the children on such a huge scale and a particular thank you to the kitchen staff who worked so hard to provide a fabulous meal. The children looked fantastic in an array of festive jumpers and £106.09 was raised for Save the Children. Thank you!



School Attendance



The school day starts:

- Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 at 08:40am
- Years 3-6 at 08:50am

Please ensure your child arrives for the above times daily. Arrivals after these times will be marked as late.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like a big deal, but these absences add up in the long run!

When a student misses

2 Days a Month...

- They will miss 20 days each school year
- They will miss 20 hours of math over the school year
- They will miss 40 hours of reading & writing over the school year
- They will miss 1 year of school by graduation

When a student misses

4 Days a Month...

- They will miss 40 days each school year
- They will miss 40 hours of math over the school year
- They will miss 80 hours of reading & writing over the school year
- They will miss 2 years of school by graduation

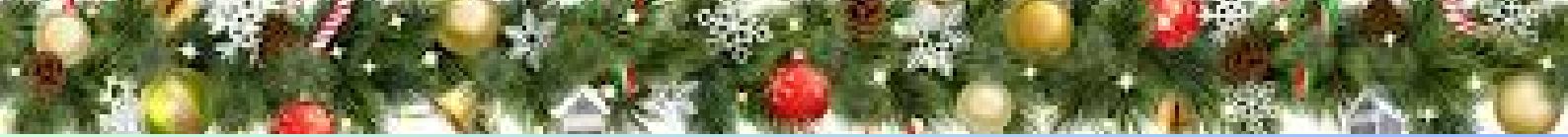
- That's 20 hours of Maths missed
- That's 60 hours of reading & writing missed

- That's 60 hours of Maths missed
- That's 120 hours of reading & writing missed

Dates for the diary

6th January	INSET Day for staff
Tuesday 7th January	Term starts
17th - 21st February	Half Term
24th February	INSET Day for staff
Thursday 28th March	Term ends from 2pm - details TBC
Monday 6th May	May Bank Holiday
Saturday 17th May	Summer Fair
27th May - 31st May	Half Term Holiday
17th-21st June	Royal Ascot Tea Tent
16th-19th June	Year 6 Residential
Monday 23rd June	KS1 Sports Afternoon
Thursday 27th June	School photos - class & group
Monday 7th July	KS2 Sports Afternoon
Monday 22nd July	End of year church service, details TBC
Thursday 25th July	Term ends from 2pm, details TBC

Happy Christmas!



Merry Christmas
from all at
Cheapside CE
Primary School



PTA Christmas Events

Wreath making workshop

A fabulous festive evening was had by all; a big 'thank you' to Academy of Flowers for running this event. Together we have raised £816.20



School Disco

We hope the children enjoyed the disco - together we raised £537.70

Christmas Hampers

Thank you all for your generous donations for the Christmas Hampers, they looked fabulous!

Over £600 was raised!

Congratulations to the lucky winners!



Gifts to the children

We hope the children like their gifts from the PTA.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas!



Christmas Cards

The children made some beautiful creations. The event has raised £123.42!

Thank you all for your continued support!

Festive events in Windsor



DECEMBER 2024

THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA



The Christmas Holidays are upon us, and on Windsor Rocks we're packed with ideas of things to do with the family over the break. Head to our website collections to get inspired!

- ➡ [Christmas Holiday Events](#)
- ➡ [Holiday Clubs](#)
- ➡ [Fresh air](#)

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**The festive period is a time of joy and celebration,
but it can be difficult for some neurodiverse people**



Preparing

Many neurodiverse people can find any kind of change difficult. Planning and preparation is key in making Christmas and New Year as enjoyable as possible. Make sure what you are doing works for you and your family.

Schedules

Many neurodiverse people have a strong need for routine. If schedule and routine is important to you, you might want to try and keep your daily schedule the same or gradually introduce festive activities or keep your schedule with you.

Decorations

Many neurodiverse people will have differing sensory needs; decorations for some are great whereas others may struggle and find them really overwhelming.

Presents

Presents can also be overwhelming: the number of them, the wrapping and unwrapping them; the unclear expectations about how to respond after receiving a present. You could try telling family and friends what your preference is in advance.

Food

Your child's food aversions are important to consider when planning your festive meal. However, this doesn't mean no festive dinner at all – make a separate meal for your child. Having a pizza and chicken nuggets is okay too!

Don't put the weight of your – or anyone else's – expectations about the festive period on your neurodiverse family member's shoulders. This should be fun – whatever someone's idea of fun is.

Finally have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – however you want it.