



*Roxbourne Primary School*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th December 2022

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

What a fantastic Autumn term we had! Thank you to all for contributing in making it really successful. We wish you all a very restful and happy holiday season and we look forward to welcoming you in the New Year. The teachers and staff wish you all a safe and restful Christmas break and all best wishes for the New Year.

## Thursday 8th December 2022 - Roxbourne's Christmas Album 2022

Welcome to 4 York for winning the 2022 album competition!

Class	Song Name	Video Link
Nursery am	Nativity song - Shine Star Shine	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Nursery pm	Nativity song - Shine Star Shine	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Reception	Nativity Song - We Found Jesus	<a href="#">Click here</a>
1 Bristol	Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer	<a href="#">Click here</a>
1 Bath	We Wish You a Merry Christmas	<a href="#">Click here</a>
2 Cambridge	Away in a Manger	<a href="#">Click here</a>
2 Norwich	Walking in a Winter Wonderland	<a href="#">Click here</a>
2 Colchester	Jingle Bell Rock	<a href="#">Click here</a>
3 Warwick	O Little Town of Bethlehem	<a href="#">Click here</a>
3 Birmingham	Jingle bells	<a href="#">Click here</a>
4 York	Deck the Halls	<a href="#">Click here</a>
4 Sheffield	Sleigh Ride	<a href="#">Click here</a>
5 Manchester	Let It Snow	<a href="#">Click here</a>
5 Liverpool	Rockin Robin	<a href="#">Click here</a>

# Snow day in Roxbourne!

***On Monday it snowed! Roxbourne students had amazing fun making snowmen and having a mini snowball fight; Even some of the teachers joined in , don't worry we made sure to wrap up warm!***



## **Friday 16th December 2022 - Christmas Raffle Draw**

Congratulations to the raffle winners who are: Asma (Nursery), Butnaru (Reception), Oreoluwa (1B), Nevan (2C), Ishaan (3B), Isabela (4Y), Shuruthi (5M), Thaarun (6E) the overall winner is Kiera (5M). Well done to Melissa (2C) for naming the Elf Bella.



## **Wednesday 4th January 2023 - School reopens**

The school will reopen on Wednesday 4th January 2023 and we look forward to seeing you all well and rested.

# Year Group Updates

## Nursery Update

What an exciting week in Nursery! The children's hard work over the past few weeks paid off when we had one dress rehearsal show and two performances for parents and siblings this week. It was such a lovely experience performing for family and friends. The children and staff were bursting with pride. Well done team EYFS!!

### Homework

We have put your child's link book in their book bag together with an activity book to keep them busy at home. We would appreciate it if you could share a picture of your child engaging in an activity or an experience that your child has had in the holidays.

Finally, we would like to say thank you to all the parents for your continued support. The Nursery Team would like to wish you happy holidays and a Merry Christmas to you all. Here's a Christmas present for you to enjoy at home:)

## Reception Update

We started the week with a BANG in Reception. After much planning, rehearsing and singing, our efforts all came to life in our EYFS Nativity; Shine, Star, Shine! The children put on an absolutely amazing performance. From the loud clear voices to the dazzling costumes, I think you would all agree that the children shone on the day and put on a tremendous performance. Thank you to all the parents, staff and of course all the children who helped us make this Christmas production come to life and such a success.

If you wish to have a copy of the Nativity please log onto Google Classroom to find an mp4 of the performance. Remember if you download your own copy do not share it on social media.



On Wednesday, we had another exciting experience. All of Roxbourne walked down to St Andrews Church to take part in a school Carol Service. We partnered up with Year 6 who kindly walked us down to the church and kept us safe as we walked in the Arctic conditions. It was heartwarming to see the interaction between the eldest children in the school with our children as they walked through the streets of Rayners Lane. I think Mia of Reception Oxford best summed up the afternoon "Miss Ottrey, I have made a new friend!" A big thank you to Year 6 and their staff. You were amazing chaperones!

### Homework



Google Classroom

Please can parents ensure you log onto Google Classroom as there are many resources available that could be used over the holidays. Phonics information and videos, knowledge organisers for Half Term 3, plus much more. We hope to use this area - Google Classroom - to house our resources for parents. Parents, please can we all ensure we are able to log onto your child's account (emails have been sent outlining how to do this over the past term) and interact with all the resources as they will ensure that your child is making the expected progress in Reception. If you need assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

### Thank you



As the term closes, The Reception Team would like to say a huge thank you for all your support over the last term. The parental participation for all our events has been amazing and the huge smile on your children's faces seeing you come to watch or participate has meant they have loved having you enjoy these experiences with them.



We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. We shall see you back in Reception on Wednesday 4th January 2023!

## **Y1 Update**

In Writing this week, Y1 has been learning how to write a set of instructions. We understand that using our box plan can help us write our set of instructions. We also know that using command words, help us write- words like fold, get, make and cut.

This week in Maths, Y1 has been learning to read and write o'clock and half past in words. We know when the minute hand is on the '12' that means it is o'clock. Equally, when the minute hand is pointing towards the '6', we know the time is half past.



In History, we have been reflecting on our trip to Headstone Manor- A Muddled up Toy Chest. We were able to use our knowledge and skills of toys to help us write our end of term report: How have toys changed over time? We were able to describe our favourite toy from the past and it has changed over time.

This week in Science, we have been what happens to animals in winter. We know some animals hibernate, stay at home or are actually still active in the winter! We were able to categorise animals into those three groups. Finally, we chose two animals (Squirrels and Hedgehogs) and wrote a fact file on both of them!

### Homework

Please find all of the resources related to next half terms learning topics on Google Classroom. Children have also received a hard copy of the Knowledge Organisers and Spellings. Please use this time to engage with these resources and complete any Maths or English CGP tasks.

Year 1 would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Have a safe and relaxing holiday!



### **Learning to blend at home - [Lesson 11](#)**

**Please practise the sounds below with your child.**

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## **Y2 Update**

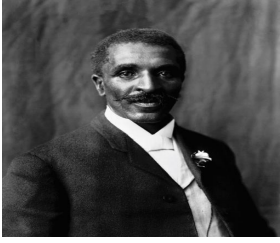
Year 2 had a fantastic week! In Writing we continued to write a recipe for the delicious Jam Sandwich from title to method, the children have written some very detailed recipes that any chef would easily follow.

In Maths we have looked at the relationship between multiplication and division. We drew part/whole models to show our thinking and to find the missing numbers in equations. It is pleasing to see the children's confidence in these two operations growing each day. Well done, Year 2! Please continue to practise 2s, 5, and 10s tables. We will be consolidating multiplications and divisions in the first week back.

Next term we begin our Maths with a unit on time. Please can parents revise : O'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, with your child so they are ready for the new learning in this unit.

In History we completed our learning about the famous 'Great Fire of London'. We rounded off the unit by looking at how the fire may have been avoided and wrote our ideas in a final essay.

In Science we looked at the alarmingly negative impact plastic has on our world. We looked into the terms: reduce, reuse and recycle. We brainstormed ideas of how we can try to change our lives to cut down on our use of single use plastics. The second lesson we completed was all about inventors of different materials.



**George Washington**  
(1864–1943)



**Carver Stephanie Kwolek**  
(1923–2014)



**Charles Macintosh**  
(1766-1843)

Ask you children why these 3 people are famous for their inventions and which new materials they invented in their lifetime.

Finally everyone in Year 2 would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2023.



## Y3 Update

Year 3 have enjoyed the last week of Autumn term and have been continuing to work extremely hard before the Christmas holidays!

In Reading, we have continued to read our class book, *The Creakers* by Tom Fletcher, and have looked at the different characters in the story. We have also summarised the chapters that we have read to explain the events to someone who might be interested in reading it.

In Writing, the children have published their sets of instructions independently in their portfolio books.

In Mathematics, we have continued to look at solving word problems and using our key mathematical vocabulary to interpret them. We have also looked at word problems that involve finding the difference as well as addition and subtraction.

In Science and History, we have looked at the importance of soil and the features of different types of soils, such as colour, structure, texture and moisture. In History, we have explored different civilizations across the world and compared them to the Stone, Bronze, and Iron Ages.

On Wednesday, Year 3 and the whole school were able to visit St Andrew's Church to watch the school choir perform and sing Christmas songs and carols that they have been practising throughout the week. Year 3 really enjoyed this experience and have been enjoying the festive celebrations taking place at school. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to join us at the church - it was great to see your support!

Please find all of the resources related to next half terms learning topics on Google Classroom.

The Year 3 team wishes you a Merry Christmas and we hope you all have an enjoyable and safe holiday - we are looking forward to welcoming the children back in January and we are excited to continue our learning journey!

## **Y4 Update**

Year 4 has sped through this last week of term and had lots of fun! For our special Christmas events, all children in school visited St. Andrew's Church on Wednesday and joined in on singing Christmas songs and carols. Lots of children in Year 4 were also in the choir, and enjoyed performing to the whole school. They even learned a few fun facts about Christmas, such as where the word 'carol' comes from! Following this on Thursday, KS2 were visited by Harrow Music service. They saw a few familiar faces in the form of their violin teachers, and heard a lovely concert played by the adults.

In Reading, the children learned new vocabulary from an extract and applied these to sentences. We also focused on comprehension and retrieval of information from the text. In Writing, the children have completed their independent task of writing a persuasive letter to the Mayor of London. In Maths, we started a new topic on Fractions, and the children learned about 'quantities of' a whole.

In History, the children have been working hard on their end of unit essay, concluding the topic on Roman Britain. Pupils wrote about the impact that the Roman invasion had on Britain, and how this continues to affect us to this day. In Science, we finished the States of Matter unit by looking at the water cycle, and how states of matter change throughout the cycle itself.

Please find all knowledge organisers for next term on Google Classroom, and additional Mathletics tasks set. Please also continue to encourage children to access TTRS over the break and to continue reading for at least 15 minutes each day.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas, and we look forward to seeing your rested faces in the new year!

## **Y5 Update**

Year 5 had a busy last week of term! We took a break from our novel to read an extract from Roald Dahl's Matilda which the children loved. We looked at Matilda's first day at school reciting her timetables and hearing about the infamous Miss Trunchbull. Children explored vocabulary in the text as well as answering comprehension questions and summarising the extract. They watched a short clip from the film to compare the text and the movie.

In Maths, children continued looking at fractions and how these can be converted into decimal numbers through equivalent fractions to 10, 100 and 1000. They will continue to recap this during the first week back after the holidays before moving on to our next topic, drawing and reading angles. In Writing, children have been working hard on their end of unit essays for their History topic, Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, planning and writing everything they have learnt this half-term. Finally, in Science, children ended their topic by experimenting with water resistance using tubs of water and objects to explore the terms 'buoyancy' and 'upthrust' as well as learning about streamlined shapes.

Children loved the snow, and to continue the Christmas spirit, children enjoyed walking to the church on Wednesday afternoon. Our Year 5's were responsible for walking with the Year 1 pupils and they did a fantastic job of being role models, well done! We sang carols in the Church and listened to the nativity story. Many of our pupils were also involved in the choir, showing off their wonderful singing skills.

For next term, we have uploaded knowledge organisers and spellings for next half-term on the Google classroom as well as handing out a hard copy to children to take home. We have assigned Mathletics tasks, please could children continue to complete these as well as TTRS and do some Accelerated Reader quizzes online.

Have a restful break and a very happy holiday! :)

## **Y6 Update**

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed the last week of Autumn term before the Christmas break.

In Reading this week, we have continued 'Eye of the Wolf'. We have moved forward in the story and have discovered how our main character, 'Blue Wolf', had gotten split up from his pack and how he sacrificed himself to save his sister, 'Shiny Straw'. We have focused on the Reading Domain, 'Translator', through focusing on unpicking and analysing key vocabulary found in the text. In Maths, we have looked at finding missing angles in both triangles and quadrilaterals.

In Writing this week, we have edited and published our independent formal letters of complaint. The children have really improved their self and peer editing skills and this has shown in the fantastic work they have produced in their Writing portfolio books that the children can look back on and celebrate as the year goes on.

In Geography, we have continued our topic, 'Global Challenges'. This week we have looked at climate change and how global warming is having a negative impact on our planet. In Science we have studied microorganisms. We have discovered that some microorganisms are actually helpful, such as algae, which provides 75% of the Earth's oxygen! However, some microorganisms are very dangerous, such as viruses, which can lead to deadly diseases.

On Wednesday, all of Year 6 headed to St Andrew's Church, where we all took part in carol singing along with the whole school. All of Year 6 did a tremendous job assisting our Reception children walking to and from the church. Well done to Kanthavi in 6 Edinburgh whose decorative front cover for the service was chosen for the booklets for the whole school.



On Thursday, Year 6 took part in a Transport for London (TFL) workshop. This workshop was very informative and provided the children with lots of necessary information and guidance on how to safely use public transport as they prepare for Year 7 and beyond.

Also on Thursday, we were treated by a fantastic music concert from the Harrow Music Service. We were treated to some fantastic pieces of music with a variety of different instruments and the children thoroughly enjoyed the show!



Please find homework to be completed over the holiday as well resources for our topic next half term on Google Classroom.

On behalf of the Year 6 team, we hope the children and their families have an enjoyable and safe Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming the children back in January.



# Value of the Week: Collaborative

Class	This week's certificates go to...
R Oxford	For all of Oxford Class for collaborating brilliantly in their Nativity show and throughout this term.
R Southampton	For all of Southampton Class for collaborating brilliantly in their Nativity show and throughout this term.
1 Bath	Presha and Riaan - for working collaboratively with their peers in writing.
1 Bristol	Arya- For collaborating and contributing when writing a set of instructions. Great work!  Adam- For collaborating excellently when discussing what happens to animals during the winter. Keep it up!
2 Cambridge	Iosif and Nevan for working well together during talk tasks on the carpet.
2 Colchester	Jiyana and Muhamed for always working collaboratively with their peers during their lessons. Well done!
2 Norwich	Bidhan and Fares for always working extremely collaboratively with their peers in everything they do.  Well done boys, keep it up!
3 Birmingham	Aradhya and Victor for working collaboratively with their partners during History, where they have been researching different civilizations. Well done!
3 Warwick	Laranya and Levi for working fantastically together on their History assignment and their Science work. Well done!
4 Sheffield	Alessia and Ianis for collaborating with their talk partners during talk tasks. Well done!

4 York	Maria and Octavian for displaying wonderful team spirit and compassion in comforting one of their classmates when they were upset. Thank you for being excellent role models!
5 Liverpool	Anaya and Samuel for their collaborative approach to problem solving in Mathematics this week!
5 Manchester	Kruthika and Mariam - not only for collaborating well as partners in the classroom, but for also looking after their Year 1 buddies while walking to the church on Wednesday. Good job!
6 Cardiff	Thomas and Larissia - for collaborating with reception for their nativity show and as partners walking to the St Andrew's Church. Well Done!
6 Edinburgh	Kanthavi and Asir - for collaborating tremendously well with their Reception peers as they walked to and from St Andrew's Church. Well Done!

## PE Star of the Week

Reception	Ezra, Ella, Nova, Shivansh for all their hard work and dedication to improve their PE skills this term!
Year 1	Kylah, Reigan, Kajannan, George P showing an amazing improvement throughout the term!
Year 2	Nerys, Victoria, Nevan, Joshy always willing to help and remained focus
Year 3	Aylah, Amelia, Kevin, Matteo helped their class become a perfect team!
Year 4	York and Sheffield have shown amazing work during hockey, this whole two classes were amazing!
Year 5	Chiaya, Malak, Atish, Samuel for amazing teamwork!
Year 6	Zachary, Franky, Narjis, Cristana for showing great leadership in hockey and working with their teams to improve their skills!

# Individual Awards: TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars)



## Yr 3 Leadership Board



## Yr 4 Leadership Board



## Yr 5 Leadership Board



## Yr 6 Leadership Board





# General Notices

## Winter advice and support services

If you, or a family you know, are struggling this winter, here are some useful support organisations:

[Harrow Food Support](#)

[SHINE](#)

[West London Green Doctors](#)

SOUTH HARROW CHURCHES TOGETHER

## Warm Spaces

 free hot drinks available  
 free meal available

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
10am-1pm  Harrow Salvation Army Roxeth Hill, HA2 OJY	10am-12noon  S Harrow Christian Fellowship South Hill Ave, HA2 ONN	9.30-12noon  Corbin's Cafe, St Paul's Corbin's Lane, HA2 OEL
6-10pm  S Harrow Methodist Chrch Walton Ave, HA2 8QU	11.30am-1pm  St Paul's South Harrow Corbins Lane, HA2 OEL	10am-2pm  S Harrow Methodist Church Walton Ave, HA2 8QU
	6-8pm  S Harrow Baptist Church Northolt Rd, HA2 8EB	2-4pm  Christ Church Roxeth Roxeth Hill, HA2 OJN
THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
9am-5pm St Andrews Roxbourne Malvern Avenue, HA2 9ER	11am-1pm  S Harrow Baptist Church Northolt Rd, HA2 8EB	9am-5pm St Andrews Roxbourne Malvern Avenue, HA2 9ER
1-3.30pm  Roxeth Community Church Coles Crescent, HA2 OTN		
<b>SUNDAYS</b> All of our churches are open for worship, please check churches for opening times		

# Important Dates

Date	Time	Event
<b>Friday 16th December 2022</b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Last day of HT2</b>
Monday 19th December 2022	09:30 - 13:30	Harrow Children's (HAF) Winter Wonderland 2022
<b>Wednesday 4th January 2023</b>	<b>08:40</b>	<b>First Day of HT3</b>

# School admissions

Applications are now open for Nursery and Reception school places for September 2023. Due to high demand, places at Roxbourne Primary School fill very quickly. Should you have family, friends or neighbours with Nursery or Reception aged children, please let them know that applications are now open as detailed below.

## Open Days

We are running a series of Open mornings to allow prospective parents to visit the school during a teaching day, meet with our Head Teacher Mr Benserghin and ask any questions they may have. If any of your family, friends or neighbours, who are interested in applying to Roxbourne for a place for their child, would like to attend one of our Open Mornings, please ask them to register on our Open Morning booking [form](#).

## Nursery Admissions

Choosing the right nursery for your child can be difficult. **Roxbourne Nursery** provides high quality early years education, giving priority to the developmental needs and happiness of our children and their families in a safe environment where the wellbeing of every child is our utmost concern. Our teachers and support staff are passionate in their role of working with children and provide the necessary skills and knowledge to enhance the child's learning and development. As part of this process we recognise and value the diverse community that we are part of, believing that quality can be achieved by working together in partnership with parents and other service providers. We would love you to visit our beautiful homely environment to see how settled and happy the children are.



All three and four year olds are entitled to 15 hours per week of early year's education each academic year from the start of the term after their third birthday, up until the term after their fifth birthday. This is known as the *universal entitlement*.

Three and four year olds, whose parents meet the criteria, will be eligible for an additional 15 hours per week. This is known as the *extended entitlement*. Eligibility guidelines for free full-time nursery can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>. If you are not eligible but would still be interested in a full-time place, please contact the school office on 020 8422 9207.

We offer three nursery sessions: morning only, afternoon only and full-time.

## Nursery Admissions (Starting in September 2023)

Applications are now open for nursery school places for September 2023, if your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020.

You must apply through the Harrow Council nursery school place [website](#).

### Important dates for Nursery school admissions for September 2023

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 15th January 2023	-	Application closing date
Tuesday 15th March 2023	-	Receive outcome of application

## Nursery Admissions (in-year admissions)

If you need a nursery school place for the current academic year, please contact the school office:  
[office@roxbourneprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@roxbourneprimaryschool.co.uk)

## Reception Admissions (Starting September 2023)

Applications are now open for Reception school places for September 2023, if your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019.

You must apply through the Harrow Council primary school place [website](#).



### Important dates for Reception admissions for September 2023

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 15th January 2023	-	Application closing date
Tuesday 19th April 2023	-	Receive outcome of application

### In-year admissions for pupils in Y1 - Y6

School places for children who are changing schools or have recently moved to Harrow.

If you have recently moved to Harrow and need an immediate school place for your child or you would like to transfer your child to a new school, please complete the [in-year admission form](#).