



As we begin our final month of 2024, we look forward to our Christingle Services, EYFS and Year 2 productions, a delicious Christmas dinner alongside our fantastic learning.

At the start of November, the entire school and staff joined for our Remembrance Day service. Our site manager, Mr O'nions joined us resplendent in his service medals to read a poem. The children showed the value of respect, and asked if he could join them in their classes to talk about his medals and time serving in the Army.



Daily Ordering

A reminder that next Monday (the 9th), we move to daily ordering for our school meals. Each morning the children will order their school meal alongside the school register, menus for the last two weeks of term are presented on the website. There will be a new menu for after the Christmas holiday.

Take care,
Mrs Cork

For your diary.....

Date	Year Groups involved
Tuesday 10 th December / Thursday 12 th December	Year 2 Nativity to families' Year 2
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 2 Grandparents performance Year 2
Thursday 12 th December	Christingle Services @ St Marys All
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper day All
Thursday 19 th December	EYFS Nativity to families EYFS
Friday 20 th December	Last day of the Autumn term All

New date – Christingle Services at St Mary’s Church

Thursday 12th December

Christingle



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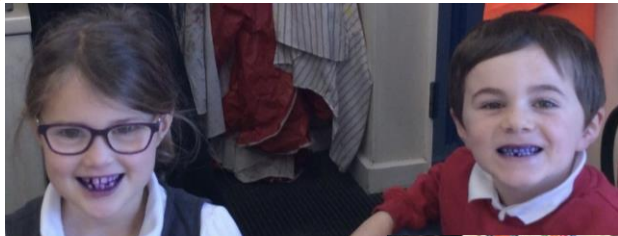
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The EYFS children are really enjoying our new theme for this half term; Let's Celebrate. So far we have learnt about Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali, Birthdays, New Babies and Weddings in order to help us answer our Big Question : 'How do people around the world special times?' We have been lucky enough to welcome lots of visitors including; Mr O'nions who told us all about his war medals, Mrs Nakum who taught us some traditional Indian Dancing, Mrs Harden who talked all about her new baby and Mrs Voce who is a midwife and told us all about how she would look after Mrs Denton who is expecting a baby. What a busy term we are having. We now turn our learning towards Christmas and the Nativity.



Year 1 enjoyed a 'History of Toys Day'. They investigated and explored old toys, became archaeologists and then spent the afternoon crafting their very own toys.

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In our Year 2 Science lessons, we have been learning about the effects of our diet on our teeth. As part of this we took part in a disclosure tablet investigation to help us to understand how we could brush our teeth more effectively. The children had great fun!

In Year 3, we have been learning about Pneumatic systems involving compressed air. They had to design and make a pneumatic toy, which was very tricky. They all showed resilience and courage!



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This term Year 4 had a wonderful visit to Colchester Castle. We spent the day touring the castle, riding chariots, building Roman villas, discovering weird and wonderful artefacts- including a bread roll that survived the rebellion of Boudica!



On 6th November, Year 5 dressed up as evacuees and travelled back in time to World War Two at The Royal Gunpowder Mills!

They had a wonderful day learning about rationing, air raids and evacuation.

Bonsai and Cherry class were lucky enough to explore a replica World War Two shop and experience what it might feel like to be in an Anderson Shelter during an air raid.

The children were also able to view various artefacts from the war, including a V2 (bomb) engine. Everybody had a tremendous day!



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Year 6 took a break from their Mock SATs to enjoy a jam-packed afternoon of Forest Fun, thanks to Miss Heard; Mrs Carter; Mrs Riminton and Mr Streatfield. Throughout the afternoon, all Year 6 children had the opportunity to build a shelter; make fat balls to support our feathered visitors now that the weather is turning colder; explore the wildlife area before rounding it all off enjoy smores cooked on a fire built by themselves.



A MASSIVE thank you to everyone in the Heathlands community that took part in Children in Need this year. We had a fantastic time walking to the woods, spotting Pudsey bears and taking part in a quiz. We raised an incredible

£510

that will make a huge difference to the charity
Thank you for your generosity!



Alex took part in the East of England regional shooting competition. Alex really enjoyed his first experience of competitive shooting, and although he was one of the youngest he gave it his best. He wore his Heathlands kit with pride.

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