

## KEEPING SAFE & HEALTHY

### 16 WAYS TO HAVE A SAFER HOLIDAY SEASON



#### HOLIDAY DECORATING SAFETY

December is the high season for candle fires. Christmas trees and holiday lighting add to the fire risk during the holidays.



1. Use heavy-duty, outdoor extension cords for exterior holiday lighting.
2. Display a fresh Christmas tree, dry trees are bigger fire hazards.
3. Use a timer or turn off holiday lighting before going to bed.
4. Never leave candles unattended or near flammable decorations.

## CHRISTIAN VALUES

PEACE

FOR UNTO US A  
*Child* is born,  
 UNTO US A  
*Son* is given; and  
 the government will  
 be upon his shoulder, and his name  
 will be called  
*Wonderful Counselor,*  
**MIGHTY GOD**  
*Everlasting Father*  
**PRINCE OF PEACE.**  
 ISAIAH  
**9:6**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

*Christmas at Hen & Dot Cafe*  
 Friday 17th - Saturday 18th - Sunday 19th & Monday 20th December  
 10am-4pm

Join us for our 12 Days of Christmas Trail  
 Santa's Grotto (pre-book only via our website)  
 Festive Afternoon Teas (pre-book only via email)  
 Usual cafe menu (no need to book)  
[www.henanddot.co.uk](http://www.henanddot.co.uk)

# Goodrich Church of England

Attendance		7 <sup>th</sup> Edition 2021-22	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Termly House points
Reception	88.1%	<p><b>Christmas Blessing</b> </p> <p>May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ-child be God's gifts to us and to people everywhere this Christmas time. And may the blessing of the Christ-child be upon us always.</p> <p><b>Amen</b></p>	<p>Goodrich Church of England Primary School</p> <p><b>Collective Worship</b></p> <p>At this time of year we think about <b>Advent &amp; Christmas</b></p>  <p>We are organised and we value peace.</p> <p>'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.'                      (John 14:27)</p>	 <p>Dragon</p> <p>5</p>
Year 1	98.4%			 <p>Pegasus</p> <p>1</p>
Year 2	96.8%			 <p>Griffin</p> <p>4</p>
Year 3	92.5%			 <p>Phoenix</p> <p>3</p>
Year 4	94.2%			
Year 5	85%			
Year 6	96.9%			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93.1%</b>			

# Primary School Newsletter

## Twitter Snapshot @GoodrichCESch



## Reminders

**HOLIDAY TO DO LIST:**

1. BUY PRESENTS
2. WRAP GIFTS *Be someone in a hug.*
3. SEND GIFTS *Joy*
4. SHOP FOR FOOD *Be*
5. SEE THE LIGHTS
6. MAKE COOKIES *Laughter!*

*Merry Christmas*

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## PTFA/ Coming Soon

### Herefordshire Council

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

##### Reception admissions for 2022-2023

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

If so you will need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2022 (to commence September 2022)

Applications can be completed from **13 September 2021** online (scan QR code)



or visit: [www.bit.ly/hfcschooladmissions](http://www.bit.ly/hfcschooladmissions)

Please note: a place at a nursery does not guarantee a place at the associated primary school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or [schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk)

## News

Dear all,

Yesterday, we said farewell to Mrs Pye, it is always sad to lose a member of our team, especially after working at Goodrich for over 18 years but we know she has many plans for her retirement and we hope that she will keep in touch. We thank her for all that she has done for our children and the school over the years.

We started the week with our treat from the PTFA at the pantomime in Monmouth, what a super production and it was so nice to see the enjoyment on the children's faces. A huge thank you to the PTFA. For me the real start of Christmas is when I watch our school Nativity. We hope you enjoy our film which you can find at <https://youtu.be/0tl6QQYLr1k>.

This is closely followed, in my top ten Christmassy favourites, by our school Christmas Carol concert, focusing on the true 'reason for the season.' This year each class did a reading from the Christmas story and then chose a Christmas song to accompany it, all shared by the lights of our Christmas tree. Coming together as a whole school to do this, really focused my mind on our value, 'peace' which I was filled with especially as each class contributed to our prayer before the Christmas blessing. I would like to share their prayer with you.

Dear God,

This Christmas, we pray for loved ones to come to celebrate with us with joy in our hearts and to be grateful for all we have and all we get, (Owls)

We give thanks for our families and friends at Christmastime and all year round. We are thankful for all the Christmas activities with fun and laughter, (Robins)

At Christmas we give thanks for everybody putting decorations up and coming together to celebrate Christmas, (Peregrines)

We give thanks for the warm smell of gingerbread and presents under the tree at Christmastime, (Peregrines)

We give thanks for Christmas because it's a time of joy and we can spend time with family and friends, (Peregrines)

We say thank you for Christmas as it gives me the opportunity to share and create memories, that will forever stay in my heart. (Peregrines)

Thank you for our Mummies and Daddies, for Jesus, for Santa and for our toys, (Goldcrests)

We hope that everyone gets to share Christmas with someone, be healthy and look after the world for future generations, (Woodpeckers)

We ask that everyone has fun times with their families and friends. (Wrens)

Amen

Wishing you a Christmas filled with joy, love and peace of the heart and mind.

I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Mrs Miles



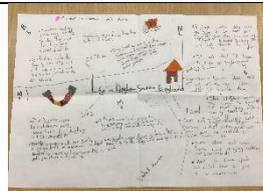
## Class News

**Goldcrests** In Goldcrests over the last two weeks we have been talking about all things Christmas. We have been learning many Christmas songs and rhymes and listening to Christmas music, we particularly like playing the bells whilst singing Jingle Bells. We have also enjoyed some lovely Christmas stories, including the story of The First Christmas, where we learnt about the real meaning of Christmas. We have been making some amazing artwork, some of which we have used to decorate the nursery. We enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers last Friday and did several laps of the playground for our part of the Santa Dash. We have also been very good at taking turns to open the Advent calendar each day and made some tasty Christmas biscuits and mince pies. We are all now getting very excited about Christmas and making our lists for Santa, not long now! Happy Christmas everyone, see you in 2022.

Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow play!	Words of the Week
Talking about what we would like to say 'thank you' to God for, Gracie said "for my Mummy and my Daddy".	 We did lots of running for the Santa Dash.	 Some of our Christmas art work	Christmas Jesus Bethlehem stable angels

**Wrens** Wow, what a busy end of term we have had in Wrens! We had lots of fun at the pantomime and would like to say a great big thank you to the PTFA for this visit. We did our first live performance of our Nativity to the rest of the school and were super at remembering our words and dances. We also made some fantastic repeating pattern party hats to wear whilst eating our Christmas dinner. We enjoyed our last session of the term in Forest School and had a great yoga session in which we showed all we have been learning over the past weeks. We have also been enthusiastically singing and dancing to Christmas songs and carols. The staff and children of Wrens would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow play!	Words of the Week	Class Superstars
When talking about friends, Matilda explained that a good friend will always cheer you up when you are feeling sad.	Twinkle the Elf came to help us with our Yoga poses.	The Year 1 children have been brilliant at using their 'performing' voices when saying lines in the Nativity and sharing readings in our Christmas Carol Worship.	glittery swirl celebrate pantomime dash	

Robins	<p>In Robins, we have been very busy over the last couple of weeks; we have been making Christmas cards, writing acrostic poems, Christmas lists and letters as well as writing 'The Nativity Story.' In Maths we have been using what we know to code break clues for Santa. We have run a mile for our Santa dash, trotting like a reindeer and jogging like Santa. In RE we all made a Christingle; the children were able to talk about what each part represented. The children have been busily learning songs and lines for our Christmas Nativity; 'Mary's Knitting' – we hope you enjoy it.</p> <p>Thank you, parents, and other family members, for all your support this term. It has been very much appreciated. We wish you the merriest of Christmases. See you in the new year.</p>				Last week Millie Zara Maggie  This week all of Robins
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week	
	<p>Maggie says; "Christmas is a very special time of the year because it is when Jesus was born" Toby added, "Jesus is the light of the world"</p>	<p>We have been doing some Christmas yoga allowing us to breathe and stretch.</p>	 <p>Our fantastic Christingles</p>	<p>enemy snack sticky thick murky</p>	
Woodpeckers	<p>We have been very busy in Woodpeckers over the last few weeks. In Maths, we have been estimating answers and then using the column method to solve some Christmas themed addition and subtraction problems. In English, we have been writing our own 'defeat the monster' tales and as part of our Science, we have been creating informative leaflets and posters to explain the dangers of the sun and how to protect ourselves from the sun. We have also been exploring sound through different activities and how sound travels to our ears. In Music, we have been writing and performing our own lyrics about how music makes us feel and in D.T. we have been using our knowledge of levers to make Christmas cards. In History, we have been exploring life in Anglo-Saxon times through cooking some of their recipes and in P.E. we have been getting into the festive spirit through dancing to Christmas songs and taking part in the Santa Dash.</p> <p>From all of us in Woodpeckers Class, we would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help and support this term. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and hopefully an even better new year. We will see you in 2022!</p>				All of Woodpeckers
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week	
	<p>Aidan said, "Christmas is about spending time with family."</p> <p>Nell said, "My Christmas wish is that I hope everyone who is homeless gets to share Christmas with someone and have food and shelter to keep themselves warm."</p>	 <p>We had lots of fun taking part in the Santa Dash.</p>	 <p>We have been developing our Computing Skills to make our informative leaflets about the benefits/dangers of the sun and how to protect ourselves.</p>	<p>lever sound vibration vibrate artefact</p>	
Owls	<p>This week we have been finishing off our History topic by finding out more about the Anglo Saxons and using our knowledge of electrical circuits to create our Christmas cards. We have also enjoyed lots of festive activities including the pantomime, Christmas Lunch, Christmas Carols and party day. It has been a fun week at the end of a very busy term.</p> <p>Thank you for all of your help and support this term. Our team effort, has helped to make this term a great success. A particularly big thank you to Jane Cooke for volunteering her time to come swimming with Owls this term.</p> <p>Owls Class hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!</p>				To All of Owls Class
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week	
	<p>While in Forest School this week, Dexter saw a frog and said, 'He's beautiful.'</p>	<p>Owls Class enjoyed some free play in Forest School on Wednesday afternoon.</p>	 <p>Isla's and Phoebe's research on Anglo-Saxon life.</p>	<p>solidarity tedious component circuit participate</p>	

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December, Peregrine Class went to meet an author (Ian young) and whilst sitting round a lit fire-pit and drinking hot apple and black currant juice, he read some of his story called The Winterscar Chronicles: 1 Cry of the Norwolf and then did a question and answer session. It was a great experience.

In English, we have continued to write our stories and in History we have been researching information about the weapons used and the impact that the Second World War had on society then and now. Mark Taylor, who is part of a Living History Group, came in on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December to give a talk on the Second World War and the children had an opportunity to see, try on and hold artefacts that belonged to people involved in WWII. There were lots of questions asked too.

In Science, we have been investigating further how water and nutrients get into our blood vessels via diffusion and osmosis.

Finally, we all enjoyed our visit to The Savoy, Monmouth, to watch the pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk. It was made even more memorable as Peregrine Class were buddied with children from Wrens Class.

Before we finish, it just leaves us to say a huge thank you for all your help and support this term. It has been very much appreciated. We wish you a wonderful Christmas and, fingers-crossed, an even better new year. We will see you in 2022!

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<p>Lucas said about the pantomime: <i>'I really liked seeing my buddy laugh and that was first time in ages we were as a whole school.'</i></p>	 <p>On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, we took part in the Stride Ahead Santa Dash.</p>	 <p>Umber's conflict inspired picture.</p>	<p>propaganda dispute amphibious atomic declaration</p>

**What's Going On? (Please see [ourschoolsapp.com](https://ourschoolsapp.com) for further information)**

Forest School		Celebration Worship	Other Dates	
05/01/22	Peregrines	<p>Unfortunately, no family celebrations at the moment.</p>	17/12/21	Last day of Autumn term
6/01/22	Robins		05/01/22	First Day of Spring term
				No clubs in the first week (other than Breakfast/ Smiles)
12/01/22	Peregrines			
13/01/22	Wrens		10/01/22	After school clubs start