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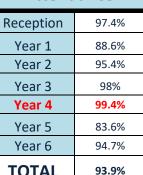
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Attendance				
Reception	97.4%			
Year 1	88.6%			
Year 2	95.4%			
Year 3	98%			
Year 4	99.4%			
Year 5	83.6%			
Year 6	94.7%			
TOTAL	93.9%			

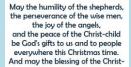
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Christmas Blessing



child be upon us always. Amen



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Primary School Newsletter

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Goodrich CE School and Goldcrests Nursery @Goodrich CESch · 10 Today we had our annual Christmas trip to @ pontomine "Mother Goose". Everyone had an amazing time and we were even lucky to see and talk to the stars after the show ended. Thank you to the PTFA for organising a great afternoon.



Goodrich CE School and Goldcrests Nurser @GoodrichCESch - Dec 11 ...



Reminders

Please take the opportunity over the holidays to check that all uniform, PE and Forest School kit is clearly labelled.

Lunches and clubs will need to be booked via Arbor BEFORE the children return on TUESDAY 9th JANUARY in order for food orders to be completed. Paper forms do not need to be sent in.

PTFA/ Forthcoming Events



IMPORTANT NOTICE Reception admissions for 2024-2025

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

If so you will need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2024 (to commence September 2024)

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For further information please contact the school admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk

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News

Dear all,

On Friday 8th December, our choir joined the Roaring Megs at St Giles' church for the first part of their concert to raise money for our local hospice. Miss Williams and I felt so privileged to join the event and proud of our choir, some of them performing solos for the first time to a packed church. We thought it might be a tough ask for the choir on a Friday evening but they were fabulous and so were the Roaring Megs. Mr Banks-Martin led the event and the choir brilliantly and he sent an email afterwards saying, "It was a very special evening for us as the Roaring Megs and I think for the village and its community in general; and the children were particularly spectacular and brilliantly effervescent and enthusiastic in their singing, immediately injecting an impressive energy to the evening."

The choir will perform a couple of their songs at our Carol Service at St Giles' next week on Thursday 21st, so there is another chance to hear them sing, with some other children singing the solo parts. We encourage you to come and join

next week on Thursday 21^{st,} so there is another chance to hear them sing, with some other children singing the solo parts. We encourage you to come and join us. After the Carol Service, if you have attended, we will give you time to come and collect your child/children before we escort the rest back to school.

This year, our Year Six & Reception children did an excellent job on their trip and chose a beautiful tree. If anyone would like it and can arrange collection next Friday after school, (or we can leave it outside for collection over the weekend) we would be very happy to see it enjoyed further. Please let Mrs Turner know if you would like it.

Recently we have also enjoyed this half term's House event- The Spelling Bee. All of the children represented their houses brilliantly and the spelling was outstanding. We had a visitor that day who was truly impressed by such excitement about spelling. Golden Griffins won on the day including points for attitudes towards their own and other team performances. You can see on the first page of the Newsletter, that the Autumn Term competition was very close but the Spelling Bee made the difference and the Golden Griffins are victorious. They will meet next week to choose a treat to enjoy at the beginning of next term. Well done to them all!

Next week we will be saying farewell to a few of our staff team. Mrs Hughes will be retiring after working in the school for 27 years. She will be much missed. Miss Collett and Mrs Deeks will also be finishing at Goodrich but we hope they will still be frequent visitors. Many thanks from us all for all of their hard work and dedication.

Wishing you a peaceful holiday with all the awe and wonder of those precious moments at Christmas time.

Best wishes Mrs Miles Last week the children looked at how people help us. Which lead to a wonderful surprise for the children when Whitchurch Fire Crew paid us a visit, explaining how we can keep safe in an emergency. We listened to the story of Little Robin Red Breast and how he helped all the animals through the cold weather by giving them one of his Christmas jumpers, until he had none left for himself. He was then helped by Father Christmas who gave him his special red breast. The children shared their ideas of the different ways we can help others. The story linked to our Math development, recognising how many we had left when one was taken away. As the weather is turning colder the children made birds feeders to take home to hang in their gardens, hoping that a robin will come to feed during the following weeks.

This week the children have been learning all about the First Christmas and why it is such a special time of year, celebrating the birth of the baby Jesus. The children then had a great time re-enacting the story in our stable role-play, taking on the roles of Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and the 3 Wise Men. (At times Jesus had more than one Mary). They also explored small world figures and puppets to tell the story as we read a wide selection of Nativity stories.

We have seen some fabulous 'stars' this week, as they sang and danced during the Nativity performances. We were very proud of them all for the confidence they showed, acting alongside the older children. Thanks for the children's help, as we have decorated the Nursery ready for our final week of celebrations. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year, we look forward to seeing you all and hearing about all the children's celebrations in 2024.

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Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow play!	Words of the Week			
The Children have been discussing how we can help people. "Making others happy." "I help Mum do the washing." "I help Mummy putting away." "I can fix things people break."	Learning about fire safety	Our Nativity super stars	helping kindness caring Nativity Jesus star			

Wow, what a busy term! Firstly, the infants along with Goldcrests have really made us very proud whilst performing the 'Twinkly Nativity,' thank you to you all for coming along to watch, we really hope you enjoyed it! On the 4th December the Reception children went on a secret mission with Year Six, the mission was to find the best Christmas tree for school, my goodness, they managed to find the 'biggest' tree! We all had so much fun, thank you to Carly Morris and Jan (Mrs Babbage's mum) who came along. In Maths the Year Ones have been adding and subtracting with money whilst the Reception children have been continuing to count, recognise and write numbers 1 – 5. In D.T. the children have been investigating structures. In Geography we have been looking at the differences between human and physical features for each of the capital cities of the UK. In Music we have been practising our Nativity songs with Makaton signs which the children have become very confident with. In Science we have been continuing to explore seasonal change including looking at the weather and how trees look different throughout each season. In Computing the children have been programming Beebots to move to different shapes on the mat. In RE the children have been thinking about how Christians prepare for Christmas and learning all about Advent. Last week the children took part in our House competition spelling bee. Well done to all those children involved; there were some fantastic spelling by our Wrens class! Thank you to everyone that practised the spellings even if you were unable to represent your house on the day. Yesterday the children thoroughly enjoyed watching the panto 'Mother Goose' at the Savoy theatre in Monmouth, it was joyous to see the children's smiles and laughter along with the dancing. Thank you to the PTFA for organising the afternoon for us and for spending time making Christmas crafts with the Wrens children. Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for your continued support and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Class Superstars

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Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow play!	Words of the Week	
"This was the best day ever!" said Aster after seeing the panto.	Santa Dash fun, trotting like reindeers!	Working together	icy skid drip calendar icicle	Ana Reuben

Robins have been very busy continuing their writing based on 'The Nutcracker' in English. In Maths they have been continuing to learn about multiplication by grouping. We very much enjoyed our 'House' competition-Spelling Bee and we are all very proud of those of you who practised so hard at home, even if you were not able to represent your house. Everyone was very supportive of each other. It was very impressive to see our Infants on the stage, their spelling was amazing! Thank you so much to the PTFA for coming in and making beautiful crafts with Robins and for the Christmas Fayre. Also, a big thank you to Forest School for the lovely decorations the children made. In Music the children have been learning Christmas songs including a rap and playing them on the Boomwhackers. In Computing the children have been working in groups to design their own floor mats for the Beebots. In DT we have been learning how triangles and tubes can make a structure more stable. In Science we have been making bottles with autumnal colours and learning about the seasonal changes in winter. In Geography we have been learning about the city of Cardiff. As you know the children have been practising The Nativity alongside Goldcrests and Wrens. Three brilliant performances! Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped with costumes and came to watch. And finally, all the children really enjoyed their visit to the panto in Monmouth, 'Mother Goose.' "Oh, yes they did!" Once again, thank you to our wonderful PTFA. Wishing you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Oliver Lucy

Quote of the week Body & Mind		Wow work!	Words of the Week
"I liked it when the baddie lost his powers." Freddy after the panto	Working together on a puzzle of the	Santa coming down the chimney,	collage vale bay regeneration eerily

by Isaac.

Woodpeckers have been working extremely hard, as we come to an end of a very busy Autumn Term. In Maths, we have been using the column method to solve addition and subtraction problems and have also been using our knowledge of rounding to help us estimate answers. In English, we have been writing our own 'defeating the monsters' tales based on Beowulf and as part of our Science, we have been creating a leaflet about the benefits and the dangers of the sun. We have also been carrying out an investigation between the length of a shadow and how close an object is to a light source. In History, we have been finding out what village life was like during Anglo-Saxon times and in D.T. we have been designing a Christmas card, using a lever of our choice to make next week. In R.E. we have been learning about the different festivals in the Jewish calendar and how they are celebrated and in PE we have been developing our attacking and defending skills whilst passing a ball.

United Kingdom.

We have also had some amazing opportunities, beginning with some Woodpeckers children representing our school in our school choir and singing with the Roaring Megs in St. Giles' Church on Friday night, they all sang brilliantly and did themselves proud! Then on Monday, we had the opportunity to watch Goldcrests, Wrens and Robins children in their Nativity and on Thursday, we continued the Christmas festivities and watched 'Mother Goose' in The Savoy, Monmouth. Thank you to the PTFA for organising a great afternoon and a brilliant experience. Woodpeckers would also like to take this opportunity to thank our reading volunteers (Emily, Martina and Carly) who have given up their time to help us improve our reading skills. Year 3 children would also like to thank Carly for helping with swimming this term. Finally, Woodpeckers have done amazingly this term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and helpers for their kindness, help and support. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to hearing all about it and seeing you all in 2024!

Harriet Noah

wonderful Christmas a	s and a Happy New Year. I look forward to hearing all about it and seeing you all in 2024!				
Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week		
After the panto the children said "It was brilliant." Harriet "Best one yet!" Cecilly	We have been working on our attacking and defending skills whilst passing a ball. Some great teamwork and communication!	Some of our amazing Anglo- Saxon homework!	gable viciously estimate opaque shadow		

We are nearing the end of a very busy term and Owls Class have achieved a great deal! Last Friday a number of children in Owl's Class sang in the choir at the church with the Roaring Megs. Four children in our class were extremely brave and sang solos or in a small group in front of a full congregation at the church...what an achievement! On Monday we were entertained by KS1 when we enjoyed their super Nativity performance. On Thursday we had a great time at Monmouth Savoy watching Mother Goose and we would like to thank the PFTA for organising this wonderful event for us.

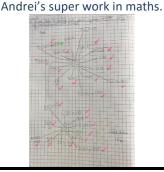
In class we have been extending our knowledge of multiplication and division facts using our times table knowledge to help us during our maths lessons. In English, we have been writing a letter of thanks to a chosen person. D&T- we have finalised our designs for making a Christmas card which include an electrical circuit and next week we will begin to make them in time for Christmas!

Owls Class would like to say a huge thank you to our reading volunteers who have helped us to make such good progress in reading this term. In particular, we would like to thank Carly Morris for her tireless work in supporting us in many different ways throughout this term: her help has made a huge difference to Owls Class this term. We would also like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope that you enjoy precious family time over the festive period. Thank you for all of your support this term and we look forward to the New Year and new term.

Rosie Isaac

Quote of the week Body & Mind After singing in the church, Maggie said, "It made me feel happy and calm sunshine. singing with the Roaring Megs. As I sang my worries vanished in a sea of joy. It was amazing!"

We have been improving our ball skills in PE and on Monday we were practising in the



Wow work!

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Words of the Week

It is nearly the end of the Autumn Term and the end of the year 2023, but before we finish, we would like to share some of the things we have been up to. On Monday 4th December, we carried out a secret mission with the Reception children. We had to choose a Christmas tree and we chose the 'biggest one'. It looks great with all the lights and decorations. On Thursday 7th December, we had our half-termly house event – a Spelling Bee. It was a super event, and the Golden Griffins achieved the highest score! On Friday 8th December, some of us joined the Roaring Megs at a Carol Service in St Giles Church. It was a wonderful occasion. On Monday 11th December, we watched Goldcrest, Wrens and Robins' Nativity dress rehearsal. What a performance! It bought back memories of when we were that age. On Thursday 14th December, we enjoyed a whole school visit to The Savoy in Monmouth to watch Mother Goose pantomime. A huge thank you to the PTFA for making this happen.

In our academic learning, we have been writing newspaper reports in English and in Maths we have been finding the area of triangles and parallelograms and using our knowledge to solve problems. In Science we have been finding out about the circulatory system and investigating the impact exercise can have on our heart rate. In History and Art, we have continued to explore and experience life during World War Two.

Finally, we would like to say a very big thank you to our reading volunteers (Caroline and Carly) and to Carly for helping with swimming, to the PTFA for everything that you do and to all our parents and families. We appreciate all your time, effort, support and help during this term. It really does make a huge difference. Thank you so much. Finally, finally, wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Jacob Holly

During our PSHE lesson on families and friendships, Finley said, "A healthy relationship is based on honesty, respect and not making each other do things they don't want to do and sharing

responsibilities, like

bringing up a baby."

Quote of the week

These are some of our thoughts about the Christmas secret mission. "I think it was really fun. I enjoyed seeing the little children's faces and seeing how much they enjoyed it and what it meant to them."

Body & Mind

"I really enjoyed it when the Receptions were jumping up and down as they found a tree and it was an experience I will always remember."

These are some of our research projects about World War Two.

Wow work!



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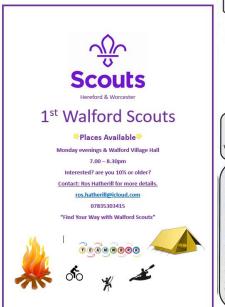
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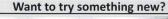
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Maddy for always being TIPTOP with a modest attitude towards your many achievements. We are proud of you.

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	What's Going On? (Please see ourschoolsapp.com for further information)						
	Forest School		Celebration V	Vorship		Other Dates	
19/12/23	Peregrines						
					21/12/23	Carol Service at St Giles	
						1.45pm-3.00pm	
					22/12/23	Christmas Party Day	
					22/12/23	Last day of Autumn Term	
09/01/24	Woodpeckers				09/01/24	TUESDAY	
						First day of Spring Term	
10/01/24	Wrens						
		12/01/	'24 Woodpecke	ers			
16/01/24	Owls						
17/01/24	Robins				17/01/24	Y5&Y6 Dodgeball at JKHS	
23/01/24	Peregrines						
24/01/24	Wrens				24/01/24	Rags2Riches Collection	
		26/01/	24 Robins		26/01/24	Young Voices Choir	
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