

Headteacher's Newsletter



20th December 2024 - Edition 8

Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

As we wrap up this festive term, I'm filled with joy reflecting on my first few months as your Headteacher. Our school has been buzzing with Christmas cheer! From the delightful Nativity performances by our Reception and Year 1 children to today's heart-warming Carol Service in school, the spirit of the season has truly shone through. The Christmas parties and raffle added extra sparkle to our celebrations!

Raffles and Secret Santa Event

We have drawn the raffle and a huge 81 hampers/gifts were won (all winners were contacted via telephone). I cannot thank you enough, not only for buying so many raffle tickets, but for donating such wonderful items for us to make the hampers.

This week, the children shopped in our **Secret Santa Store** and wrapped up their gift to take home and put under the tree for someone special.

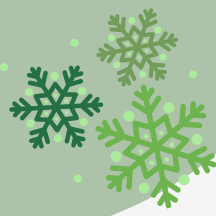
In total, we have managed to raise a **HUGE £2,275.00** which gives us a great start to our £20,000 target to build a brand-new library.

Reception 2025 Places - Reminder

Dudley admissions service have asked us to remind parents who still haven't applied for a **Primary school place for September 2025**, that the closing date is fast approaching: the **15th January 2025**. There is still a significant number of parents who haven't yet applied, so please remember to do so.



Nativity



Our Reception and Year 1 children have been absolute stars, quite literally, in their nativity performance. The dedication and enthusiasm they've shown in preparing for this special event have been nothing short of remarkable. From the littlest angel to the wisest king, each child brought their own unique sparkle to the stage. It's been a delight to watch them grow in confidence and shine so brightly. The nativity is always a highlight of our school calendar, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas and showcasing the incredible talents of our youngest learners. Thank you so much to our amazing staff for making this beautiful event happen.



Christmas Parties

There has been plenty of fun and sparkle this week in our Christmas parties! All children had a fun time dancing, singing and playing party games. Some children were even lucky enough to have a visit from some very special friends!



Carols on the Playground and at Allenbrook Nursing Home



Thank you to all of our families and friends who joined us on the playground this week for a festive sing-along. The children sang beautifully.

Also, a group of pupils from Year 3 and 4 visited a local nursing home to spread some Christmas cheer to the residents and staff. The time spent together was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Carol Service

The festive spirit continued to soar with today's carol service (and before-school carols at the school entrance), where the beautiful voices of our children filled the air with traditional Christmas melodies. It's moments like these that truly bring our children together, so thank you to the staff who organised it, and a special thank to Mrs Hayward's musical family for playing so beautifully for us!



Safety on the Playground

Please can all parents ensure that children are not riding scooters and bikes on school premises before and after school. We have had a few near misses! Also, please make sure you are appropriately supervising children, this includes not allowing them to play on the trim trails/climbing frames before and after school. Thank you for your support in keeping children and adults on site safe.

Clubs for Spring Term

We've been working hard behind the scenes to expand our extracurricular offerings across the school year, and I'm delighted to announce that we'll be introducing some new clubs after the break. These clubs have been carefully selected to cater to a range of interests and abilities, ensuring there's something for everyone. Our aim is to provide children with opportunities to explore new hobbies, develop skills, and most importantly, have fun! Whether your child is interested in sports, arts, science, or technology, we hope that this year, they'll find a club that sparks their enthusiasm.

Details about the new clubs will be available on ScoPay shortly.. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Reminder of Dates

A little reminder that **Monday 6th January** is a Staff Training (INSET) Day and therefore we will be closed to children. We reopen to the children on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Larch Class's rescheduled class assembly will be on **Thursday 9th January**.

New Website Launch

Our new website is part of our strategy to improve communication and engagement between home and school, so I am delighted to say that the website is now live. Most content has been transferred and we are continually updating this. Please take a look! We would love to hear what you think and what kind of content you would like to see in the future.



Remembrance Fundraising

We have had a 'Thank You' card from the Royal British Legion to express their appreciation for the funds raised selling poppies in school. We raised £276.92 so thank you to everyone who supported this cause.

Christmas Reading Challenge



We will be sending out our Christmas Reading Challenges for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 today, so please encourage children to take part. Anyone who completes the challenge over the holidays will be given a special certificate.

Finally...

As we approach the end of my first term at Hurst Green, I'm filled with immense pride for all that our children have accomplished. Their resilience, creativity, and enthusiasm never cease to amaze me. From the classroom to the stage, from the playground to the sports hall, they continue to demonstrate what makes Hurst Green Primary School so special.

Looking ahead to the new year, I'm excited about the opportunities and adventures that await us. Our school community has shown time and again that together, we can achieve great things. I have no doubt that 2025 will be another year filled with growth, learning, and success for all our children. As we part ways for the holiday season, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and, of course, our incredible children. Your hard work, support, and positive spirit make Hurst Green the wonderful place it is.
















So, as the fairy lights twinkle and the excitement of Christmas fills the air, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your holidays be filled with love, laughter, and precious moments with family and friends. Rest, recharge, and we'll see you all in January, ready for another exciting chapter in our Hurst Green story.

Have a wonderful holiday!
















Miss Wilson



Class Attendance - Week Beginning 9.12.24

 Apple - 92.33%	 Cedar - 94.52%	 Hawthorn - 92.33%	 Pine - 87.42%
 Apricot - 96.67%	 Cherry - 92.76%	 Hazel - 94%	 Poplar - 94.33%
 Beech - 91.38%	 Elder - 84%	 Larch - 93.23%	 Well Done Apricot Class!
 Birch - 92%	 Elm - 90.94%	 Lime - 90.34%	

Class Attendance - Week Beginning 16.12.24

 Apple - 94.67%	 Cedar - 87.10%	 Hawthorn - 87%	 Pine - 79.03%
 Apricot - 94.67%	 Cherry - 90.34%	 Hazel - 94%	 Poplar - 93%
 Beech - 86.55%	 Elder - 92.33%	 Larch - 93.23%	 Well Done Apple & Apricot Class!
 Birch - 77.67%	 Elm - 93.75%	 Lime - 89.31%	

well done!

Jupiter

108

Neptune

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Saturn

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Mercury

113

WELL DONE

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Apricot - Lawrence
 Apple - Penelope
 Beech - Hela
 Birch - Veer
 Cedar - Harleen
 Cherry - Holly
 Elder - Sophia
 Elm - Saman
 Hawthorn - Reegan
 Hazel - Estelle
 Larch - Parivita
 Lime - Olivia
 Pine - Elena
 Poplar - Jacob