



12 books for Christmas - what a treat!

This week, Miss Jones and some Y6 helpers handed out sets of brand new books to every class. These were kindly bought by parents and grandparents from class wish lists. We received over 100 books for the classes, which included themes from our history, science and geography curriculum. The children cannot wait to start reading them. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this.



Helping out in the community



This week, some of our Y6 pupils visited the residents of Azalea Court in Bush Hill Park, to take part in some craft making and singing. It was so lovely to see our children talking, listening and laughing with these wonderful people. They learned a lot about the lives of many of the residents, like Valerie, who was a primary school teacher and Frank, who loved Elvis! We hope to return to Azalea Court for an Easter afternoon of fun.



Some Year 6 children also spent the morning at Tesco yesterday, helping shoppers with their packing. We raised £128 for the school and Tesco kindly donated a hamper for the staff and a £40 gift card for the school. Thank you to Mrs Satham for organising these events.

Christmas parties

There was a lot of excitement yesterday afternoon, as the parties began across the school. Teachers planned fun activities, games and dancing, as well as food and drink. Many thanks to parents, for contributing towards the cost of the food.





Farewell to Coach Romaine

Today, we said goodbye and good luck to Coach Romaine in our final Collective Worship. Romaine has taught PE to all classes and has been with us for 5 years. The children and staff will miss him dearly, but wish him all the very best in his new job as a bus driver. Thank you to the parents, who gave money for a gift.

**A Merry Christmas to you all from
Mrs Statham and Miss Mann**

As we finish for the Christmas holidays, we would like to share some wonderful moments from what has been a long, but busy Autumn term.

In September, the whole school continued to enjoy the good weather and were able to play on the school field. Our new Reception children settled in to life at St. Andrew's and we also welcomed other new children across the school.

October started with our weekly parent coffee mornings, class trips to the library and town, as well as netball and football competitions after school.

By November, our older pupils took part in Parliament Week, with a focus on reducing paper waste. Many children continue to make themselves heard through our School Council reps, in the hope that their votes to reduce waste becomes a reality. We also had story cafés in Reception, visits to the church and a wonderful Year 2 workshop based on the Great Fire of London. The month ended with a fantastic PTA Christmas Cracker!

December is always a magical time in a primary school. Altogether, there have been 11 Christmas performances throughout the school, for parents, class buddies and siblings to enjoy. The children sang beautifully and shared different versions of the Christmas story.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to the teachers, senior leaders, support staff and office staff. Schools need all of these people to make each day run smoothly. There have been many challenges this year for our school. With a decreasing budget, it is becoming more and more difficult to offer the high quality education, pastoral support and enrichment opportunities, we think our children deserve. Our staff work as a team, supporting pupils and parents, to ensure that every child receives the best education possible. On behalf of our school community, we wish you a very happy Christmas. Keep safe and well and we will see you all back on Monday 8th January, 2024.

DATES

Monday 8th January 2024 - school returns.

Please ensure you have booked your school lunch choices for the week we return.