



# JOHN MAYNE CEP

## TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

### A MESSAGE FROM MRS TESTER

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I hope that you are all looking forward to the Christmas break - and all the 'turkey and tinsel!'. On behalf of the staff and governors we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for the new year of 2026

- All pupils finish at 3.15pm on Friday the 19th of December.
- All pupils will be back on Monday the 5th of January 2026, normal school start time at 8.45am.

Parent Governor Vacancy Elections- we have a vacancy on our Governing Body for parental representatives. Paperwork will be sent to you when we return on how you can nominate or vote if we have a field of candidates. Elections and nominations will take place in new year.

The John Mayne Team all work tirelessly to make sure your children have the support they need. Staff always go that extra mile for your children and will go out of their way to help and support not only their learning but their social, emotional and mental health. I hope you can support me with saying a heartfelt thank you to them all and wish them a peaceful Christmas.



I would also like to extend a huge congratulations to Mrs Frederick who, this term, completed her graduate training programme, with recommendation for Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a Level 6 Teacher Apprenticeship Qualification. It has been a really intensive process, during which she has shown dedication and a passion for teaching.

This term, alongside all of our learning in lessons, we have had a range of exciting activities happening to enrich our wider curriculum. Some examples are:

- Whole School Panto Trip
- Big Cat Sanctuary
- Open Classroom Crafting afternoon
- Cooking
- Nativity
- KS2 Carol Service
- Secret Shopping at the Big Wrap
- Visitors from Kent Fire and Rescue and Kent Community Policing

All these activities would not be possible without the support of the John Mayne staff, parents, volunteers and Friends of John Mayne. I am truly thankful for everyone's support in enhancing the children's school experiences, we could not do this all without you.

We continued to focus on good attendance at school; our whole school attendance was 93%. Thank you to all who supported the importance of school attendance.

Once again, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



# A MESSAGE FROM FOXES CLASS

Wow! We cannot believe we are already nearing the end of Term with our lovely little Foxes Class.

The children have been outstanding this term, absolutely smashing their phonics, we are so very proud of them. The children have continued to amaze us with their independent writing skills, forming sentences already!

Another WOW moment! Foxes learnt all the Nativity songs and dances and we had great fun sharing this with you in our beautiful church.

Another stand out moment for us has been their enthusiasm and dedication to 'Drawing Club.' They love every lesson and we have impressed many of our visitors with some of the language they have learnt through this.

Foxes Class you have been amazing and we can not wait to see what the new year brings! Go Foxes!





## A MESSAGE FROM HEDGEHOGS CLASS



What an amazing term it has been in Hedgehogs! The children have thrown themselves into their learning with enthusiasm and curiosity, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

This term, our topic on the North and South Pole has inspired some truly wonderful work. In English, the children have produced fantastic writing, including setting and character descriptions, letters, and stories. Their progress has been brilliant, and it has been lovely to see their confidence grow. In Maths, the children have worked hard on addition and subtraction, showing great determination and making super progress.

We are also really impressed with how much the children are reading at home. They have been so motivated to read regularly and have earned lots of raffle tickets for the chance to win our exciting bedtime box. It's been wonderful to see their love of reading continue to grow.

A real highlight was taking part in a live lesson filmed all the way from Antarctica, which the children found fascinating! We also enjoyed a fun-filled trip to the pantomime—the children's behaviour was exceptional, and they had a wonderful time.

The children loved getting involved in The Big Wrap and were very excited to meet Father Christmas.





Our classroom has been brightened by the beautiful artwork the children have produced throughout the term. We also had a very cheeky visitor –Tinsel the elf—who caused plenty of mischief and kept the children smiling each morning!

Finally, we couldn't be prouder of the dedication the children showed while practising for their Nativity. Their performance was truly amazing, and they should all feel very proud of themselves.

All in all, the children have had a wonderful, busy, and exciting term. We hope they enjoy a well-deserved, restful break and return refreshed for more fun and learning in the New Year.





# A MESSAGE FROM SQUIRRELS CLASS



This has been a very busy term.  
The time has flown by.

Squirrels Class recently enjoyed a trip to the Big Cat Sanctuary. We learnt about conservation and the different big cats they have at the sanctuary followed by a private tour of the sanctuary., which marked the end of our Rainforest unit. During this unit, we learned about conservation and why it is important to protect animals and their habitats and what we can do to help.

In DT, we designed and made our own rainforests, using our creativity and learnt new skills we needed to do this.

Alongside this, we have been busy practising our singing in preparation for the carol service, learning the words and singing with confidence. We have also been enjoying our gymnastics lessons, where we have been developing our balance, strength and coordination. It has been a fun and exciting time for Squirrels Class!





We have also made our gingerbread cookies that we can't wait to eat.

We would also like to thank the FOJM for their support, the trip to the pantomime and the Big Wrap. Moving forward into next term, we will be learning about the Romans plus year 4 will be starting their forest school.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year!





# A MESSAGE FROM BADGERS CLASS



Badgers Class have had a busy and exciting term. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Webb into the class; she has settled in wonderfully and has been warmly welcomed by all of the children.

Our learning this term has focused heavily on civil rights, diversity and protest. The children explored the lives and impact of inspirational individuals who have helped shape the world over the last 100 years, including Nelson Mandela, Mahatma, Gandhi, the Suffragettes and Martin Luther King Jr. In English, we wrote persuasive texts arguing whether school uniform should be kept or abolished, as well as detailed character and setting descriptions. These were later tested using AI to see how effective their descriptions were – an engaging way to reflect on their writing skills.

The children enjoyed reading Charlotte's Web, alongside a range of poetry, with a particular focus on The Highwayman. Maths has been all about fractions, fractions and more fractions! Although challenging, the children showed great perseverance and made positive progress.

In other subjects, the class had a wonderfully immersive French lesson where they role played a cafe. They set up the classroom as a cafe, practiced ordering food and drinks in French, and even took turns delivering food to each other- bring their learning to life in a fun, interactive way.





P.E saw them developing their netball skills whilst Science focussed on living things and their habitats. A highlight was dissecting raw eggs to identify parts that would develop if fertilised – a fascinating and memorable experience.



In RE, pupils learned about Moses and the Ten Commandments, exploring how they promote justice, before creating their own “lessons for living”. Sticking to our topic, in music the children created their own protest songs and finally, year 5 successfully completed their Forest School sessions, showing excellent teamwork, resilience and enthusiasm throughout. We have also enjoyed many exciting events this term, including Children in Need with a visit from Homewood Dance Dash, Year 6 represented the school brilliantly at our Open Morning, and we enjoyed visits from the PCSO and the Fire Brigade.



Festive fun included a fantastic trip to the pantomime generously funded by FOJM, watching the KS1 Nativity. Christmas crafts with parents, Christmas Jumper Day, a delicious Christmas lunch, some Christmas shopping, and finishing the term with our wonderful KS2 Carol Concert. Well done, Badgers Class, for a fantastic term filled with learning, creativity and festive cheer!





# AWARDS

## Headteacher Awards

★ **Molly S - for amazing fractions work**

## Writer Awards

★ **Edie**

## Value Awards

### Respect

Oscar P  
Amelia  
Penelope

### Compassion

John  
Nellie  
Molly H

### Hope

Brody J  
Max  
Tudor  
Theo

### Courage

William T	Paisleigh
Albert	Molly S
Danny	Amiyah
Rosie H	
Harry	



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all of our pupils who celebrated their Birthday in October & November:



Buddy C

Ralphy

Nellie

Isaac

Molly S

Buddy E

Zachary

Emily

Nevaeh

Alfie

Monrose

Isabelle

Teddy

Vytalijus

Jayce

Brodie

Benny

Rosie H





# UPCOMING DATES



- 5<sup>th</sup> January – Term starts
- 7<sup>th</sup> January – Badger's first swimming lesson
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Parent Coffee Morning (all parents welcome from 9:00–10:00am)
- 12<sup>th</sup> February – Open Classroom (all parents welcome from 2:45–3:15pm)
- 13<sup>th</sup> February – End of term disco (details TBC) & Term 3 ends