

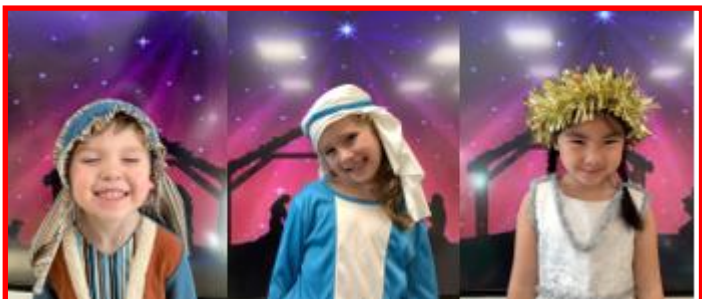
Reception and KS1 Dazzle on Stage



As a school we aim to provide opportunities for all children to have the chance to perform in front of an audience. One way we enable this to happen is to put on four different shows at Christmas. Reception kicked off the festive season in style with their performance of the **Big Little Story on Tuesday**.

A packed hall saw the children show bravery in stepping onto the stage for the first time in front of an audience to tell the story of the Nativity. They sang their hearts out with smiles on their faces. Songs included 'The Big, Big Story, It's Gonna' Be Great and Sing the Good News

The children looking great in their costumes rose to the challenge. There was a warm festive feeling as people left the hall full of praise for the show and the children. The memories created by the children and shared with their families will live long in the memory and be discussed over dinner tables for years to come.



On Thursday it was the turn of Year 1 and Year 2 to perform 'Christmas Around the World' to their families. It was great to see so many people in the audience.

The Year 2 narrators and angels took the audience on a tour around the world looking at Christmas traditions in Australia, Malawi, Poland and more. Children from all four classes took to the stage to perform a dance whilst the choir sang a repertoire of songs with enthusiasm.

It was clear to see the enjoyment on the children's faces and the hard work that had been put in by the children and staff to learn the words, songs and dances.

Blackhorse Illuminations

Thank you to those of you who braved the weather and attended our PTA event last Thursday. The PTA report that they made a profit of £1050.

Can we remind you that all Christmas raffle ticket money, stubs and unsold tickets need to be returned to school by Monday 16th. The draw will take place after the Y5/6 performance on Tuesday.

Term 2 Diary Dates:

Mon 16th Dec: Y3/4 Christmas Performance 2:15 & 6

Tues 17th Dec: Y5/6 Christmas Performance 2:15 & 6

Weds: 18th Dec: 9:15 KS2 Achievement Assembly

Thurs 19th Dec: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thurs 19th Dec: Blackhorse has Talent

Fri 20th: PM Year Group Christmas Parties

Fri 20th Dec: Last day of Term 2

Mon 6th Jan: INSET Day: School closed to pupils

Tues 7th Jan: First day of Term 3

Attendance Champions this week

Year 3 are our Attendance Champions this week with an average attendance of 97.3%. Year 4 also exceeded our target of 97%.

A message from Emma, our Family Link Worker

As we head into the final few weeks of term and as the Christmas holidays are fast approaching, I understand that for some families this could bring about some worries due to the pressures of finances, keeping the children entertained and occupied, as well as various different family dynamics.

The holidays are also an exciting time for children and young people however, the change in routine and expectations can lead to changes in behaviour (which is to be expected.) You can help, by considering this in advance and planning for what you feel is helpful for your own children/family.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful time together, but if you do find yourself needing support over the holidays here are some resources and a list of key services (see below.)

Merry Christmas to you and your family

Family/parenting support

• **NHS website:** Advice for parents on a range of parenting issues, including talking to teenagers, fussy eating and teenage aggression. Website: [Live Well - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

• **CCP – Caring for Communities and People** – Offer outreach support for families at an early help level. Families can self-refer. [Home \(ccp.org.uk\)](http://www.ccp.org.uk)

Children's health

• **GP/School health nurse** – <https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/school-nursing-service/>

Young Minds national charity offers confidential online and telephone information and support for anyone worried about the emotional, behaviour, or mental health of a child/young person up to 25 years of age, including ADHD, Autism and Aspergers.

This week's Champions!

Each week, the staff nominate one child per class who has been a model pupil, demonstrating the values which we look for in Champion Learners! This week we have been focussing on the school value of bravery. This week our nominees are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Lex & Gus
Reception	Elsa & Grace
Year 1	George & Hannah M
Year 2	Jaden & Isobel
Year 3	Esme & Jonah
Year 4	Rocky & Jaxson
Year 5	Cai & Josh
Year 6	Charlie P & Finley H

This week's Champion...

Bravery is our focus this week and Hannah in Cedar has been chosen as our Champion.



Miss Vigor writes "Hannah has been such a Brave Bear this term with all of her learning. She is giving things a go, even when they are hard and she also had a line in our school play which she delivered with confidence for every performance! We are super proud of Hannah and she should feel proud of herself too!"

Parents Helpline: 0808 802 544 Website: YoungMinds.org.uk
[Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People](http://MentalHealthCharityForChildrenAndYoungPeople.org.uk)
[YoungMinds](http://YoungMinds.org.uk)

• **Young Minds Crisis Messenger Service** for free 24/7 support across the UK of you are experiencing a mental health crisis. Text YM to 85258.

Adult mental health

• **South Gloucestershire Talking Therapies - Vitamins:** Therapeutic interventions including counselling and group courses, in line with people's differing needs, age 16+. Self-referral via the website: wellaware.org.uk Tel - 0333 200 1893 [NHS Talking Therapies - North Somerset & South Gloucestershire \(vitahealthgroup.co.uk\)](http://NHS Talking Therapies - North Somerset & South Gloucestershire (vitahealthgroup.co.uk))