



Blanche Nevile
Primary Newsletter
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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children,

It's been another long and fun-packed half term. Our pupils have been busy treading the boards for the Christmas productions including carol singing. We have been so impressed by the performances and the joy and enthusiasm the pupils have brought to each event. Last week our School Improvement Adviser came to Primary for a visit and she met with a group of our children. They told her how much they love their school and enjoy their learning. It was really pleasing to hear how happy and settled they feel.

The Christmas fun continues, with staff getting fully into the Christmas spirit. You can ask your sons and daughters whose staff costumes they enjoyed the most – Jo Woolf came dressed as a Christmas tree! All this fun and learning has made many of our children quite tired and they definitely deserve a break. We hope all our families enjoy a peaceful and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and filled with enthusiasm on Tuesday, 6h January.

Ms Davey
Headteacher (Interim)

Conor's Class

As the leaves turned golden and the air became crisp, our Year 1 pupils embarked on a magical journey through the topic of Celebrations. This term has been nothing short of spectacular, with every week bringing new traditions, stories and sparkling fun!

Our wonderful topic has taken us on a colourful journey, beginning with the excitement of Bonfire Night and leading all the way through to the magic of Christmas and the New Year. Along the way, the pupils have explored traditions from around the world, learning about Diwali, Ramadan and Hanukkah. In Science, Year 1 have also been busy investigating seasonal changes, observing how the weather, daylight and nature shift as we move through autumn and into winter. As we step into the new term next year, we're excited to continue exploring and growing. Until then, have a wonderful festive season and a very Happy New Year!



Claire's Class

This term, we have explored seasonal themes within stories based in woodland settings, such as 'Hovis the Hedgehog', 'The Gruffalo', 'One Snowy Night' and 'Stick Man', learning new vocabulary and concepts in our classroom activities. Alongside this learning, we have seen truly incredible progress in the children's social skills, confidence and sense of deaf identity. As our class has grown in size, they have really started to grow into a strong, supportive group, and it has been a joy to see new friendships blossom. Another highlight has been developing our partnership with the EYFS classes at Highgate Primary School, where the children have enjoyed playing and learning alongside hearing peers. We are especially proud of how well they all took part in the end-of-term Christmas shows, and we hope you enjoyed watching as much as we did!



Simon's Class

What an exciting and memorable half-term it's been! Our learning around The Great Fire of London came to life as we explored key landmarks on our trip to central London, including Pudding Lane and the impressive St Paul's Cathedral. The children were brilliant at asking questions, spotting key details, and linking what they saw to our class learning. To mark the end of our topic, we will be burning our handmade Tudor houses on Friday 19th, a fiery finale the children are very excited about!

This term, we also had the joy of performing two shows! The children proudly shared their knowledge of 1666 in our *Great Fire of London* class show, impressing everyone with their confidence and enthusiasm. They also amazed us with their roaring performances as bears in our *Jungle Book* Christmas production.

We are so proud of all the children's hard work, creativity and teamwork this term. Well done, Year 2! From the team at Year 2, enjoy the festive season and happy holidays!



Jodie's Class

Year 3 have loved learning through our exciting Chocolate topic this term. In English, we studied *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, exploring characters and developing our comprehension skills. We also wrote acrostic poems about the Rainforest, linking our writing to Geography.

In Geography and DT, pupils learned about where cocoa comes from and the journey from bean to bar. We designed and made our own chocolate bars and packaging! In Science, we carried out a chocolate melting investigation, making predictions and observing which chocolate melted the fastest, a firm favourite with the class!



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had another busy term at Primary. The children have been working hard and have been enjoying the new learning of their topics as well as having fun along the way!

Thank you to all of those parents who were able to join us for our recent Winter Fair and the end of term and Christmas Performances. The children were superstars and did us all proud!

A huge thank you to all of the school team for all their hard work this term and the many opportunities given to the children. The last few weeks have been busy with our usual Christmas activities and celebrations as well as some lovely trips. We are especially very proud of all of your wonderful children and their amazing hard work and progress this term as witnessed by our School Improvement Adviser. We look forward to the new term and many more opportunities in the new year. I am also delighted to have been appointed a Co-Headteacher for the school and I look forward to taking up my new post in February. In January we will be welcoming our new EYFS teacher Amelia as Claire leaves her EYFS post but will still be remaining with the team for the start of the year.

As always, thank you very much for your continued support and I wish you and your families a very festive holiday and a Happy New Year!

Wishing you all the very best,

Kathryn



Sarah's Class

It has been a fantastic half term and end to the autumn term for our KS2 learners. Not only have they worked hard in all subjects and lessons they have really shown growth and maturity. They are taking more responsibility and showing they are the oldest in the school with their actions - as you can see in the photos... if you want to bake, you must also tidy and wash up!

As well as working hard in all academic areas this year so far, the children have improved in confidence. Not only did they perform in the end of year show, Jungle Book, as the best vultures and monkeys, they have also been participating in lots of role play in class. We use role play to act out texts we are reading in literacy and scenarios we may come across in real life. It has really helped us understand our texts this term and helped with scenarios that may happen in our lives and allows us to discuss how we would deal with them.

The children have worked exceptionally hard and really deserve a break. We cannot wait to see them in 2026 and continue our learning journey together.



Important Dates

End of Autumn 2 2025 Early Closure	Friday 19th of Dec 2025
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22nd of Dec—2nd of Jan 2026
INSET Day	Monday 5th of Jan 2026
Start of Spring 1 Term 2026	Tuesday 6th of Jan 2026
End of Spring 1 Term 2026	Friday 13th of Feb 2026
Half term	Monday 16th of Feb— Friday 20th of Feb 2025
BN Family Day!	Friday 12th of June 2026

Message from Ruth Griffiths, Chair of Governors:

Headteacher Update:

Ms Doobeh and Ms McCarthy will be in post as our new Co-Headteachers after February half term. Ms Davey will continue to work with them in Blanche Nevile until the end of the Spring Term.

Thanks,
Ruth