



DECEMBER



AJA News – 22.12.23

A message from Mr Dunn

Hi everyone,

I hope that you are all well and looking forward to the Christmas break. I also hope that yourselves and your children have enjoyed all the Christmas activities that we have planned over the last two weeks or so - our Christmas Fair, the Carol Concert and parties to name a few. It was a shame that we couldn't get to the church yesterday but the weather was awful and when the Vicar agreed to come to AJA, we thought that was the best option. There is one final special Christmas event happening today that we hope all the children enjoy!

Have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday 8th January 2024 when the spring term begins.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all!

Mr Dunn

A message from Mrs Bower

This afternoon, Santa made a surprise visit to give every child a book for Christmas. Pupils are going to put their present under the Christmas tree and will discover which book they have on Christmas morning.



Year 6 went to Elvaston Lodge this afternoon to sing Christmas carols for the residents of the care home. They sang beautifully! Well done!



Wishing you all a very happy Christmas! See you in the new year!

Important Dates

Friday 22nd December

Last day of term

Monday 8th January

First day of term

Tuesday 9th January

Jungle Joe visiting Year 4

Wednesday 24th January

Parent workshop on ASD
2.15pm and 5pm

Friday 26th January

Y5 visit to the Space Centre

Wednesday 31st January

Academy visit by CEO Mr Hughes

Thursday 15th February

Last day of term!

Friday 16th February

INSET day
School closed to pupils

Attendance

This week's attendance

91.92%

Highest class attendance

Brilliant Bees 97.3%

What's been happening this week?

Year 3



And that is a wrap - first term done and dusted! A huge well done to ALL in year 3 as you have all smashed it. We are very proud of how you have all settled in, learnt new routines, adapted to new ways of learning and learnt how to use an iPad! There have been many 'highlights' this term but a particular favourite of ours was our trip to Derby museum. We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and happy new year! We will see you all in January - stay safe, look after each other and RELAX! Thank you! Year 3 Team

Year 4



This week, Year 4 have been learning about speech punctuation in English and we have read the story A Walk in Paris. We have finished our London and Paris topic, and imagined what it would be like to walk through the streets of Paris. Pupils have been using inverted commas correctly to write sentences using direct speech. Year 4 enjoyed their Christmas party afternoon! We had quizzes, dancing, games, food and a surprise visit from Santa! We wish you all a very merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in January. Our new topic next term is on the rainforests. In the first week back, we have Jungle Joe visiting the children which is always a fantastic morning getting to meet and touch the various rainforest animals!

Year 5



We have finally reached the end of our first term in Y5...one third of the way through the year! The children have done incredibly well, and maintained their focus and high standards despite all of the exciting things going on this week! In maths, we extended our knowledge of Roman Numerals, working in the thousands. In English, we completed our newspaper article about the death of Romeo and Juliet. The children wrote their final version on a newspaper template on Purple Mash, so they will be able to show you their finished piece of work. We certainly have some budding reporters in Y5! In DT, we have been working hard to finish the pieces of cross stitch with a Tudor rose design. Considering a lot of the children had not even picked up a needle before, the pieces they have produced have been outstanding. Look out for them coming home today (or maybe under the tree!) On Thursday, the children enjoyed a well-deserved Christmas party, and their behaviour was excellent. We hope you all have a happy and restful break. The Y5 team

Year 6



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, the children have been fantastic this week. There has been so much excitement and so much tiredness, but we have survived and are smiling! We began the week with an amazing turn out of parents and families to share in the WW2 work, writing, art, DT and performance poetry. We really enjoyed seeing you come into school and we hope you enjoyed your time too. Sadly, the weather prevented our trip to Church but we were fortunate to have Reverend John come into school to share the Christmas story. Our party was a huge success, sweets were eaten, dodgy dancing was seen, statues were created, parcels passed and snacks eaten! A brilliant end to the week. The work and resilience the children have shown this term is admirable, as is the progress they are making. Next term, we continue the push towards SATs, we will be changing the maths groups so we can focus teaching, using CGP revision books for weekly homework and having more focus on writing. Have a well-deserved rest and break, enjoy the holidays and come back refreshed in January. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a good New Year!