

## Newsletter December 2024

End of term message from Mr Jones What a fun-filled December it has been! It has been truly wonderful to see everyone throughout this month, and we want to extend a big thank you to all the children and staff who put on such beautiful Christmas performances. Your rehearsals, dedication, and hard work really shone through, and you made the season even more special for all of us.

As 2024 draws to a close, we would also like to take a moment to say good luck to Mrs Boxwell, Mrs Gurrey, Miss Ramzan and Mrs Boyce who leave to start new roles after Christmas.

Finally, a massive thank you to all of our school community for making this a wonderful 2024. We look forward to seeing you all for an even more amazing 2025!





Merry Christmas to you all.









**Mrs L Boxwell** 

**Mrs E Gurrey** 

Mrs E Boyce

**Miss Ramzan** 

# Christmas Craft

## Morning

Creative Christmas Craziness: A Spectacular Craft Morning!

This year's Christmas craft morning was an absolute hit, filled with joy, creativity, and holiday cheer! The children gathered to craft their way into the season, creating a beautiful array of Christmas treasures. From sparkling ornaments to colourful cards, there was no shortage of festive imagination on display.

Each little artist got to try their hand at a variety of fun projects, and their faces lit up with pride as they showcased their masterpieces. It was clear that the joy of crafting together brought the true spirit of Christmas alive. The sound of laughter, the smell of glue and glitter, and the buzz of excitement filled the air as holiday magic was created one craft at a time.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success and to the children for their amazing creativity. What a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season!









## Church Trip

Year 3 & 4 Enjoy a Festive Trip to All Saints. Church

This December, Year 3 and Year 4 students had the exciting opportunity to visit All Saints Church for a special Christmas-themed trip. The purpose of the visit was to bring the Christmas story to life in a fun and interactive way, using crafts and activities to deepen their understanding of the festive season.

A highlight of the trip was a storytelling session, where the children gathered in the church to listen to a retelling of the Christmas story. They were engaged with the characters and the message of peace, love, and hope that the Christmas story brings to people around the world.

We would like to thank All Saints Church for hosting us and making this trip such a memorable experience for our students. It was a festive, educational, and creative day for everyone involved!

## Christmas Fair

We were absolutely delighted to see so many of you at our Christmas Fair! From the exciting tombola and raffles to the fun "Pin the Nose on Rudolph" game and visits to Santa's Grotto, it was a wonderful day filled with festive cheer.

Your support helped make this event a huge success, and we're thrilled to have raised much-needed funds for the school. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and donated.

We raised £1025.40







Raffle Winners

Hashim 5T, Maya 5EP, Aminah IJ, Sarah ILJ, Liyaana 6B, Aamira IJ, Mrs. Thornton, Kai 6ZB, Aiza ILJ, Samah 3AB, Jenan 6B, Yumnah 5EP, Danny & Lottie, Saira 6B, Delilah RB, A'ishah 6ZB, Abdul 5EP, Habiba IJ,

Abdullah 5T, Michelle LTS, Eiliyah RE, Eesa F RE, Deon 2BH

# Christmas Jumper day

Christmas Jumper Day – A Fantastic Fundraiser for 'Save the Children'

We are thrilled to announce that our recent Christmas Jumper Day was a tremendous success, raising an incredible £116 for the Save the Children charity.

The money raised will go towards supporting Save the Children's work around the world, helping children in need by providing access to education, healthcare, and protection from harm. It's heartwarming to know that our contributions will make a positive difference to children who are facing hardship this Christmas.



# Breakfast with Santa

A Magical Breakfast with Santa!

What an amazing Breakfast with Santa we had! It was truly heartwarming to see so many children and families come together

for this special event. The joy and excitement in the room were palpable, as families shared precious moments and created memories that will last a lifetime.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us - your smiles and laughter made the morning unforgettable. We are so grateful for the opportunity to come together as a community in such a magical way!



The holiday spirit is officially here. Miss Wallen and Miss Knox are leading the way with some festive fun in our Early Interaction Group!

In addition to writing letters to Santa, our group has been busy in front of the camera for a fun holiday photoshoot! From Santa hats to big smiles, it's been a heartwarming time as the children have had the chance to create special memories and celebrate the season with their friends.





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We're thrilled to announce our Golden Ticket Winners for exceptional attendance this month! These students have shown outstanding dedication and commitment to their learning, and we want to reward them in a magical way. Just like a golden ticket opens the door to a world of adventure, these winners are about to unlock some incredible opportunities—starting with the joy of reading!

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# Our Curriculum



## Exciting Curriculum Development: Exploring Concepts

We're thrilled to share a new development in our history, geography, and art lessons. Our pupils have recently been introduced to concepts.

### So; what are concepts?

Significance

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Skills

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Concepts are the big ideas and key principles that form the foundation of each subject. For example, in history, concepts might include ideas like significance, trade, or source skills.

### Why are concepts important?

Research shows that pupils who can explain subject concepts clearly tend to achieve more success in their learning. By focusing on concepts, we're helping our children think critically, make links between what they've learned, and develop a richer understanding of the world.

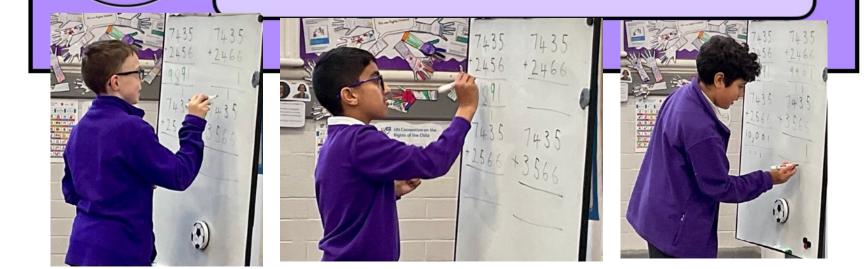
Take a look at the history concepts listed on the left-hand side of this page. Why not explore these ideas with your child?

### Questions to Ask at Home:

- What does this concept mean?
- How have you learned about it in your current history topic?

By discussing these questions, you can support your child's learning and help them reflect on their new knowledge.

We're excited to see how this approach will inspire curiosity and confidence in all our pupils!





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A big congratulations to Realle in year 3 for achieving stage 3 in swimming. Keep up the hard work you are AMAZING !!!

As much as we love telling you of all the AMAZING things that your children do whilst in school we want to hear from you!

Any achievements, activities or celebrations that you would like to share with Slade and all our families, please do. We would love to hear and celebrate with you.

Send any information/photos to enquiry@slade.bham.sch.uk with the subject title 'my magical moments'

We can't wait to see and share.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Mr Jones and the team at Slade.







