



Upton Noble News

Friday 22nd November 2024



The festive season is well and truly underway. The last three weeks have certainly been busy with the children enjoying many wonderful experiences.

On Wednesday all the children enjoyed the production of 'The Jungle Book' performed by the theatre company 'Image'. According to everyone, it was said to be the best yet. Well done to all the children for joining in with all the singing as well as those who volunteered to take part in some of the acting roles.



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Huge congratulations to all of our children in Acorn, Elm and Willow class for their fantastic roles in their performance: "The Big Little Nativity". All the children were incredible with their singing, dancing and acting. It is always a magical time of year and a time to see how amazing our children are on stage. Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work in organising and selling refreshments at both Nativities.

Well done to all of our key Stage 2 children for their incredible performances in our Carols by Candlelight event last night. The children wowed everyone with their singing and poetry, especially with their singing in French. Despite the drizzly weather and breeze we managed to light everyone's Christingles and enjoy the experience of singing Away in Manager together. Thank you once again to the PTA for organising refreshments and a huge thank you to Mrs Read and Mrs Haygreen for letting us use their lighting.

We look forward to seeing parents at our Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's church in Wanstrow at 10am on Wednesday 18th December. Just a word of warning, it is a small church and as a school we do fill the church up. You are welcome to come and join us but please be mindful you may be standing.

Next week will also see festivities such as: Christmas Lunch and Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 parties, we are sure the children will be very excited about these.

We wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing those of you who are able to come next week to the Church service.

Mrs Bisset and Mrs House



CERTIFICATE ACHIEVERS 'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'



CHRISTIAN VALUES	Creative Thinker
Acorn: Trust- George	Acorn: Isobel
Elm: Trust - Chloe	Elm: Jack
Willow: Resilience - Whole Class	Willow: Sam
Ash: Resilience - Love - Connie	Ash: Lewis
Beech: Resilience - Emily	Beech: Oliver
Sycamore: Trust - Milo	Sycamore: Hugo
Maple: Love - Florence	Maple: Hetty

School Attendance 6th December - 12th December	
Acorn	92.6%
Elm	95.9%
Willow	93.2%
Ash	95.0%
Beech	94.6%
Sycamore	91.3%
Maple	97.1%
Whole School	
94.1%	
Congratulations to Maple class this week who gained the highest attendance	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Details
Tue 17th Dec	KS1 Christmas party PM @ school	Emails sent by class teachers
Wed 18th Dec	Carol Service @ Wanstrow Church 10am	Details to follow
Wed 18th Dec	Whole School Christmas lunch	Booking window closed
Thur 19th Dec	KS2 Christmas party PM @ school	Emails sent by class teachers
Fri 20th Dec	Last Day of Term	
Mon 6th Jan	First Day Back	
Wed 8th Jan	Ash Class trip	Sign up on ScoPay

Wellbeing Tip of the Week:



Well-being tip for the week and for the Christmas holiday:



Get 'AFIA'. Amidst the Christmas busy-ness remember sometimes you need to get 'AFIA', 'Away From It All!' Make time for yourself to simply 'be', protect that time so that you can relax, rest and recharge in ways that work for you.

A few weeks ago, a group of children across the federation spent the morning in Taunton as part of a project called Sustainable Futures. This involved lots of children from schools in Somerset meeting people from a wide range of industries. The children participated in a variety of activities and workshops. They had an insightful time exploring a broad range of careers and jobs within Somerset.



Carols by Candle Light



Family Learning Days

Over the past fortnight we have had 3 very successful and enjoyable family learning sessions in school: Maple, Sycamore and Elm Class. All 3 classes family learning sessions have involved parents getting creative with their children. Maple Class spent the morning making their Anderson shelters which they had designed in DT linked to their World War Two topics. They made some very impressive models. It was also extremely interesting to be able to see and read their History Homework. Mrs Bisset and I found it fascinating reading about the children's family links to World War Two and to discover a small insight into the children's relative's past.



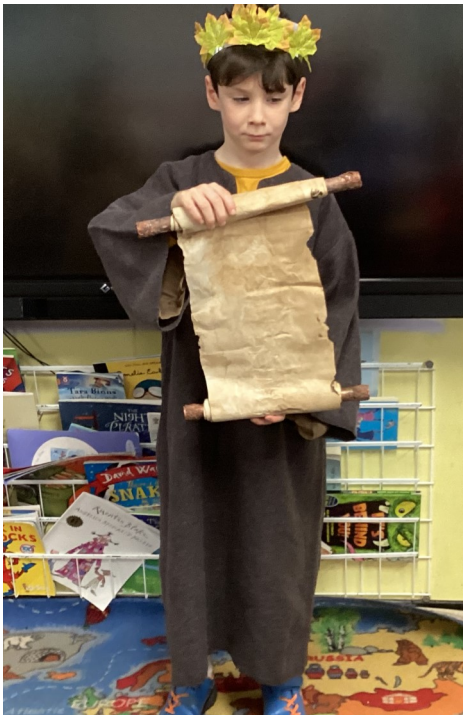
Sycamore Class spent their family afternoon session last week designing and making Christmas decorations from recycled materials and made their Christmas lunch place mats. There were some very creative and innovative designs made and everyone was impressed with their finished products.



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KS1 Nativity



Support for Parents- Connect Somerset.



Connect Somerset is a useful website bringing professionals and community groups together to help families and residents improve their lives. Please see the link below: <https://connectsomerset.org.uk/>

Connect Somerset are offering **some free online parenting courses** that you may find beneficial. Connect Somerset has a **NEW** online offer open to Parents, Carers and Grandparents. **The offer is worth over £100 per person and they are giving fully funded access to all residents in Somerset.** The online offer covers lots of topics including:

Pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby
Understanding your baby
A sick or preterm baby in hospital and at home
Understanding your child
Children with additional needs
Understanding your teenager's brain
Feelings and understanding your brain (for teenagers)
Understanding your children's mental health and wellbeing
Relationships
Impact of the pandemic.

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