



A Message From Miss Reed

Dear Parents and Carers,

The countdown to Christmas has continued this week and our Reception and Year 1 children delighted the crowds with their performance of 'Baarmy Bethlehem'. This interesting take on the traditional Christmas story sees the 'party sheep' escaping from their flock to make their way into Bethlehem for a big celebration. The children impressed us with their singing and acting skills....who doesn't love an angel with tinsel for a halo?! A big thank you to all the staff for their hard work in pulling this together and well done to the children for such great performances.

On Thursday, we joined in with Save The Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day', donating £1 to the charity and wearing our festive jumpers and outfits. We'd really like the children to wear these again on Tuesday 17th December for our Carol Concert at St. Luke's church. Please do join us for this event that is due to start at 10am (in your own festive attire of course 😊).

Friday ends with a special event for our Ducklings in Nursery who return to school in the darkness, wearing their pyjamas ready for 'Stories by Candlelight' - we hope that this is a memorable event for them all.

If you are free on Sunday afternoon at 4pm, St. Luke's Church are holding their Community Carol Concert - it would be lovely to see you there.

Have a great weekend - Kate and the Ryelands Team

Christmas Carol Concert at St. Luke's Church

On Tuesday 17th December, at 10am, we are hosting our Christmas Carol Concert at St Luke's Church. Parents, carers and members of the community are invited to come and watch, we are asking children, parents and guests to put on their Christmas jumpers once again!



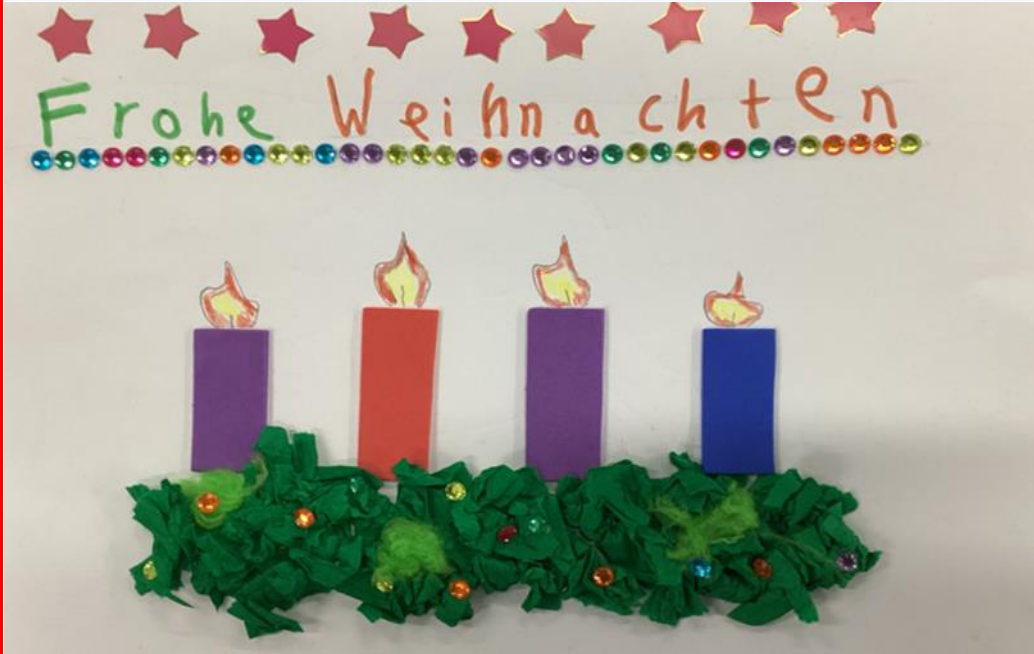
Like with every outing, we need adult helpers to walk with us to and from the church. Please let the class teachers know if you are able to accompany us on one or both these days:

Monday: Y2-Y6 Leaving school at 9.10am (Rehearsal)

**Tuesday: Reception- Y6 Leaving school at 9.40am
(Please wear your Christmas Jumpers on Tuesday)**

Results for the Foreign Language Christmas card competition

A huge round of applause for Luca Y2 Goldfinch, the winner of our Christmas card competition! He will receive a £10 Amazon voucher.



The judges - Miss Champion, Miss Turner and Mrs Kalaydzhieva were thoroughly impressed by his entry, which stood out amongst 11 inspiring submissions from talented students across Oasis Academy Ryelands. His card displayed the German tradition of a wreath with 4 candles on the table. A huge thank you to everyone who participated!

Mrs Kalaydzhieva



Oasis HisStory Month - Writing Competition Results

Celebrating International Men's Day

Oasis

HisStory Month

Short Story Writing Competition

As part of Oasis HisStory Month and International Men's Day, we would like to invite you to write a short story.

Can you create a story and a literary world that we can all explore that features at least one inspiring male character?
Can you create an adventure or character we will all be amazed by?

As part of Oasis HisStory Month and International Men's Day we invited children to write a short story and create a literary world for us all to explore, featuring at least one inspiring male character.

We were overwhelmed with all the incredible entries - well done everyone! - I am delighted to announce the winning entries are.....

Congratulations to ...

KS1 - Martha (Sparrow)

Lower KS2 - King (Kingfisher)

Upper KS2 - Rafael (Raven)

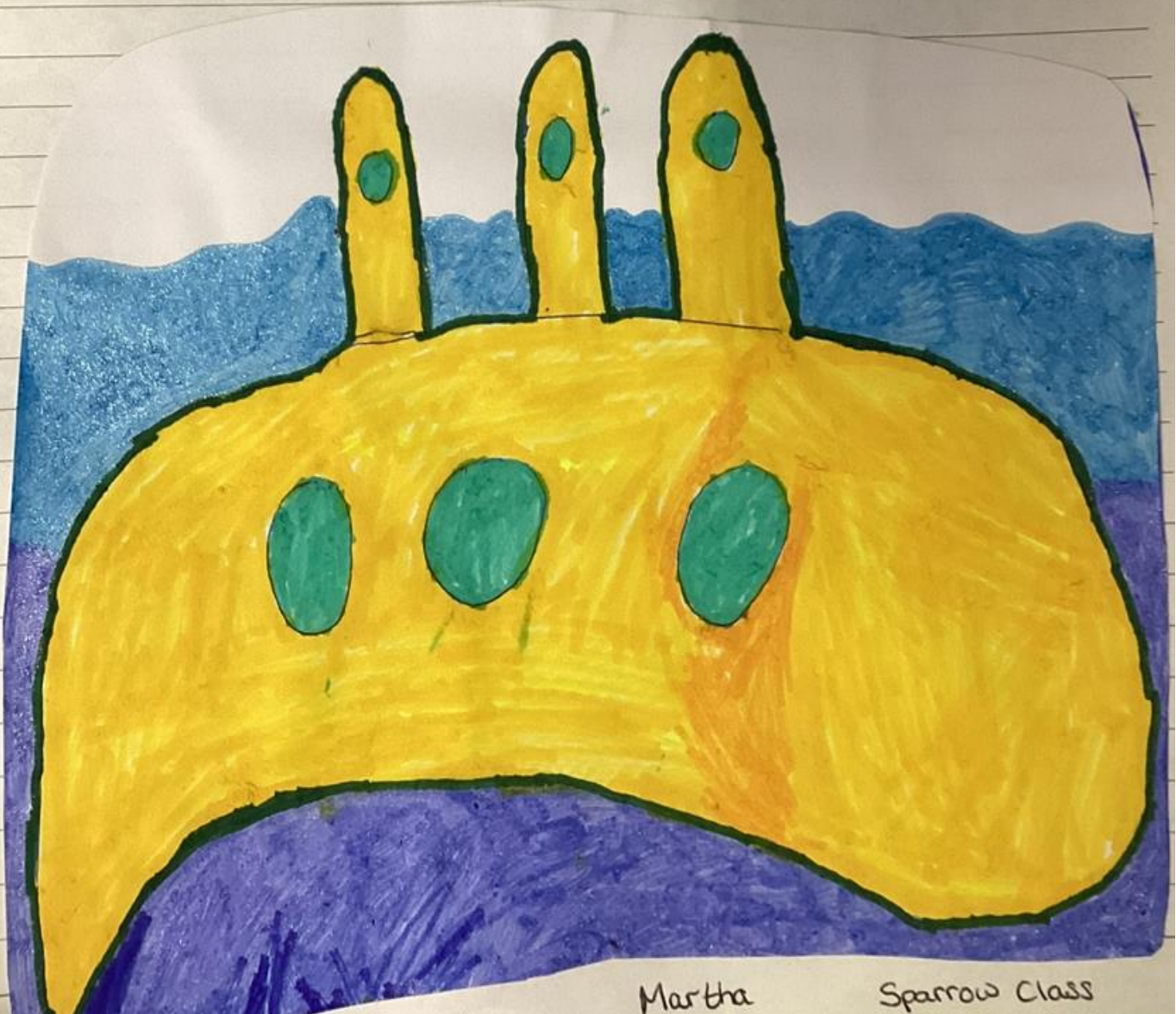
We hope you enjoy reading the winning stories which were amazing on the next pages and thank you again to everyone who submitted their writing. It has been a joy to read your work!

Mrs Harriman

Once there was a boy called John Lennon who loved to play wavy music because it felt like his heart was in the music spirit.

One night John had a dream that transformed him into a sea of green. He heard the ocean dripping over the sides of his submarine. He saw fishes and moss and loads of coral. He sailed into the sun which was hot and warmed his skin.

When John woke up he grabbed his guitar and the music flowed out of him. In just a few short minutes he created yellow submarine.



Martha

Sparrow Class

The Boy's Secret



Jack woke up first as he had been up all night. He went to get dressed for school.



In school Jack has a great of friends called Sarah and Tim.



Sarah asked Jack if he can come around after school, but Jack said he was busy saving the world.



When the school bell rang Jack rushed to his mum's car. "BYE" Shouted Jack to Sarah and Tim, "I will see you tomorrow."



Jack skipped into his house as he could smell his dad's cooking. "I hope you're hungry" said Dad.



After Jack ate he told his parents he was going for a nap because he was up all night.



Suddenly Jack got woken from his sleep. His magical superhero outfit came flying from under the bed. Jack put it on and flew to the danger.



There was a man stealing a tv from a house. Jack flew down and 'pow' punched the man to the ground. He held his hands with rope.



People came out to see who this hero was. So Jack took off his mask, his parents and his school friends Sarah and Tim were there. Jack everyone shouted. Jack just

Smiled. *kind*

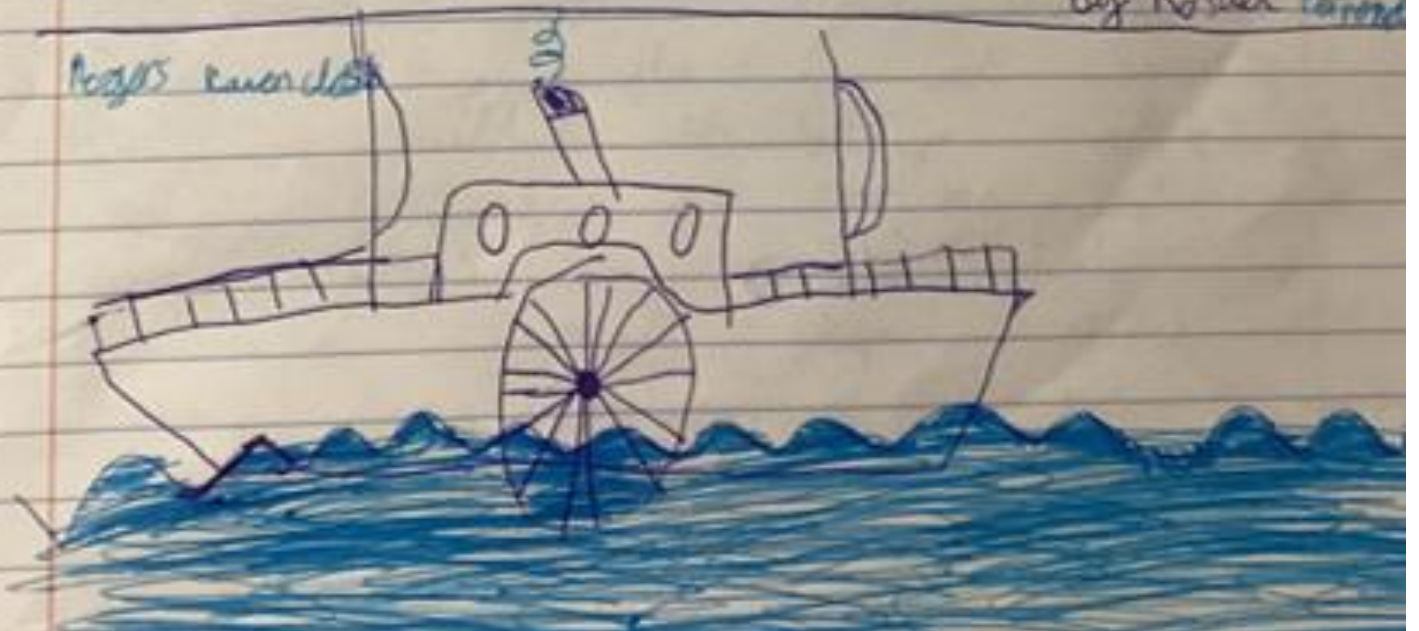
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M A N

by Rafael Fornes



Dear Diary,

Today was a wonderful day! I strode
swiftly to the port, I saw the elegant silhouette
of my outstanding ship - the glorious
& Great Eastern. It was the queen of the
Seven Seas with its jet black paint and
quartz white stripe across its glistering bow.
Today I was going to board the
ship and sail the glorious sea. I stood on
its shimmering deck. What a wonder
it was to see the adventurous beast
take to port. As I stepped on to the
ferret oak planks of my very own invention
I realised how smart I really
was. The vast white sails billowed
in the howling wind and the
hermangous ship's black wheel churned the
water. As we took off, everyone on
land cheered, shouted and threw their
hats as when the magnificent vessel
took off from the docks. The
next few days were smooth at
sea with the salty wit as the
ocean drifting up the my nose. The
next day the ocean had not
with my strong great eastern,
the sea was in capricious mood, able
to devour any ship with ease. The
raging storm went on for days
but the mighty ship battled with

until it was finally over. The next day
the SS Great Eastern had so very
nearly completed its maiden voyage,
Liverpool to New York. This would
be the best moment of my life.
I would have created a boat
that works and that can sail
to New York. I'm so glad the
horrible storm is over. The next
day I had arrived at New York
after ten four ten days at sea including
a hollysinging storm, but I had
successfully made a ship and
that was the main thing. I shall
have a fabulous time in New York,
Sighning as I embark kingdom Brunel's

Year 4 visit to the Hindu Temple

On Monday the 9th Of December, Year 4 took a trip to our local Hindu Temple on Enmore Road. The trip was a meaningful and enjoyable experience for everyone.

The children gained new insights into Hinduism including, the different deities worshipped in the faith, the rituals and practices involved in Hindu worship and the unique elements of the temple environment.

The children asked profound and philosophical questions, sparking meaningful discussions, even among the adults. We were very impressed with both classes who were well-behaved and showed respect throughout the visit, creating a positive atmosphere.

We ended our visit with dancing and chanting around the temple, which added a fun and immersive element to the visit.

On our way out, the temple offered generous gestures such as a free cookbook and an apple, I know I can't wait to try some of the delicious recipes!



'When we went to the Krishna temple, we learnt about how they believe that their soul is not the same as the body. We also learnt that they have many gods, but their main god is Krishna' - Tyhla



I enjoyed learning about Hinduism because it was very interesting and fun. I liked how they gave us apples at the end because it was generous. - Hugo.



'I enjoyed singing and dancing because it brought so much joy to me, and I like that we have more knowledge about Hinduism because they were so factual.' - Manuela.



'We learnt about Krishna and the demi-gods and all about good and bad karma' - Romero

'I liked it when we were all dancing and singing together. It made me smile' - Scarlett

On Monday, we went to the Krishna Temple. We learned about there is only 1 God, Krishna and the others are just demigods. At the end we did a Hindu dance, and it was so much fun. They even gave us an apple on our way out!' - Lois



Year 5 Special Visitor

The Raven class has been delving into the poignant book *Where the Poppies Now Grow* by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey. Through our reading, we examined how societal changes over time can influence our perspectives and understanding of the world as we age.

This week, we had the incredible opportunity to welcome Etta's grandmother, Liz, to our class for a captivating "Question Time" session. Although Liz did not experience the Second World War firsthand, its repercussions still resonated deeply in her life, much like how contemporary conflicts affect us today.

The children were eager to engage with Liz, asking her a range of thoughtful questions. They were both entertained and amazed by some of her enlightening responses, which shed light on a different era. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Liz for generously sharing her personal stories and insights with us, enriching our understanding of history and the human experience.

Miss Brophy



Attendance

Over a school year, we are open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions. This includes Soft Starts from 8.40am, registration in the morning and again after lunch in the afternoon. Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

Weekly Attendance Award



Year 1 Sparrow Attendance Penguin 96.21%

Year 5 Heron Class Attendance Cup
98.397%



Attendance Target: 97.0%

Attendance This Week: 95.2%

Attendance This Year: 95.9%

Pupils Late This Week:

26 pupils



This initiative is part of our Friday Celebration Assembly. Every child who has had 100% attendance for the previous 5 days (Fri-Thurs) has their name entered into a prize draw. We spin the wheel (a child is chosen to do so) and whoever the wheel lands on, **wins a £5 National Book Token Voucher.**



This is NOT cumulative so every week children have a fresh chance at having their names added to the draw.

Seren in Reception Wren Class

Positive Playtime Weekly Winners!!

The class winning a new foam ball this week is:

Autumn Term 2 Week 7
Y6 Hawk and Y3 Kingfisher



OAR—Craze of the Week!

Autumn 2 Week 7 and 8

MUGA		Junior playground		Infant playground	
'Craze'	Date	'Craze'	Date	'Craze'	Date
Footballs, bouncy hoppers, tennis and skipping	WB 9 th December 2024	Table tennis, basketballs, tennis and hula hoops.	WB 9 th December 2024	Hula Hooping, skipping, ball games & football	WB 9 th December 2024



Positive Points

WHOLE SCHOOL 3425 points

**WINNING CLASS Year 2 Goldfinch Class
with 779 points**

Our winning class will be rewarded with an extra play session.



Stars of the Week

Each week, a child in each class is chosen for portraying one of the Oasis 9 Habits.



Robin	Harley - Considerate
Wren	Anaya - Humble
Sparrow	Thomas - Humble
Starling	Fletcher - Hopeful
Chaffinch	Beni - Compassionate
Goldfinch	Mark - Self Controlled
Kingfisher	Orla - Considerate
Woodpecker	Viktoria - Considerate
Magpie	Tyhla - Forgiving
Owl	Scarlett - Considerate
Heron	Sayhan - Hopeful
Raven	Jake - Hopeful
Eagle	Carmen - Patient
Hawk	Poppy - Considerate
PUPIL CHOICE	David chose Ben for being Humble Nahkiyah chose Ava Marie for being Considerate



Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths Shed	Class	Child
Kingfisher	Kingfisher	Rassiah (Kingfisher)
2nd	Raven	Gloria (Owl)
3rd	Owl	Xavier

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
Kingfisher	Kingfisher	Gloria (Owl)
2nd	Rahan	Raihan (owl)
3rd	Magpie	Alpha (Kingfisher)

SUMDOG	Class	Child
Magpie	Magpie	Jack (Eagle)
2nd	Eagle	Giselle (Starling)
3rd	starling	Albi (Starling)

Dates for your Diary 2024

Date	Event
Mon 16th Dec	Christmas Carol Rehearsal at St Luke's Church for Years 2-6 (we do require Parent helpers to walk to the church and back)
Tues 17th Dec	10.00am - approx. 12.00pm Carol Concert at St Luke's Church Children (and guests) to wear their Christmas Jumpers again!! (we do require Parent helpers to walk to the church and back)
Wed 18th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Thurs 19th Dec	9.30 am Academy MPs Christmas Charity Shop
Fri 20th December	Last day of term (normal school finishing time)
Mon 23rd Dec - Friday	Christmas Holiday
Mon 6th Jan 2025	Inset Day
Tues 7th Jan 2025	Children return to school





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Christmas Disco

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Friday, 20 December 2024
Starting at 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM



South Norwood Country Park

JOIN US FOR A **FESTIVE**
FUN-FILLED EVENING OF:



DJ tunes

Crazy dance moves

Awesome games

Yummy Pizza and Hot Dogs

Warm drinks to keep you cosy



POLKA TAKE PART

Festive Workshops

Polka Theatre, Wimbledon | 020 8543 4888 | polkatheatre.com

*A £2.50 transaction fee applies to telephone and online bookings. T&Cs apply.



Snowy Stories

Wed 18 - Thu 19 Dec | Ages 0-4

Various times

Tickets £12* (Adult & child)

A multisensory journey into a magical snowy place inspired by

The Snowy Day.



Snowflake Making

Workshop

Fri 20 Dec | Ages 4+

Various times

Tickets £12* (Adult & child)

Create a snowflake garland in our snowy sensory studio.



Magical Toy Tales

Thu 2 Jan | Ages 5-8

10am - 12pm or 2 - 4pm

Tickets £25* (Child only)

Transform into your favourite toy in this drama holiday club inspired by

The Nutcracker.



Characters & Costumes

Masterclass

Fri 3 Jan | Ages 8-12

10am - 4pm

Tickets £50* (Child only)

Raid the Polka costume cupboard and create your own character inspired by

The Nutcracker.



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You're Invited to our regional

Festive Bake Off!

Be in with a chance to win 2 special prizes
The Private Members Suite at the O2 Arena

Take a picture of yourself with your festive cupcake or cookie and tell us what makes it special!
Hand in to your kitchen team by Tuesday 17th

Produced by Feld Entertainment

Disney
ON ICE

**DISCOVER
THE MAGIC**

10:30am, Sunday 29th December
at The O2 Arena (Doors open at 9:30am)

*Please ensure you and at least one adult are available to attend

Unto us
a child
is born!



St. Luke's
WOODSIDE

Community Carols

Sunday 15th December ❖ 4PM



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