



# High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 19th December 2025



*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*

## Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

Wow - what a way to finish this term! The week started with a super Nativity from our very youngest children. They had learnt their lines, spoke with confidence and sang beautifully. Then we moved onto our Key Stage 1 Nativity - the children were amazing - the performance they put on would not have been out of place in the West End! Then we had our church services with the Key Stage 2 Carol Service yesterday (It was a little wet!) and then today Foundation and Key Stage one Christingle service.

The children have made us all proud with the work they have achieved over the term and the way they have worked so hard to ensure that there are #nooutsiders and that everyone belongs. Such an important message this Christmas.

The staff have worked incredibly hard this term, providing great learning opportunities in every lesson, supporting children who need a bit extra now and then and always showing such care towards the children. I am a very proud headteacher!

### Santa Sleigh D&T Competition...

Tofield, who generously donated the prizes, came into school today to help judge the winners, he was amazed by how creative High Ash students are. We are proud to announce the winners and runners up:

- Foundation & KS1 Winner - Clara in Apple Class
- Foundation & KS1 Runner up - Harper in Cherry Class
- KS2 Winner - Emilia in Oak Class
- KS2 Runner up - Willow in Hawthorn Class
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Well done to everyone who entered. It was wonderful to see everyone's creations!



### *To reward great behaviour...*

We had our termly treat Tuesday afternoon this week. The children chose craft activities, film, colouring etc.

Here are some of the things that were made in Willow classroom.



### *Spring Term Clubs 2026...*

Please remember to book or re-book your child into any chosen clubs for next term by Friday 2nd January. You can view all clubs on offer with online booking links via our website by clicking below:

<https://www.highashschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs&pid=616>

### *Learning highlights this week...*

#### Acorns

Well what a fantastic final week of 2025 we have had! The children performed amazingly well in their nativity and we were so very proud. They all spoke so clearly, sang so beautifully and entertained their audience with their excellent acting skills. It showed how much they have grown and how much more confident they have become, they really were 'A Miracle in Town'. Each child has had their Nativity photo taken and the school office will ensure you are able to access those to enjoy.

We continued to talk about Christmas traditions this week, we learned all about Christingles! We talked about how the orange represents the world, the sweets and raisins the four seasons, the red ribbon round is God's love around the world and the candle in the centre represents Jesus who is the light of the world. We washed our hands and then made our own ready to take down to the church for our service. We had lots of fun making them and found pushing the sweets on the sticks particularly challenging! We used glow sticks instead of candles.



We wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to continuing our learning journey together in 2026!

#### Acorn Reminders

- We have collected in the library books over Christmas, the children can collect a new one the first week back.

- We are going on our theatre trip on Friday 9th January, we will leave school at 12pm, in enough time to be at the theatre for 1pm when the panto starts. The performance is two and a half hours and finishes at 3.30pm. We should return to school at approximately 4.00pm.

### Year One and Two

What a week! Thank you so much to all our wonderful families for coming to support our Nativity performances, you really were a fabulous audience! We are all so incredibly proud of the children and the hard work and enthusiasm they put into their show.



It has been business as usual in Apple Class with their first lesson using the Chromebooks this week! The children enjoyed practising their pattern skills, linking their learning from Maths with technology. Log-in details have been placed in diaries. We would greatly appreciate your support at home by helping your child practise logging in and out of their Google account. Thank you for your continued support!



KS1 have been creating artwork inspired by the English artist Clarice Cliff. They used their knowledge of primary and secondary colours to paint bright concentric circles, before using straws to blow branch silhouettes onto their designs. The results are colourful, creative, and full of character - well done KS1!



We all want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Bird for organising the most incredible end of term treat on Thursday. 'Little City' set up in the Hall with lots of magical role play areas and we all had the best time. The children have worked so hard this term and have settled into their new classes so well, they all deserved an afternoon of fun!



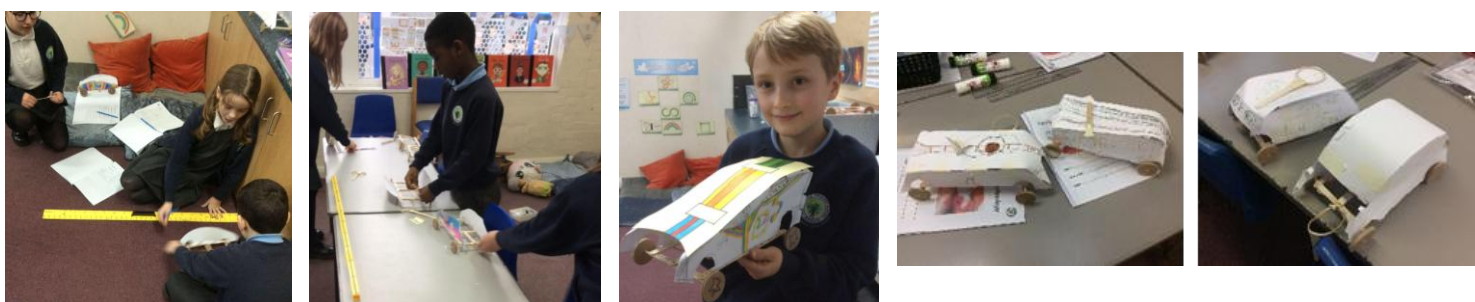
The KS1 team would like to thank you all for all your support this term and wish you a very Happy Christmas. See you in January!

### Year 1/2 Reminders

- Please can Year 1 practise logging in and out of their Google accounts in preparation for their Computing unit in January.
- We will be needing cereal boxes for our next D&T project in the New Year, so please save us a couple and send them into class when we come back to school.

### Year Three and Four

This week, we completed our slingshot cars! The children have worked so hard designing, developing and making their cars. From the chassis, to the sides and roof. There are some fantastic finished prototypes that are considered the design brief (make it streamlined, light-weight and attractive). We then had to test their speed and accuracy. We did this by measuring how far each slingshot car travelled over a table or on the hard floor in our classroom. We can't wait for them to be zooming around your living rooms! Our proud faces show how hard we worked. Well done all of you!



This week we have been clever writers by retelling the story of Raymond Briggs' classic 'The Snowman'. The children have all worked so hard and impressed us with their command of descriptive language and storytelling.



Holly Class, just before the start line at last week's Santa Dash!



### Year 3/4 Reminders

As we have now completed our swimming lessons, we will be having two PE lessons in school. They are on the following days:

- Holly: Thursday and Friday
- Hazel: Monday and Thursday
- Hawthorn: Monday and Thursday
- **Please keep any rolls for Year 3 and 4 DT next term (toilet, kitchen or wrapping paper) for our next DT project in January.** Send them in anytime so that we can start a stash of them. We welcome them from any child in any year group - the more the better! Thank you

### Year Five and Six

This week, we completed our wonderful waistcoats. We started the half term designing them, before selecting the materials and cutting to size. We have been spending time sewing accurately so that it meets the design brief of being smart and comfortable for a teddy bear. Over the past few lessons, we have added additional details such as embroidery or buttons. Check out some of our fabulous teddies modelling their new garments!



In Year 5/6, pupils have been exploring the role of Mary in the Nativity story in RE. They discussed the important traits and talents Mary would have needed to fulfil her role, identifying qualities such as kindness, resilience, patience, courage, honesty and trustworthiness, along with many others. The children also reflected on the roles people play in their own lives and recognised these same positive characteristics in family members, friends and members of the school community.



This week we finished our Guided Reading Book - *The Star of Kazan*. It was set in the Alps and accompanied our Geography unit beautifully. The story explored themes of friendship and trust, mirroring our work in PSHE. We followed the adventures of Annika as she explored the mysteries surrounding her birth following the arrival of her 'real' mother and realised that love for our friends makes them family too.

Today in Oak class, the children were challenged to create the longest possible paper chain from one piece of A4 paper - The winners were Summer and Cali. Then we linked several of them together and took our monstrous paper chain into the hall as we didn't have enough room in the classroom!



### Year 5/6 Reminders

- Football training will resume w/b 12th January for Year 5/6 girls and Year 6 mixed team.

### Online safety and Christmas Gifts

No doubt many of our children will have put some sort of digital device on their Christmas list, whether a phone, tablet or games console. It's always exciting for the children to play with something new but please remember to take a few practical steps to make sure your children are safe online.

There are our Online Safety Newsletters on the website which provide lots of guidance and tips,

<https://www.highashschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+safety&pid=556>

and there is plenty of information available online to help you, we've included just a few examples.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-age/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/christmaschecklist/>

### Girls Football with MK Dons...

MK Dons Community Trust, the football club's official charity, has partnered with The Cottesloe School in Wing to deliver weekly football training sessions for girls aged 9 to 16 of all playing abilities.

It comes after The Cottesloe School received funding from the Football Foundation and Buckinghamshire Council to develop its own 3G pitch for school and wider community use.

The sessions will be delivered on Monday evenings between 7.30pm and 8.30pm with coaching provided by the Trust's experienced and qualified team of FA and UEFA licensed coaches.

In a further boost, the first three sessions - delivered on January 5, January 12 and January 19 - will be delivered free of charge to all participants.

You can sign up here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBF3-7oOLggnWR8Bep6TgNb3BQq2gPEBXOalHmS01VtZatYw/viewform>

### *Reflections this week...*

This week we have thought about the power of tradition. We defined traditions as a special way of doing something that is passed down through families, groups, or communities over a long time. They are like happy memories we make every single year. They help us feel connected to our family and friends, and they remind us of important stories. We talked about how one of the most famous traditions is sharing stories. We shared the story of Twas the Night Before Christmas. The most important tradition we remember at Christmas is Jesus' birth, which is why we have Christmas. We read the bible reading from Luke 2:10-11.

### *Attendance...*

This week's attendance is 93.5%. Remember to always email [absence@highashschool.co.uk](mailto:absence@highashschool.co.uk) for every day your child is absent from school. Thank you.

Congratulations to Cherry and Hawthorn classes who have the best attendance this term across the whole school. We have **46** children out of 248 with **100% attendance** - well done to all of these children and their families!

### *Diary dates for next week commencing 5th January...*

Monday 5th January - INSET Day (School Closed)

Tuesday 6th January - Spring Term begins

Wednesday 7th January - Y3/4 Romans - Portals to the Past visitor in school

Thursday 8th January - Y5/6 Art Workshop in school

Friday 9th January - Foundation Pantomime at MK Theatre

Friday 9th January - KS1 Star Assembly at 2.55pm, doors open at 2.45pm. Invitation only.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a great start to 2026. We look forward to welcoming you all back into school on **Tuesday 6th January**.

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