

Newsletter

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Roundhouse Way, Harlow, Essex, CM17 9SF



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Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term, the Newhall community have shown so much generosity: we raised a phenomenal amount of money (£4268) at our Christmas Fayre. A huge thank you to our incredible PTA for their time and organisation. It was a wonderful event and thank you for coming along to support it.

The reindeer run also raised a magnificent £2,559.25 for St Clare Hospice, a local charity that I know has supported many members of our community. Our Year 5 children went to sing at the hospice and even made it there despite their coach breaking down! St Clare staff said, "the children sang beautifully and were incredibly entertaining. It was such a lovely gesture to make, and we are very grateful that you chose to bring some Christmas cheer to us here at St Clare." Our Year 5 children made us incredibly proud and were so confident performing and talking to the St Clare staff.

Over the half term, we have seen further wonderful assemblies from Rowan Class, Beech Class and Elm Class. Mr. Bowden (Elm Class teacher) even composed a song for his class to sing!

We have also had the pleasure of seeing lots of festive concerts which have really got everyone into the Christmas spirit. We're particularly proud of our youngest children in Bluebell, Cherry and Willow who performed beautifully.

Sadly for us, Mrs. Robinson (Year 5 LSA) will be leaving at the end of term to focus on her career as a beautician. We have appointed some new LSAs and we look forward to welcoming them to Newhall in the spring term.

Have a wonderful holiday with your family and friends and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Mr Duffy

A Message from the Nursery Manager

What a way to end a half term!

Christmas lunch was scrummy and very much enjoyed by all. It was lovely to see the children all dressed in their Christmas jumpers.

Bluebell sang their hearts out at the carol concert it was lovely to see the oldest children in the nursery stand on the stage and sing. For 3 and 4 year old children this was a massive achievement and we are all very proud of you all.

On behalf of myself, Miss Andrews and all the staff team may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this year but also for the cards and gifts that we have all received for Christmas.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you all back in 2024.

Ms Pike

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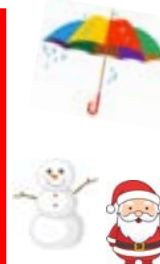
Year 5

Year 5 have been continuing to get into the spirit this week with carol concerts, Christmas cards and Christmas tree decorations. Wishing you all a happy, healthy break.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a great end of term. We have finished off our book "The Polar Express" by going on a magical trip to Audley End. We have become designers by designing and bringing our prototype umbrellas to life and have ended our term by celebrating Christmas by making Christmas cards and singing in the carol concert. Merry Christmas from everyone in Year 1!



Year 3

Year 3 are having a fantastic time learning lots of different balances and rolls in gymnastics. We have been developing our balance and body control linking balances with different transitions to create a routine with different levels. In DT, we have been mastering our knowledge of pop-up books exploring different techniques and made our own pop-up bedroom.



Year R

Reception have had a fun filled term finishing off our "To Infinity and Beyond!" topic with a visit from the mobile Planetarium. We have been enjoying lots of Christmas activities to end the term and reception put on two amazing shows for their parents, performing Whoops a Daisy Angel. We also took a walk to the post box to post our letters to Santa. Wishing everyone a happy holiday!



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Year 2

Year 2 have had great fun in their learning this half term. They've enjoyed manipulating materials in science by squashing, stretching, twisting, and bending. They observed how materials can change when they made their own dough. The children have also been using base 10 in maths to represent addition and subtraction problems involving exchanging 10, as well as lolly sticks to represent shapes. To finish off our term of raising money for good causes, Year 2 especially liked partaking in the Rudolph Run in order to raise money for St Clare's Hospice. Well done Year 2!



Blossom

Over the past few weeks Blossom have been getting in the festive mood. The children have been celebrating Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. The children have had lots of fun helping to bake some biscuits and make lots of Christmas surprises for their families. We look forward to welcoming some new children in the new year and wish everyone a merry Christmas.

Bluebell

The children in Bluebell have really enjoyed the run up to Christmas! They have been writing letters to Father Christmas, decorating the Christmas tree in the role play area, and pretending to bake using Christmas scented playdough. They have also made cards and gifts for loved ones, enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch and preformed a carol concert to their parents.



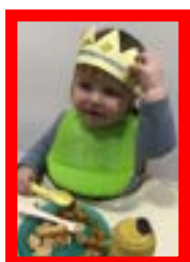
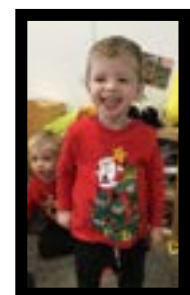
Snowdrop

Snowdrop have had a lovely end to the half term engaging in Christmas activities! The children have particularly enjoyed learning Christmas rhymes and creating some special decorations for their Christmas trees. We have also been working hard illustrating and writing our letters to Santa!



Year 4

Year 4 have had an amazing last few weeks busying ourselves with developing our knowledge of multiplication and division. They are now well versed in their understanding of factor and multiple alongside knowing the Distributive law and Commutative law of mathematics. It has been excellent to see their fluency improve in class and through their use of TTRS. Alongside this we have really enjoyed our class guided reading, based on the book Kasper Prince of Cats. The children have really delved deeply into understanding the complex vocabulary presented in the book while enjoying looking at the origin of words such as 'manhandle' and their relevance today. In addition to this, we have studied the mythology of Romulus and Remus to consolidate our Roman understanding and rewritten the myth to tell around a fireplace to pass the story on like the Romans might have done themselves. Our science has revolved around electricity and to understand how circuits work. We have experimented with insulators and conductors. During our DT we learnt how bread was made, enjoyed tasting a range of different breads and finally planned and made our own soda bread. The children had heaps of fun in this run up to Christmas!



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Attendance

Our attendance for each class for the whole autumn term is shown in the table below. Well done to Juniper Class with the highest attendance! Our school target for attendance is for each class to be above 96%.

Year Group	Class	Attendance
R	Cherry	96.5%
R	Willow	95.6%
1	Beech	94.5%
1	Rowan	96.7%
2	Elm	96.2%
2	Hazel	96.0%
3	Chestnut	93.1%
3	Maple	96.7%
4	Ash	95.0%
4	Juniper	96.9%
5	Birch	93.8%
5	Cedar	95.7%

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Date	Event and Time
Thursday 4 th January	All children return to school
Friday 12 th January	Year 2 visit to Old Harlow Library
Wednesday 24 th January	Chestnut Class Assembly (09:00)
Friday 26 th January	Year 2 visit to Old Harlow Library
Wednesday 31 st January	Maple Class Assembly (09:00)
Wednesday 7 th February	Cherry Class Assembly (09:00)
Wednesday 14 th February	Willow Class Assembly (09:00)
Friday 16 th February	School closes for half term



#STAYS SAFE

Are you planning on giving your child a new games console, mobile phone, tablet, or computer game this Christmas? Or do you have friends or family who are?

Visit www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings for practical things you can do to help make your child's new device safer when they are online.

#StaySafe

Harlow College are offering English and Maths courses for adults in January 2024.

English and Maths courses could be **FREE** for those who do not currently hold a grade C or 4 (or above) in English and Maths.

Click to find out more—<https://adobe.ly/49ZYK8p>



St Clare Hospice

Thank you to all of those who donated for the Rudolph Run for St Clare Hospice. We have raised an incredible £2,559.25, WOW!

"Every child deserves the magic of Christmas!"

As families decorate their tree and prepare for Father Christmas to visit, it's hard to believe there are children of all ages across Essex who have never experienced Christmas before. Foster carers Sheila and her husband are bringing the magic of Christmas to vulnerable children in care. [Watch her video](#) to hear her heart-warming story of how they are restoring the childhood magic of Christmas time.

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