

## Newsletter 19/12/25



Children who demonstrate an acceptable standard of behaviour are awarded points. To be awarded a point the children would have to be in the right place, at the right time and doing the right thing.

This week **389** children have been GREEN all week.

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to all of the parents and carers that attended all of our Christmas events over the last few weeks - it was wonderful to see you all there. We also celebrated Elf Day to help raise money for Alzheimer's awareness and managed to raise £155 so thank you to everyone that donated.

All of the staff at Simpson's Lane Academy would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2026!

### Upcoming Dates

19/12 – Break Up  
05/01 – Return to School  
07/01 – 2KW Stay and Read  
08/01 – 4EC Stay and Read  
09/01 - Inset Day  
14/01 – 1KR Stay and Read  
15/01 – 3SF Stay and Read  
21/01 – 1JS Stay and Read  
22/01 – 3ED Stay and Read

28/01 – RRS Stay and Read  
29/01 – 6SW Stay and Read  
04/02 – REH Stay and Read  
05/02 – 6SC Stay and Read  
11/02 – 2LR Stay and Read  
12/02 – 5CT Stay and Read  
13/02 - Break Up  
02/03 – Return to School

### Stars of the week

**NURSERY AM-** All the children!! For being the most kind, determined and supportive friends towards each other this term!

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**RRS-** Ivy-Rose for using fabulous vocabulary in Maths lessons this week.

**REH-** All of REH for an amazing Autumn Term, you have all settled in amazingly!

**1KR-** Eliza for her phenomenal writing this week!

**1JS-** Erika G for being a superstar in phonics and writing this week.

**2KW-** Jacob for trying hard to stay on green and for his knowledge of digital Photography in computing.

**2LR-** Felicity for her debate writing on whether or not homework should be banned.

**3ED-** Pixie for wowing us with her performance in the concert and being an all round superstar.

**3SF-** Samanta, for always staying super green and working so hard in every lesson. Well done!

**4EC-** All children in 4EC! For a wonderful Christmas performance and for finishing their first term of year four!

**4NR-** The whole class for amazing signing in our school concert I am so proud of you!

**5KR-** All of 5KR for an amazing first term, working so hard and being green!

**5CT-** All of 5CT for having an amazing Autumn term and settling into Year 5 really well and meeting my expectations.

**6SW-** Levi for his effort to improve his handwriting.

**6SC-** Emilie for an amazing performance and coaching others to be more confident too.



### Nursery

We have had a very busy week this week in Nursery! We have enjoyed exploring toys from the present and past for Elf Day. We were all pretending to make toys in preparation for Christmas. All the Elves were great helpers! It took a long time for the children to master the skills needed to complete the games from the past but with patience they have tried so hard and have been very determined. We have had a lovely visit from the Reverend Barry from the Church who taught us a little bit about the Nativity story and the true meaning of Christmas. The children were all so excited to learn that Christmas is Baby Jesus' birthday! We have completed our learning for our Talk for Writing story 'Dear Santa' this week. The children have all had a go at creating their own version of the story, using adjectives to explain why each present might not be the best for them until they each finally settled on which toy was 'perfect'. The toys the children brought in from home on Elf Day helped them in using their imagination to create their stories. We have been so proud of the children and the progress they have made over this term. We hope you have an amazing Christmas break and enjoy the time with your families!!



### Reception

On Monday morning the children were greeted with very messy classrooms. We watched the CCTV and found some extremely cheeky reindeer had been dancing in our classroom and left a big mess for our teachers to tidy up. We wrote letters to Father Christmas to let him know about his escaped pets and we asked him to come and collect them. We loved wearing our Christmas costumes on Elf Day and we especially loved it when Mr Colley came to visit us in his elf suit! Toward's the end of the week, we completed our topic lessons and learnt about Buzz Aldrin. He was the second person to walk on the moon and without him they wouldn't have arrived there safely. Did you know he saved the day with a felt tip pen? Ask us some questions about the moon and see what we can tell you at home. The EY staff would like to thank the parents and carers for their support this term. The children have settled in extremely well to Reception and deserve a wonderful rest over the holidays. Have a lovely Christmas and see you all in the new year for another fun-filled term in Early Years.



### 1KR

Wow, what a busy and exciting week 1KR have had! We have all enjoyed creating Christmas crafts and completing Christmas activities all week! On Wednesday we enjoyed listening to Christmas songs and eating our Christmas dinner... On Friday we partied all afternoon and enjoyed festive snacks.

In Writing we wrote our recount from our special treasure hunt set by the Elf and wrote some beautiful letters to Santa.

1KR have had a wonderful first term in year 1 and I am so incredibly proud of them all. We hope you have a fantastic Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year!



### 1JS

We've had a lovely finish to the Autumn term in class this week. Our RE focus has been Christianity and we ended this with a virtual trip to the church using our wonderful immersive suite. In DT, we have designed and made vehicles using an axis and chassis.

Our maths continues to focus on addition and subtraction within 20 and in writing, the children have used our gift from the elf last week as a stimulus for writing a recount 'The box under the tree'.

It has been a wonderful term with the children, and we have loved seeing their progress so far in year one.

We hope you have a lovely festive break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in January.

Merry Christmas!



## 2KW

This week the children have been learning how to take a good quality photograph on the iPads and have had a go at editing the contrast, saturation and lighting in their photographs. They have then rated the photos that they have taken. In addition to this they have been learning about diversity and treating people equally in this week's jigsaw session. The children have also enjoyed making some Christmas cards for their friends and family members. We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.



## 2LR

We have had a fabulous last week filled with Christmas crafts and reading all about elves. In Writing, we have created a Christmas acrostic poem based on what we can see, smell and hear. In French, we have been counting up to ten. In History, we have looked at the positive and negative impacts about the Great Fire of London. The children have worked so hard this term and they all deserve a lovely, fun-filled and restful break. I cannot wait to see them all in the new year. Have a fab Christmas!



## 3ED

We gave a fantastic performance at our Christmas concert, showcasing our hard work and enthusiasm — thank you to everyone who came to watch our hard work! In reading, we enjoyed reading and performing a range of Christmas poems- this has helped us get in the festive spirit and develop our expression and confidence. In history, we finalised our learning about the Iron Age by exploring the power and importance of the Druids in society. To celebrate a wonderful term, we enjoyed our Evergreen treat by going ice skating! Enjoy your well earned break Y3 and have an amazing Christmas.



## 3SF

What a busy and exciting final week we have had in Year 3!

In reading, we have been exploring different texts by familiar authors and practising how to answer test-style questions. The children are showing great improvement in their retrieval skills, which is lovely to see. In maths, we have been learning about equivalent fractions. The class has worked incredibly hard with this tricky topic and should be very proud of themselves. In writing, we have finished our shared write on How to Tame a Mystical Creature. I have been amazed by the children's creativity, fantastic vocabulary and, not to mention, the fabulous handwriting seen throughout the class. On Tuesday, we enjoyed our Christmas concert. The children were amazing and performed with such confidence. On Wednesday, we all sat together for our Christmas dinner, including the teachers, which was a lovely experience. On Thursday, we had great fun ice skating, and the children thoroughly enjoyed this special treat.



#### 4EC

Well, 4EC, you have officially finished your first term in year four! For our final week, we have had our last forest school lesson, it was a wet one, so we had to wrap up warm. In reading, we have continued to look at different poems shown in Christmas adverts. We learned the Sainsbury's 'Greatest Gift' song and performed to the whole class. In DT, we have finished our topic by creating our very own bug houses. We had our wonderful Christmas performance; it was lovely to see so many of you in the audience. Apologies for picking the world's longest Christmas song BUT the children pulled it off and we were so happy with how it went! For our Evergreen treat we had ice-skating! The children had so much fun skating around, dancing to Christmas music...it truly has been a fun filled week. I hope you all have a wonderful break and a fantastic Holiday!



#### 4NR

A busy final week, we had so much fun welcoming our parents to see our Christmas concert the kids have spoken all week about how much they enjoyed you joining us for crafts. We finished our bug hotels and are excited for them to be used to shelter the bugs during the colder weeks. Our class party was a highlight some time for us all to unwind and have fun as a class. Have the best Christmas 4NR, I cant wait to see you all in the New Year!



#### 5KR

This week, in reading, we finished our first-class novel of Who Let the Gods Out? We are ready to start our new class novel of Street Child. We have finished the ending pages of our Autumn text and written a book review. We have also had the opportunity to act out our favourite part of the novel. In Maths, we have continued our topic of fractions adding fractions with both a common and uncommon denominator. In Writing, we finished off our unit of an information text. In our wider curriculum we finished off our units of French, Geography and Science ready for next term. We enjoyed an amazing green treat of ice skating and we even had our concert this week!



#### 5CT

We have had a busy last week in year 5! In maths we have continued our learning of fractions, understanding how to add fractions with the same and uncommon denominators as well as adding to a mixed number. The children's arithmetic test scores have just been getting better and better. We all have the goal of getting above 20 before Feb half term! In writing, we looked at our own information texts about our imaginary creatures, making sure to use formal language and generalisers. We have completed our reading book of Who let the Gods out? And the children enjoyed it thoroughly, however they were wanting some answers to their questions as the book ended on a cliffhanger! The afternoons have been used to finish off our learning in Geography, PSHE and Computing, and having our amazing Christmas concert! The children have shown great participation and courage when standing up in front of everyone and giving their best performance for everyone who came and watched. The children deserved an exciting experience of ice rink, they have worked so hard this term. I hope that everyone has a lovely Christmas holiday and see you in the new year!



### 6SW

In Art, we experimented with watercolour techniques, creating a wash to imitate the work of George Marston during his trip to Antarctica with Ernest Shackleton. We explored how colour, tone and layering can be used to reflect mood and atmosphere in artwork inspired by exploration. In Maths, we focused on coordinates, learning how to plot points as well as translate and reflect shapes on a grid. This helped us develop accuracy and a deeper understanding of position and movement. In Writing, we produced a formal version of our exploration text, carefully adapting our language and structure to suit a more formal audience while maintaining clarity and purpose. Wednesday was a particularly busy and exciting day! We enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers, tucking into a festive Christmas dinner, taking part in craft activities, and performing in the Christmas concert — a wonderful day full of smiles and celebration. In Reading, we explored Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. We loved learning about the story and discussing the powerful moral messages around kindness, generosity and change.



### 6SC

What a fantastic final week it has been in Year 6! The children have worked incredibly hard this term, and we have enjoyed celebrating the festive season together - we are extremely proud of all that they have achieved this term. Our Christmas dinner, which was a real highlight. The hall was filled with laughter as we pulled crackers, listened to festive tunes, and admired some brilliant Christmas jumpers. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to relax and celebrate together. We were also incredibly proud of the children during the Christmas concert. They performed confidently and enthusiastically, and it was wonderful to see so many families there to support them. After the concert, we returned to class to enjoy some Christmas crafts together. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the evening so special. Another much-anticipated event was our annual Christmas Evergreen, where we took to the ice rink. There were plenty of smiles (and a few tumbles!) as we skated together and enjoyed the festive atmosphere. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a restful holiday. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing everyone again in the New Year!



### Simpson's Lane Academy Safeguarding Team

***If you have any concerns about a child or member of staff, please contact one of our safeguarding team. Our safeguarding leads are –***

Mr Colley (Head of Academy DSL)

Mrs Silburn (Well-being Lead and Deputy DSL)

Mrs Ellis (Vice Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Coopey (Assistant Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Simpson (Attendance Officer and Deputy DSL)