


## Newsletter 20/12/2024



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 **385** children have been GREEN all week.

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,


What a great year 2024 it has been at Simpson's Lane Academy. I want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of you for attending all of our events during the festive period and showing the school such fantastic support. I want to wish you a merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.

This year, we also launched our Delta Stars and are really pleased to say that since the launch we have already handed out 325 Delta Star cards out, which is amazing!


### Upcoming Dates

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| --Mon 6/01-Back to School             | --Thur 30/01-5KR Stay and Read               |
| --Wed 7/01-2KW Stay and Read          | --Tue 4/02- Year 2 Trip to Synagogue         |
| --Thur 8/01-6SW Stay and Read         | --Wed 5/02-2KW Stay and Read                 |
| --Fri 10/01-Inset Day                 | --Thur 6/02-4MM Stay and Read                |
| --Wed 15/01-2LR Stay and Read         | --Wed 12/02-2LR Stay and Read                |
| --Wed 15/01-Year 1 Teach Rex Workshop | --Wed 12/02-Year 2 Trip to Pontefract Castle |
| --Thur 16/01-6SC Stay and Read        | --Thur 13/02-3SM Stay and Read               |
| --Wed 22/01-1KR Stay and Read         | --Fri 14/02-Break Up                         |
| --Thur 23/01-5CT Stay and Read        | --Mon 24/02-Back to School                   |
| --Wed 29/01-1DP Stay and Read         |  |

### Stars of the week



**NURSERY AM and PM-** All the children! For absolutely blowing Miss Gardom and Mrs Franks' socks off this week with their smiles, their kindness and their love of learning!




**RRS-** Daniel for improved effort in handwriting and during carpet sessions. Fantastic work Daniel!

**RJD-** The whole class for being such a joy for Miss Sanders to teach. She will really miss you all!


**1DP-** Lexi for joining in and getting more involved in class discussions and activities.

**1KR-** Alice for showing green behaviour all week and having a fantastic attitude towards learning.




**2KW/SE-** Paisley for her improvement in writing.

**2LR-** Rosie for her determination in Maths.



**3ED-** Cassie for introducing our Christmas concert and blowing us away with her singing and dancing skills.

**3SM-** Serenity has had a super week and contributed well in all lessons as well as showing excellent green behaviour.




**4MM-** Will R for showing confidence during our school play.

**4NR-** All 4NR for their hard work and amazing performance in the Christmas concert.

**5KR-** All of 5KR!

**5CT-** All of 5CT - for staying focused and motivated during the busy last week of school, even though they are tired they have been brilliant!



**6SW-** Kelly for her efforts with additional home learning.

**6SC-** Ethan for his fantastic attitude to learning.




### Nursery

This week has been amazing in Nursery! We started the week off by welcoming our grownups into the classroom for stay and create on Monday! It is always so lovely to see the children share their creative sides with the adults in their lives. We made some lovely things and had a great time doing it. On Tuesday our cheeky elf made a big mess in the classroom; some of our friends said he needs to go back to Santa now before Mr Colley sees him not being green. On Wednesday we enjoyed Christmas Jumper day together and we spoke about the children who might not get presents this year and how we are helping them by raising some money for their charity. All the children were so kind and wanted to give them lots of toys and clothes, so we made some lovely pictures to send with our donation money and thought about ways to help charities in the future. On Thursday we had fun talking about what Santa might bring us on Christmas day. The children all spent time drawing a picture of one thing they were really hoping to get from Santa for being on the good list this year. Miss Gardom is keeping them safe so that we can look back in the new year and see if our predictions were correct. On Friday we had the best end to 2024 with a dance party! Nursery love a dance party but this one was extra special because in January we will be welcoming some brand new friends into our class. We cant wait to meet them and show them our moves!! Happy Christmas everyone!



### Reception

On Tuesday the children arrived to find a very messy classroom. We watched back some CCTV footage to find some reindeer had been dancing around in our classroom. Together we made plans to trap the reindeer, and we wrote lists of the equipment we would need. The children even asked the kitchen for some carrots. In Maths we reviewed topics we have covered since the beginning of the term. We created patterns, ordered numerals and practised drawing numbers to 5. In Topic time we explored toys from past and present. We looked at some of the toys from the past and discovered that old toys can be delicate. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing the children in 2025.



### 1DP

What a lovely, festive week we have had in 1DP to end another amazing half term. We've had Pantomimes, Ice-rinks, Christmas dinners, Christmas crafts and Christmas parties. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the festivities. They have also, once again, worked their little socks off this half term and deserve a well earned rest. I wish you all a very Merry Xmas. See you in January!



### 1KR

Wow, what a busy and exciting week year 1 have had. From Christmas jumper day to ice rink and film afternoon! We have absolutely loved the festivities in school this week but have also worked hard to complete and write our own recounts of the Christmas concert last week. We remembered to write in the past tense, use time connectives and to write in first person! In RE we learned the Nativity story and in DT we created our own fixed and freely moving axles. Have a fantastic Christmas 1KR and I can't wait to see you in January.



## 2KW/SE

This week Year 2 have been up to the forest school area to recreate Pudding Lane with the houses that we created in DT. Mr Mills set one of the houses on fire to show how the Great Fire of London spread so quickly because of the construction materials and how close together the houses were in 1666.

As well as this the children have been learning how to use charcoal and graphite effectively by creating different lines and using smudging. We have used the skills that we have learnt in Art this week to create our own pictures of St Paul's Cathedral in the style of Frank Auerbach and William Kentridge.



## 2LR

In History this week, we have been recreating our own Great Fire of London with the buildings we made in DT. In Maths, we have started our topic of fractions, and we have been practically making halves and quarters. In Science, we have been looking at everyday materials and we did an experiment on what material would be most suitable for a fireman's uniform. It has been a fab half term but a very busy one. I hope the children take



## 3ED

Thank you so much to everybody that came to our Christmas concert. The children practiced so hard, pouring their hearts into every note and step. They truly delivered a magical and unforgettable performance!

We had our last forest school session this week. We have enjoyed building things with natural materials, playing outdoor games and drinking hot chocolate near the warm fire.

We have looked at how to stay safe on our digital devices this week. We discussed privacy, recognising scams and making smart digital choices.



## 3SM

This week has been a very festive week. The children have performed their incredible Christmas concert and followed this with some arts and crafts with their grown-ups in the classroom. They have also been able to enjoy some ice-skating and even had a Christmas party to finish the afternoon of term. They have planned and written their own 'Hot Write' which was a set of instructions. They made sure they included all the features of their toolkit including, bullet points, adverbials and imperative verbs. In History, the children competed in a Stone Aged quiz which tested their knowledge from the past 2 terms.



### 4MM

First, I would like to say how amazing all the children joined in for our amazing year 3 and 4 concert on Tuesday. They tried so hard and made all the teachers proud. This week we are in full Christmas mode! We have had a Panto visit on Monday, we have had the ice rink, Christmas crafts and more. I hope you all have an amazing Christmas break.



### 4NR

A busy last week for year 4 we sang and signed to Deck the halls at our concert the children did amazing, and I am so proud at the dedication they gave in learning BSL! In writing we learnt our elf names and applied to work in Santas workshop! We enjoyed a lovely green treat of ice skating and have enjoyed getting in the Christmas spirit well done Year 4! Have a wonderful Christmas!!



### 5KR

For our final week, we have been really busy! In reading, we have summarised our book and performed it. We have also looked at some non-fiction texts to give some context to our novel and understand the back story. We have practised retrieval surrounding this and also our fluency by reading parts of it out loud. In maths, we have continued with our fraction's unit. Beginning to subtract fractions and mixed fractions.

This week, we have had a lot of festive activities. On Monday, we had our pantomime which was Aladdin. We had so much fun! On Wednesday, we all came looking festive in our Christmas jumpers, enjoyed our Christmas dinner and even had our singing assembly where we showed off our voices to our grown-ups! We made everyone so proud.



### 5CT

This week has been such a busy last week in school, the children have done so well with adapting to change happening and staying focused within their learning. It really has been lovely to see and makes their teachers proud! We have continued our summarising of our core text in reading, we have been evaluating our thoughts and different character, as well as linking together the beginning and ending of the street child and pulling out the similarities. They have shown great interest in this book, I hope they enjoy the next book just as much! We have continued our maths learning of fractions this week, looking at adding fractions without common denominators. Even though this was challenging to some, the team work they have shown throughout their maths lessons has been lovely to witness.

The afternoons this week have been packed with great things; Christmas concerts, art projects, PSHE discussions and our festive movie afternoon. In art we have been printing and evaluating our art of Mount Vesuvius and capturing the devastation of the volcanic eruption, this learning links to our geography unit we have recently finished of natural disasters. PSHE we have been looking at different children's cultures and family rules, comparing and realising that every family is different and that everyone values different things depending on who they are and their situation. The children really understood the importance that everyone is different and that is ok!

It has been an amazing last week, I hope the children and families have a lovely Christmas break and a happy new year! See you all in 2025!

### **6SW**

This week has been as busy as always with our Christmas concert, ice skating and Christmas dinner. Alongside the festivities, we finished our art unit where we recreated work by George Marsden who created landscapes of Antarctica whilst on the Endurance ship. During this, we used the skills of underdrawings, washes and fine detail strokes. We read a further two chapters of Black Powder and are on the edge of our seats to find out where our story is leading. In our Writing lessons, we wrote up our informal and formal pieces about the discovery of a new planet. We also discussed e-safety and what a digital footprint is. In Maths, we have been plotting and reflecting coordinates to reveal shapes.



### **6SC**

Wow! What a term. It's been a long 7 weeks, and it's needed to be to fit in everything we've had to do! From Bikeability, Maths competitions and Classroom kitchen to the many exciting Christmas activities, it has been jam packed. This last week has been filled with festive fun. The children loved Christmas dinner in the hall with their Christmas jumpers on. The excitement when they found out we had Christmas crackers to accompany the turkey was great! We also smashed our Christmas performance - I hope you agree, and it was really lovely to have so many of you back in class for crafts. The ice rink was another highlight, as it is every year, although there was a fair bit of falling so apologies for any bruises! Finally, Friday saw our final Arithmetic test of the term, a very competitive game of Christmas coordinate fun and a Christmas poem message to you all. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and will see you all back in the new year.



### **WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE**

***To do 30-minutes of walking each day.***

***If you upload pictures or videos of yourself doing this to 'X' or 'Seesaw' you will be awarded a green point from your teacher.***

### **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)