

It's been another really successful term during which the children have achieved so much. They are, without exception, a wonderful bunch who combine a great attitude to school and learning with kindness, friendship and warmth. They are ready for a holiday and a chance to enjoy time with their family and friends. We hope you have a relaxing and happy Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Paul Clayton

### Attendance

Congratulations to the children in Fig, Maple, Carroll and Temple Grandin for having the best attendance over the last two weeks.

We are delighted to announce that a total of 153 children across the Infants and Juniors will receive a 100% Attendance Certificate for attending school every day since the beginning of

**100%**

### A Magical Christmas Journey

Last week Year 1 captivated audiences with their wonderful Nativity performance of *A Magical Christmas Journey*. The children enjoyed singing and dancing to the festive songs.

Willow in Rowan class said, "I liked my angel costume and enjoyed singing and having my mummy watching". Ezekiel in Magnolia class added, "Learning all my words was complicated but I got through it and loved singing the *abandoned sheep song*". Lyla in Magnolia class also had a great time, "I loved being on the stage in my star costume. My favourite song was *welcome the baby*."



### Music Concerts

Children, parents and carers were entertained at three different rock concerts last week. On Tuesday 10th December, children from Turing House came to perform for our Junior children. Later, in the same week, Rocksteady bands in both Infants and Juniors played in their end of term concerts.

Miss Wood said, "We were very lucky to have two rock bands from Turing House School come and put on a concert for us. Two members are former students of Heathfield. They really did put on a fantastic performance and we hope to welcome them back



sometime next year." James in Marconi agreed saying, "They were phenomenal!" with Noah from Attenborough adding, "They are really brave and talented! I really enjoyed it, it was inspiring."

This week our Junior children attended a further concert with children from the Choir, Noor, Valentine and Austen Class as well as Recorder Club and Mr Speck's singers showcasing the music they have learnt in class this term.



### Christmas Shopping

Many thanks to our PTA, Friends of Heathfield Schools' Partnership for putting on two wonderful Christmas shopping events last week.

Children across the schools enjoyed selecting gifts for family members and friends, wrapping them and finishing off with some light refreshments. Children from Magnolia Class summed up the spirit of the day well with Aleksander saying, "I love it!", Ezekiel agreed, "This is amazing!" while Inaya was also full of praise, "This shop is the best!"

More shopping, courtesy of the PTA, took place at the Christmas Fayre after school on Wednesday with a fabulous range of items available.



### League Games

Last Tuesday, the boys' football team travelled to St Edmunds after school and played their first league game of the year. Three players made their debut for the A team and they



all had a good game, winning 3-1. On Wednesday, we met St Edmund's again, but this time for a home game against their netball team. Our newly formed team played a fast paced game and managed to win 9-3. They are currently sitting at the top of the Richmond Borough League with half their games played to date.

### Crafty Mornings in Nursery

Last week parents and carers joined our



Nursery children to take part in one of three sparkly craft sessions making stars. The children

greatly enjoyed having their families with them. Amelia

said "I loved Daddy coming to make a star with me" while Harper added, "Mum brought the buggy to make the star with my brother".



### Bake Off Winners

We had a wonderful response to our Christmas Bake Off competition. The judges were very impressed with the creativity displayed.

Congratulations to the winning bakers:

Esther (Elm)  
Ollie (Birch)  
Piper (Birch)  
Joey (Sycamore)  
Megan (Hawking)  
Aaron (Maui)  
Isaac (Nightingale)  
Freddie (Ederle)  
Rehan (Ederle)  
Mia (Valentine)  
Harry (Coco)



### Year 3 Visit to St Augustine's

Last week it was Year 3's turn to visit St Augustine's Church as part of their RE topic learning about Advent and Christmas time and what it means to Christians. Reverend Sabine talked to the children about how the church prepares for Christmas during Advent and used a cracker to help tell the Christmas story. Mrs Peirson Hagger explains, "The crown represents the arrival of the new king - Jesus. The joke brings joy - the message of the arrival of Jesus and the present is the gift of Jesus to the world".



### The Pride of Cricket Awards

You may recall, earlier this term, Mr Watson was nominated for a community cricket award. We are delighted to let you know that he recently won the Community Hero Award at the *cricketer* Pride of Cricket Awards. There are six different awards highlighting "acts of compassion, generosity, creativity and community in the world of grassroots cricket". Mr Watson said, "The Community Hero Award recognises the work we have done to extend cricket's reach in the community. Many thanks to all who voted!"



For a full account of the awards, please click here: [Pride of Cricket Winners](#)

### Dates for your Diary

Monday **6th January 2025** - Start of the Spring Term - no inset day, all children to attend from Monday

Monday **13th January** - Year 4 resume their swimming lessons

Wednesday **15th January** - Closing date for applications for Reception and Year 3 [click here to apply](#)

Monday **17th February** - Friday **21st February** - Half Term

Friday **21st March** - Monday **24th March** - Year 6 School Journey to Osmington Bay

Tuesday **1st April** - Year 4 Bushcraft Trip

Friday **4th April** - End of Spring Term [Click here for all term dates](#)