

Focus for this half term

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

A Note from the Headteacher

Congratulations to our Values Champions this week: Annie, Finley, Tabitha and Nora! Our Year 5 and 6 Values Champions will receive their awards in Celebration Assembly on Friday 5th December as they were on their trip today.

Year 5



Bonjour, ca va? Welcome to our Year 5 blog. We have started learning French and we are now able to have an actual conversation! We are learning lots of different words every week - we even know 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' in French!

We have now got our Buddies and we have been reading with them every Friday - we are very impressed with how their reading is coming along in such a short space of time! We really enjoy spending time with them and helping them out around the school.

Before half term, we had our WWII day! We dressed up in traditional clothes, used tokens to buy rations, we baked carrot biscuits (which were surprisingly delicious!), we learnt how to crochet, we wrote letters home as if we were evacuees or soldiers and we practised how to keep safe during air raid sirens. We were also lucky enough to have a visit from Horsham Museum where we got to look at different artefacts from WWII. We learnt that a Prisoner of War, who was originally from Italy, got captured in Horsham and he made a wooden toy parrot - we even got to play with it! In DT, we made model Anderson Shelters - which looked amazing!



On 11th November, we led the Remembrance Service at the church. We read out some poetry and recounts that we have been working on in our English lessons. It was great to see that lots of people came to watch and remember.

This half term, we have started our new topic of Anglo Saxons and we were excited to go on our school trip today. Our new class text is Beowulf and we have been writing some gruesome news reports about Grendel's attack on Heorot. We have been using formal language to write our reports. In art, we have been drawing and painting some artefacts and artwork. We have enjoyed using a range of different techniques. We have also been looking at how the Anglo-Saxon period fits into British History.

We are enjoying being in Year 5 and we are looking forward to all the exciting things we have to come! Au revoir!



Textiles Bin

As of Monday next week, we will have a new textiles bin in the staff car park. This is part of our plan to become more proactive in looking after our planet and it will also contribute towards our fundraising efforts.

The Astra Recycling textiles bin will take clothing, accessories (hats, scarves, gloves, handbags, belts etc), bed linen and soft toys. Everything they take is reused or recycled so less than 1% goes to landfill! And the school are given a financial reward for each kilo donated!



Road Safety Week

Launched by 'BRAKE' (The Road Safety Charity), Road Safety Week has been running annually since 1997, and BRAKE founded the event to raise awareness about road danger and promote steps to prevent crashes, injuries, and deaths.

This year's theme is 'Safe Vehicles Save Lives', and a significant element of the campaign is to encourage road users to maintain their vehicles, by regularly servicing them and carrying out daily/weekly checks (to ascertain any wear and tear issues).

Wraparound Care

We have had a very low response to our Wraparound Care parent survey. It is important that we gain a good understanding of parents' needs for wraparound care in order to plan for a viable and sustainable provision. Please take two minutes to complete the survey by [clicking here](#).



School Christmas Lunch

Chartwells is providing our school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17th December. The order deadline for this meal is Thursday 4th December. Please see full details on the following page.



Flu Vaccinations

The Immunisation Service will be at school for the flu vaccinations, on Friday 5th December. If you have not yet completed the online consent form, please follow the below instructions. The form needs to be completed by Tuesday 2nd December whether you are consenting or not.

1. Click on the following link: [Flu Vaccination Consent Form](#) or scan the QR code. Enter the following school code **SX125860**
2. and click 'Find School' - School codes are unique to each school and site.



Nativity Costumes

If you have any old Nativity costumes that you can donate to the school, please drop them off at the school office. We are looking in particular for traditional angels, stars, shepherds, kings and inn keepers, plus any sheep outfits! Thank you. Nativity tickets are on sale for YR, Y1 and Y2 parents. Two tickets only per family.

Key Dates

- Monday 24th November & Monday 1st December - YR Parent Meetings
- Tuesday 25th & Thursday 27th November - Y1 - Y6 Parent Meetings
- Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th November - SEND Parent Meetings
- Thursday 27th November - Y6 NHS Healthy Checks
- Friday 28th November - PTA Pop Up Shop
- Friday 5th December - Flu Vaccinations
- Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th December - EYFS/KSI Nativity
- Tuesday 16th - Choir Singing at Wyatt House
- Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch/Jumpers/Party Day
- Friday 19th December - Carols @ The Church
- Friday 19th December - Open Classrooms (PM) and Early Finish

Congratulations to the winner of this week's PTA Cake Raffle!



For future diary dates, please visit our website's [school calendar](#). Thank you.

Total Solar Energy Generated
174,849 kWh

Christmas Lunch

Serving on Wednesday 17th December

MAINS

Roast Turkey

Or

Quorn Roast

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,
Mini Sausage, Gravy,
Broccoli & Carrots

DESSERTS

Festive Chocolate Brownie

Order on ParentPay.com no later than
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