



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Autumn Term Week 14

WOW! What a wonderful week we have had with the highlights being the fabulous Christmas performances by Year 1 and 2, with their 'Winter Wonderland', and Reception with their Nativity. The children brought such enthusiasm and joy to their performances and they said their lines and sang their songs superbly. Well done and a massive thank you to all involved.

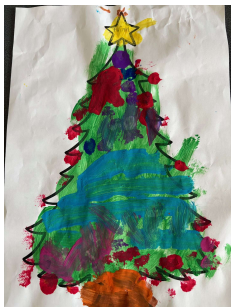
This week in Nursery, children have been learning about ordering in Maths, and what happens first, next and last in the day. In Phonics, they focused on the phoneme "n" and enjoyed practicing the sound through games and activities. They also voted for their favourite fairytale from this term, and 'The Three Little Pigs' was the clear winner!

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have been super busy with the productions, but as always there is so much more! Reception have also designed nativity programmes, made Christmas Cards and continued with their phonics, Year 1 have also been creative and made and decorated gingerbread for their 'Book and Biscuit' session and Year 2 have been taking a closer look at 3D shapes, counting edges, faces and vertices. They also practised writing in the past tense in English for a postcard to Mrs Hine!

Even though it is nearly the end of term, the learning continues, interspersed with some of our fun, festive activities. Enjoy the weekend - we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday for the final week of the Autumn Term and 2025!

### Colouring Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the competition, shown below - we had so many brilliant entries, as you can see! The winners were:



Nursery – Richie



Reception – Ayaan



Year 1 – Azylah



Year 2 – Ethan K



### Borrowed Uniform

If you have any uniform or clothing items (eg tights, pants, knickers or socks) that have come home following 'accidents', could you please return them to school once they have been washed, so that we have a ready stock for the next time we need them. Thank you.

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## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Aurora for showing acts of kindness around the provision and engaging within group times.

**Reception** – Noah W for trying hard with his listening and being a super donkey in the Nativity.

**Year 1** – Charlotte for stepping up and taking on someone else's part in the production – very courageous!

**Year 2** – Theo for his improvement in behaviour and attitude towards learning

## Presentation Awards

**Reception** – Alexander for the care and attention given to his design for the show programme.

**Year 1** – Amelia for improving her handwriting and showing such effort and perseverance.

**Year 2** – Yuvaan for blowing Miss Fitzpatrick's socks off with his attention to detail in all of his written work!

## PE Award

Here are the children for this week's PE award:

**Year 1** Henry for great teamwork and leadership.

**Year 2** Zora for always showing Mr Martin respect and joining in every lesson.

## House Points



Well done to everyone in Ruby and Sapphire House for earning the most Dojo points over the past 2 weeks and being the winning houses.

## Admissions - URGENT

Just a reminder that the Admissions portal for Reception starters in September 2026 closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January – **DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE OR YOU WILL GO TO THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST.**

## Spring Term Teacher-led Clubs

A Dojo has been sent about teacher-led clubs for the Spring Term. These will start during the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> January.

Please make sure that you sign up for the entire half term and that your child understands that they cannot then opt-out of this club, in preference of a Game-On or Wraparound Club. This is due to staffing and numbers.

Thank you.



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## Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Each week we publish the dates that are coming up in the next month, so that you don't forget.

**15/12 – Christmas Craft Workshop** – Nursery and Reception 2pm (parents welcome to join us)

**16/12 – Whole School Trip to Warwick Arts Centre**

**17/12 – Christmas Jumper Day; Virtual Santa Grotto; Christmas Lunch**

**17/12 - Christmas Craft Workshop** – Years 1 & 2 2pm (parents welcome to join us)

**18/12 – Nursery Christmas Celebration** – 11am/3pm (parents welcome to join us)

**19/12 – Songs around the tree - 2.45pm – (including a performance from the Recorder Group and a Raffle)**

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

**05/01 – Teacher Training Day**

## Christmas in the Community - Correction

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December – EPCA Event 1.30-3.30pm** – all children welcome (accompanied by an adult) – at The Griffin Primary.

## Santa Dash

We had great fun dancing and dashing in the hall on Friday, whilst taking part in the School Games School Games National Santa Dash. Thanks to Mr Martin for organizing this.

