



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

This week, our youngest year groups performed their nativity 'Little Blue Star'. Butterfly, Ladybird and Bumblebee sang with great enthusiasm and performed with confidence. Thank you to all parents, carers and extended family who came to the performances.

Don't forget that we have our KS2 Carol Concert on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm, in the school hall – everyone is welcome! On Monday KS1 are walking to Leatherhead Parish Church for their Christingle service at 1.30pm – all parents and carers are welcome. On 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of December, our choir is singing at local elderly care homes. If you would like to volunteer to walk with us, then please do let the school office know.

We also have our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner then please select the option via our SCOPAY app.

Christmas really has arrived at Leatherhead Trinity!

Kind regards,  
Mrs Elizabeth Killin  
Headteacher



**Christian and Learning Values**

**Well done to the following children who received a values award this week:**

**Commitment:** Alice (Badger), Scarlett (Badger), Ellie (Squirrel), Freddie (Redwood), Marissa (Fox), Noah E (Hawk), Reece (Willow)

**Love:** Ollie (Eagle), Reggie (Chestnut)

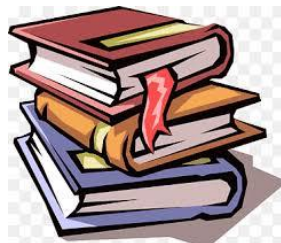
**Truth:** Jordan (Osprey) **Reflectiveness:** Saira (Oak)

## Words of the Week

As a school, we have done lots of work with the children on developing their vocabulary. Each week we share our words of the week (linked to our topic and curriculum learning) and unpick what they mean. We use the word in different contexts, find synonyms, act them out, draw pictures and many more strategies to help us to remember them.

Vocabulary!

Developing children's vocabulary really impacts their speaking skills as well as their reading and writing. Listed below are next week's words of the week so you can discuss these with your children at home!



Words of the week next week:	
Reception: Special and Generous	
Year 1: Eve and Senses	Year 2: Reproduce & Equality
Year 3&4: Ostinato & Composition	Year 5 & 6 : Metamorphosis & Gestation

## Fine Diners

### Winners this week are:

Howard, Leo G, Albie R, Alexander H, Lenny, and Cory

**Well Done!**

# Attendance



Class	W/E 3/11/23	W/E 9/11/23	W/E16/11/23	23/11/23	30/11/23
Bumblebee	88.7%	92.15%	90.45%	92.6%	94.8%
Ladybird	90.45%	92.60%	92.6%	94.78%	91.3%
Hedgehog	91.9%	96.4%	98.15%	92.6%	93.6%
Squirrel	94.05%	98.2%	96.85%	98.2%	97.3%
Badger	96.5%	98%	99%	98%	99%
Fox	94.75%	96.65%	100%	95.2%	92.85%
Chestnut	95.2%	99.16%	92%	98.3%	94.8%
Redwood	87.7%	96.8%	91.6%	94.16%	86.8%
Oak	90.8%	93.03%	93.75%	97.4%	97.5%
Willow	93.75%	98.75%	95.85%	97.1%	96.65%
Eagle	95%	97.7%	97.2%	96.66	93.3%
Osprey	93.8%	90.4%	96%	96.66	88.5%
Hawk	94.8%	96.1%	96.25%	96.15	95.2%
Owl	91.15%	96.95%	98.4%	94.61	93.85%
<b>100 % Attendees</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>266</b>

Well done Badgers, enjoy having the lovely fluffy hamster next week. Only 10 day to go until the December wrist band, lets see if every child at school can win one on the last day!

**Mrs Gray, Deputy head**

## Bumblebee Class Learning

We have been learning about different festivals and traditions as part of our topic celebrations, linking in to the story Kipper's Birthday. The children have enjoyed reading a range of story, and information, books about birthdays, Diwali and Hanukah.

They have created Rangoli patterns and birthday cakes using a range of materials and techniques in the art area. They have also enjoyed the role play area celebrating many birthdays.



In maths we have been looking at number recognition and exploring the composition of numerals using double counters, multilink cubes and numicons.

In phonics children have begun to use phonemes to blend sounds into words. They have started to use this skill independently, taking ownership of their reading and writing.



The big highlight of this term has been practising our songs and lines for our nativity performance, that we hope you have all enjoyed.

**Miss Rivet**  
**Bumblebee Class Teacher**



## Year 1 workshop – Learning About The Tuba

During Monday afternoon, Roger Graham, who teaches piano at our school talked to our year 1 children about playing the tuba. The children learned that the tuba is the largest member of the brass family of instruments and has the lowest pitch. They discovered that the tuba is played by vibrating your lips against the mouth piece. The children really enjoyed having a go at playing the tuba themselves. It was harder than you might think but that didn't put off our children from wanting to have a go! The children learned that tubas have valves to help produce different sounds and that these are used to change the length of tubing that air can pass through. More photos of our workshop can be seen on our class page on the website.

Thank you, Roger, for a fabulous workshop.



Year 1 Teachers





## **Mental Health and Well-Being**

**Christmas is often a time of year that puts extra pressure on us, and can affect our mental health in lots of different ways.**

For example, if you:

- Feel alone or left out because everyone else seems happy when you're not
- Wish you didn't have to deal with Christmas, or find it stressful because of other events in your life
- Feel frustrated by other people's views of a 'perfect' Christmas, if these feel different to your experiences
- Have ideas about what Christmas should be like, feel as if you need to enjoy it or worry something will ruin it
- Feel like Christmas gives you something to focus on and look forward to, and find it difficult when it's over
- Want to celebrate with someone who's struggling

**There are many agencies you can turn to for support, some of these are listed below:**

### **Mindworks**

If you are worried about a child or young person aged 6 plus, please call Mindworks 24/7 mental health crisis line free on 0800 915 4644 to talk with a trained call handler who will provide advice, support and signposting to a range of community services. It's open all day and all night, seven days a week. You can use the number whether or not you are already receiving mental health services. No formal request for support is needed.

**In an emergency, please dial 999 or 112 from a mobile.**

### **Mindworks Surrey**

Mindworks Surrey is the emotional wellbeing and mental health service for children, young people and families. It offers an extensive range of advice, support and treatment provided by an alliance of NHS and voluntary sector providers. Families can request support themselves or through their school or GP. Call the Access and Advice team on 0300 222 5755 or go to the Mindworks website.

## Kooth

Kooth offer online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people. They are available Monday to Friday 12pm to 10pm and 6pm to 10pm on Saturday & Sunday. [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)



## Every Mind Matters

The NHS's Every Mind Matters has some very helpful videos aimed at young people, especially on self-care tips to help manage emotional well-being.

For an extensive list of local and national support through the festive holidays please visit [Surrey Youth Voice](#).

For parents and carers that may need support with their own mental health and emotional wellbeing please visit the [Healthy Surrey website](#). The [Wheel of Well-being](#) is a tool which can help you improve your wellbeing in six different ways.

- Mind



Mind provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. They will listen, give support and advice.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>



Mrs Gattey

Designated Safeguard lead



# Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Time
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & Year 2 Christingle service	1.30pm Leatherhead Parish Church – Parents invited
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert	5pm School Hall – Parents invited
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Synagogue Trip	8.55am-12pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>*New*</b> Girls football match at West Ashtead Primary	Kick off 3.30pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Rocksteady Concert	9am – Parents invited
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	12-1pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	FOLT – Nursery Elfridges	All day at school
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Full Governing Body Meeting	Evening
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>*Cancelled*</b> Choir singing at Fairfield House Care Home	10am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Mufti Day for donations towards the Christmas Fair	All Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	FOLT – Elfridges	All day at school
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir singing at The Beeches Care Home	10am
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	FOLT Christmas Fair	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 & 6 Church service at Leatherhead Parish Church	10am – Parents invited
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	FOLT – Christmas Disco	After School in School Hall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Nativity – Hey EWE!	2pm – Parents invited
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Nativity – Hey EWE!	9.30am – Parents invited
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir singing at Hartfield House	10am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 Church service at Leatherhead Methodist Church	10am – parents invited
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception – KS1 Pied Piper Theatre company – Can Bears Ski	10-11am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term	Early Finish 1.30pm

## SPRING TERM 2024

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Bank Holiday	All Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	INSET DAY	All Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	INSET DAY	All Day
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Start of Spring Term</b>	<b>All Day</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr 5 Visit to Leatherhead Library	1pm-3pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year5/6 Trip to Hampton Court	All Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr 6 Visit to Leatherhead Library	1pm-3pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Olympic Athlete	1-3pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term	All Week
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term	All Day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 1 Trip to Brooklands Museum	All Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly	9am School Hall
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Class Assembly	9am School Hall
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term	Early Finish 1.30pm
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Start of Summer Term</b>	<b>All Day</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 3 Class Assembly	9am School Hall
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly	9am School Hall
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Class Assembly	9am School Hall
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>End of School Year</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>