



Dear Parents and Carers,

Advent begins on Sunday – the fourth Sunday prior to Christmas Day. Advent is defined as: “The coming or arrival, especially of something extremely important.” And who is this extremely important thing or person that we celebrate during Advent . . . Jesus. The beauty of celebrating the coming of Christmas in the weeks preceding it rather than only celebrating Christmas itself is that it creates this sense of anticipation and wonder regarding Christ’s birth. Daily Advent activities emphasise that something amazing is about to happen. It’s a time for patience. It’s a time for waiting. It sets you up to appreciate the meaning of Christmas.

If you’d like to observe Advent in a more traditional way you’ll need:

- An Advent wreath
- Advent candles
- An Advent devotional (to guide you through the process)
- A Nativity scene



What to do: Set aside 10 minutes every night with your family. Light one candle the first week, two candles the second, and so on until Christmas Day.

This week, we received the results of the Year 4 Times Table Check. Our pupils took the check in the summer term. Our school result (for our pupils now in Year 5, achieving 25/25) was **47%**. The **National figure was 27%**. This is a fantastic result!

**Mrs Elizabeth Killin**  
Headteacher

### Help with Energy Bills

#### Energy Price Guarantee

From 1st October, a new ‘Energy Price Guarantee’ will reduce the unit cost of electricity and gas for UK households. This is automatic and applies to all households. **Beware of scams – there is no need to apply and you will never be asked for bank details.**

This is in addition to the £400 energy bills discount for all households.

[Find out more information](#)

#### Energy Bills Support Scheme

£400 off energy bills for households in Great Britain from this October. This automatic, non-repayable discount will be applied in six instalments between October 2022 and March 2023 to help households through winter.

There is no need to apply for the scheme and you will not be asked for your bank details.

[Find out more information](#)



## Upcoming Events

### THESE ARE SOME OF THE DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Nursery (First half of the week) and Ladybird Nativity Play 1.45pm  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Nursery (Second half of the week) and Bumblebee Nativity Play 1.45pm  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – 2pm KS1 Nativity (first performance)  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – 9.30am KS1 Nativity (second performance)  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – 6.30pm Carol Concert  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children  
**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Choir singing in town  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – FOLT Elfridges – Christmas Shopping  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – FOLT Christmas Discos  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – FOLT Christmas Grotto during the day, Christmas Fair 3.10pm - 5pm  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – FOLT Any outstanding Grotto/Elfridges  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – End of Term 1.20pm Reception and KS1 1.30pm KS2

### **Fine Diners Club**

#### **Well done to:**

Tristan, Maciee H, Willow,  
Charis, Emily, Elouise and  
Natalia



### **Christian and Learning Values**

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

**Commitment:** Amelia C (Chestnut), Emily (Squirrel), Curtis (Squirrel), Declan (Kestrel), Amila (Maple), Marissa (Commitment)

**Perseverance:** Aaron (Hawk), Tawheed (Kestrel) Abel (Oak), Ronnie (Fox) Oscar (Badger)

**Respect:** Abel (Oak)

# Attendance



Class	Week Ending 03/11/22	Week Ending 11/11/22	Week Ending 18/11/22	Week Ending 25/11/22
Bumblebee	91.5%	97.6%	96%	92.8%
Ladybird	90.2%	96.15%	88.4%	96.5%
Hedgehog	91.3%	90.4%	88.75%	87.4%
Squirrel	92.85%	84%	82.9%	67.6%
Badger	86.4%	96.2%	94.4%	95.2%
Fox	93.5%	96.3%	93.2%	97%
Chestnut	88.7%	93.95%	97.7%	95.15%
Oak	84%	94.8%	91.9%	93.3%
Maple	96.2%	93.9%	94.15%	88.2%
Eagle	89.9%	93.6%	92.95%	95.65%
Hawk	100%	93.45%	93.25%	90.6%
Kestrel	92.05%	94.25%	93.40%	92.7%
<b>100 % Attendees</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>254</b>

**A first win for Fox Class this week as they hit a 97% high! They now have the hamster to take care of and the prize bag today!**



**Winners this week:** Taliah (Bumblebee), Ada (Hedgehog), Jack (Fox), Joseph (Maple) and Aniketh (Oak)

**Mrs Gray**

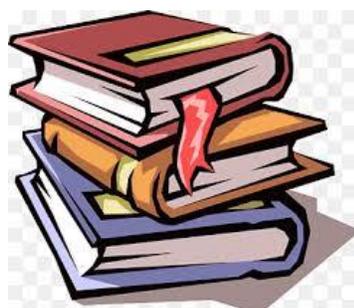
**Deputy Headteacher**

## Words of the Week

Vocabulary!

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.

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:-

Year 5 and Year 6 – Nationalism and Bronchiole

Year 3 and Year 4 – Climate and Biomes Arid

Year 1 and Year 2 – Digital Footprint and Email

Reception – Eid and Weddings

Miss Chiarh  
Assistant Headteacher

### Top Classes for using TTRS this week



1<sup>st</sup> Kestrel

2<sup>nd</sup> Eagle

3<sup>rd</sup> Maple

#### Highest number of coins this Year

1<sup>st</sup> Mason V

2<sup>nd</sup> Victor

3<sup>rd</sup> Shariq

#### Most Improved Studio Speed

1<sup>st</sup> Leona

2<sup>nd</sup> Tyler

3<sup>rd</sup> Esmay

#### Numbots (Key Stage 1) – highest number of coins earned this year

1<sup>st</sup> Imogen

2<sup>nd</sup> Nam

3<sup>rd</sup> Jaden

Congratulations on passing the next stage of Numbots: Marceau, Caiden, Jaden

#### HOUSE POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> Phoenix 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Griffin, 4<sup>th</sup> Unicorn

## School Photos

For those children who had a school photo taken on 16<sup>th</sup> November, the last day to order for free delivery to the school is 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December it is Christmas jumper day. All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper in exchange of a £1 donation to the Save the Children Charity



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

## Domestic Abuse

The NSPCC has highlighted concerns around domestic abuse during the World Cup. Data from the NSPCC shows that, during the last World Cup in 2018, the number of contacts to the NSPCC helpline about domestic abuse was 33% higher than the monthly average for the year; whilst the number of Childline counselling sessions was 17% higher. Alcohol, betting on the games and tension during the tournament were highlighted as potential triggers.



### East Surrey Domestic Abuse

East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (ESDAS) is an independent charity providing outreach for people that have been affected by domestic abuse. They are not the police or social services, but can work closely with them if appropriate.

ESDAS offer a range of services for people living in Reigate & Banstead, Mole Valley and Tandridge.

"Abuse isn't always physical" - by the UK Home Office

ESDAS can offer:

- Confidential listening service to anyone affected by abuse and violence
- Can give practical advice on a legal position and can put you in touch with solicitors who are experienced in domestic abuse issues
- Apply for benefits that you may be entitled to
- Help you look at your children's needs
- Arrange transport to leave your home
- Put you in touch with other caring agencies and sources of help
- Can talk to you on the phone or meet you face to face about concerns you may have in your relationship

**You are NOT alone!**

# NSPCC

If you have been affected by domestic abuse or would like to discuss any issues related to domestic abuse, ESDAS are able to offer your help and support:

**Contact them in confidence on**

**01737 771350**

9am - 4pm Mon - Fri

Email [support@esdas.org.uk](mailto:support@esdas.org.uk)

SMS **07860 039720**

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

[help@pcc.org.uk](mailto:help@pcc.org.uk) 0808 800 5000

You are NOT alone!

**Do you know  
the signs of  
an unhealthy  
relationship?**



**Mrs Gatley – Designated Safeguard Lead**