

# *Moreton C&VA Newsletter*

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Growing Together in Faith, Knowledge  
and Love



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# Headteacher Welcome



Christmas is one of my favourite times of the year. I love the excitement and joy that is all around us, particularly from the children. Bumblebee, Hedgehog and Badger Classes entertained us with their wonderful performances which I am sure pulled at many heart strings. A good school both nurtures and challenges its pupils and it is great to watch the children blossom and grown in confidence as they learn new skills, try new experiences and realise just how much they can achieve with hard work and bravery. I am sure that as parents you are proud of how confidently your children spoke in front of an audience.

It is now time for children and staff to have a well deserved break before we return in January ready for the next stage of learning. Thank you to parents and governors for all your support – have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

*Mrs Ball*

## Upcoming Dates

19.12.25	Last day of term
5.1.26	Non Pupil Day
6.1.26	Pupils return to school
21.1.26	Quiz for KS2 pupils at St. Andrew's Primary



**Reminder: School closes at 1:15pm  
on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

# Notices



Please ensure your child has a warm coat and hat/gloves to wear at break and lunch time.

If you need any items of clothing for next term – we have free pre loved clothing – please do ask at reception.

We will have a small lost property box in reception for any unnamed items. Anything that is left for longer than 2 weeks will be recycled.



## Snow or Ice

If we receive heavy snow or ice and need to make changes to our school day, we will let parents know in the following ways:

- Facebook page
- Website notification
- Essex radio
- Email

Please ensure you are able to access your child's Seesaw or google classroom in case of remote learning.

A great idea for Santa stocking fillers would be to replace their pencils, whiteboard pens and glue sticks!

# Festive Fundraising.

Thank you for supporting our festive fundraising this Christmas. I hope you will agree that the children have had lots of fun and taken part in loads of wonderful activities. Collectively we have raised some incredible amount to support the school and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as we couldn't do it without you. We look forward to helping the school use the money to fund much needed resources and equipment.

Our Christmas shopping morning raised  
£1,100

The Christmas bake off raised £109 – the  
cakes were so tasty!

Our Christmas house stalls raised £278.50  
Thank you!





## Learning Minutes Lost



### Being late by 5 minutes every day:

5 minutes  $\times$  5 days = **25 minutes a week**  
Over a school year (approx. 39 weeks) =  
**975 minutes = 16 hours of learning lost**

### Being late by 10 minutes every day:

10 minutes  $\times$  5 days = **50 minutes a week**  
Over a school year = **1,950 minutes =**  
**32.5 hours lost, more than a full school week**

### Being late by 15 minutes every day:

15 minutes  $\times$  5 days = **75 minutes a week**  
Over a school year = **2,925 minutes =**  
**48.75 hours lost, almost 1.5 school weeks.**

### One Day of Absence

1 school day = **6 hours =**  
**360 minutes of learning lost.**

### 10 days of absence in a year

That's **3,600 minutes = 60 hours =**  
**2 full school weeks** of learning time gone.

# Attendance

## IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY

### Staying Healthy During Coughs and Colds Season



We understand that at this time of year, coughs, colds, and bugs can be common. Here are a few ways you can support your child to stay healthy and avoid those odd days off:



Washing hands

**Encourage handwashing** – Good hygiene helps prevent the spread of germs.



Balanced diet and sleep

**Balanced diet and sleep** – Plenty of rest and nutritious food help strengthen your child's immune system.



Fresh air and exercise

**Fresh air and exercise** – Outdoor play boosts wellbeing and resilience.

**Know when to keep them home** – Minor coughs, colds, or sniffles don't usually mean a day off is needed. However, if your child has a high temperature, vomiting, or is generally unwell, it's best they rest at home.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported since the beginning of September with making sure their child is at school and that they are on time each day. You are supporting your child in making sure they don't miss out on important learning experiences throughout the year. As we move into the colder months, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Every day really does count in your child's learning journey, and being on time ensures that children settle calmly into the day, don't miss key learning, and feel part of the group right from the start.

## Why Attendance Matters



**Routine builds confidence**  
Arriving on time helps your child feel secure and ready to learn.

**Every lesson counts**  
Even missing a few minutes each day soon adds up, meaning important learning can be lost.

**Good habits for the future**  
Developing punctuality now helps children prepare for later school years and beyond.

We value your partnership in helping your child make the most of every school day. Please let us know if you are experiencing any difficulties with attendance or punctuality - we're here to support you.

Thank you for helping us give your child the very best start in life by ensuring they are in school, on time, every day.

# Bumblebee Class



What a half term it has been, all of Bumblebee class have worked so hard. They are really rising to all the challenges of school life and embracing the new experiences. This time of year can be a little crazy but they have been superstars putting on an amazing nativity show, making exciting things to bring home and joining in with the annual traditions of the school. We have made leaps and bounds in our reading and have spent time consolidating our understanding of 1-5 especially enjoying how we make the different numbers using various resources.





# Hedgehog Class

Hedgehogs have had another great half term! I have loved watching the class shine like stars in the Christmas play. I am so proud of how confident you have all become.



# Year 2

## Christmas!

We showed off our acting, dancing and singing skills during our production of The Magical Christmas Journey!





# Year 3

We've had a fantastic end of term.





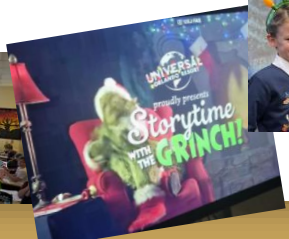
# Festive Fun in Year 4



Gonk making,  
on crazy hair day!



Present buying and wrapping





# Year 5



We have been busy planning, making and testing earthquake proof buildings. We learned what engineers use to make sure they are safer in an area known for earthquakes and then created our own building structures to test.



Our Mayan masks are now complete. We finished layering them with Modroc and then painted them from our designs.



We had a lovely morning helping our buddies in Year R to shop for and wrap their Christmas presents.





# Year 6

## Owl Class News: A Busy End of Term!

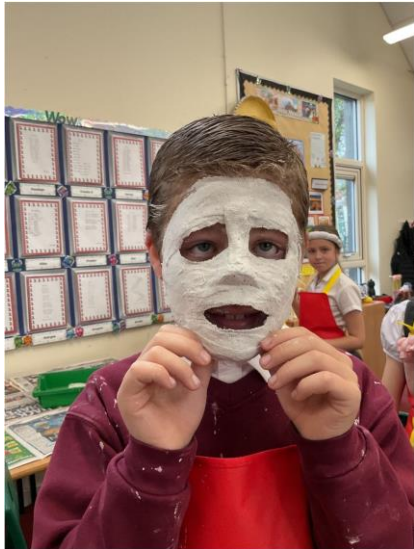
As we approach the end of term in Owl Class, it's been a whirlwind of activities! In PE, we've been balancing our way through fun challenges and enjoying lively games of dodgeball. Our maths lessons have taken a practical turn as we measured various items, making learning hands-on and engaging. In PSHE, we've had important discussions about alcohol, drugs, smoking, and peer pressure, helping us understand these issues better. We also had the joy of helping our Year 1 buddies shop for and wrap their Christmas gifts, spreading festive cheer! On top of all this, we've been busy designing and decorating our classroom door in a brilliant Grinch theme. In our last newsletter, we shared our designs for the Maya masks, and now you can see us having lots of fun making them with mod roc and painting them to match our designs. What a fantastic term it has been!

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## Who's that behind the mask?





DO YOU WANT TO BE THE NEXT  
LIONESS?



Mini-Shooters & SSA Girls only football sessions aim to develop a players ability and knowledge of the game.

Our sessions are designed to combine beginners and intermediate level to be able to all train together.

All of our Coaches are fully qualified, First Aid trained and DBS checked.

**EVERY YEAR 1-3 (AGES 5-8):**  
**17:00-18:00**

**TUESDAY YEAR 4-6 (AGES 9-11):**  
**18:00-19:00**

SHOOTERS FOOTBALL,  
RAYLEY LANE, NORTH WEALD BASSETT, EPPING, CM16 6AR

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## The Snow Queen – Palace Theatre Westcliff for primary schools

Date(s): Saturday 13 December to Sunday 28 December  
[Wind Song Theatre present a brand-new musical adventure for Christmas:](#) The Snow Queen. This classic adventure story is reimaged and brought to life with lovable characters making a journey through a snowy land, full of hidden mysteries and winter magic. Featuring an original score and songs, this is a great alternative to panto and suitable for 6+ years.

