

Welcome

It has been a busy week in the run-up to the Christmas activities. Nursery, Reception, and Years 1 & 2 (KS1) all had their Nativity Plays - and they were brilliant. The children sang so well, and looked the part on stage!

Year 3 also sang at the Easthamsptead Baptist Church (EBC) on Tuesday night -and again, were brilliant. Many thanks to all of the staff who have helped and supported the children to make these performances so special.

Congratulations to Stephanie in Year 4 who came runner-up in the The Mayor's Christmas Card Competition. The Worshipful the Mayor of the Borough of Bracknell Forest Councillor Naeheed Ejaz visited Birch Hill Primary to present Stephanie with her prize!

Many thanks also to the Friends Committee and all of the volunteers who have helped to organise the Present Room. All the children had a lovely time and came away with a present for someone special at home.

Michael Dillon - Headteacher



Parking Reminder

There have been a few near-miss incidents in the carpark and Leppington Road recently as a result of drivers driving too fast, double-parking, or parking on double-yellow lines. Please be safe and considerate too other people and especially young children.



Year 5 Ufton Court Trip

Year 5 had a great day exploring Ancient Greek Life at Ufton Court.

We took part in an Athenian court where the punishments ranged from slavery to being thrown off a cliff.

We also became part of the Spartan army and learnt how to make effective formations and throw the javelin.

We are now experts in starting a fire, fence making and wool spinning.

What a great day we had!



Year 2 Carols at Liscombe House

On Tuesday 28th November a group of Year 2 children had the privilege of going to sing Christmas Songs to the residents of local care home, Liscombe House.

The children sang with great enthusiasm and beautiful smiles. The residents thoroughly enjoyed it and said how it enabled them to get in to the Christmas spirit.

The children particularly enjoyed their reward of squash and biscuits afterwards.

The children represented the school so well and should be very proud of themselves.



Year 3 at Easthampstead Baptist Church

On Tuesday, some children from Year 3 took part in the Easthampstead Baptist Church Community Carol Concert.

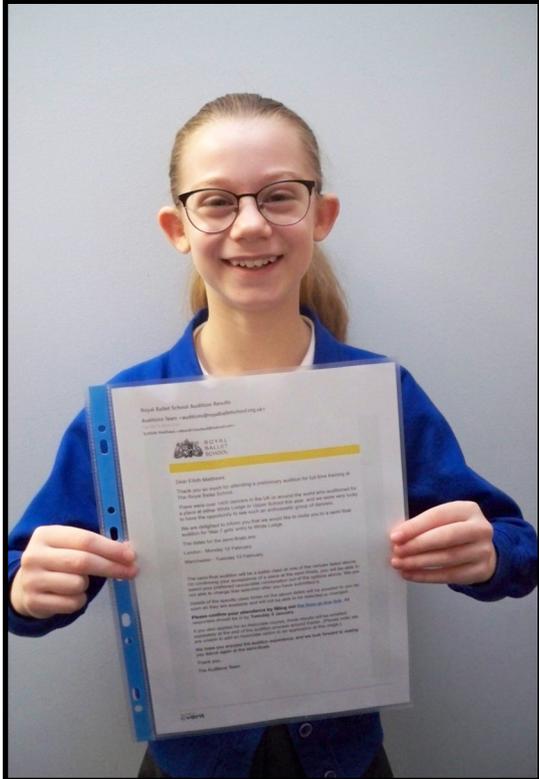
The children performed two Christmas songs: Midnight, and a rousing rendition of Christmas Has Started, complete with props and actions.



Children's Achievements

Exciting news came for Eilidh in Year 6 last week. Out of 1400 other children, she has got through the first round of dance trials for a place at The Royal Ballet School.

Well done Eilidh- we are very proud of you!



Thank you



Thank you for all your Present Room donations. Friends raised an amazing total of £834.86.

Thank you for your Christmas Jumper Day donations! We will have a total for this next week.



Thank you for your support with our Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We raised a fantastic total of £643.43

YEAR GROUP REMINDERS

NURSERY	Nursery Party Thursday 14 th December (children may wear their party clothes)
RECEPTION	—
YEAR 1	—
YEAR 2	Home Learning Exhibition
YEAR 3	—
YEAR 4	Home Learning Exhibition
YEAR 5	—
YEAR 6	Home Learning Exhibition
SAPPHIRE	—
OTHER	Updated INSET Days - Friday 23rd February 2024 & Monday 15th April 2024

This week's Triple Thank You and Triple Star Awards

Holly - Y6	Thank You
Naomi - Y4	Thank You
Max - Y4	Thank You
Anvi - Y4	Thank You
Harvey - Y3	Thank You
Austin - Y3	Thank You
Emily - Y3	Thank You
Charlie - Y1	Triple Star
Alfred - Y1	Triple Star
Henry - Y1	Triple Star
Aiden - Reception	Triple Star
Imogen - Reception	Triple Star

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 6 Home Learning Exhibition	Monday 11th December - 2.45-3.05pm
Year 2 Home Learning Exhibition	Tuesday 12th December - 2.40-3.00pm
Year 4 Home Learning Exhibition	Tuesday 12th December - 2.45-3.05pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 13th December
END OF TERM	FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER
INSET DAY	TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2024
START OF TERM	WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024
HALF TERM	MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY—FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2024
INSET DAY	FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024