Hawkchurch C of E Primary Newsletter 13/11/26

A Place to Belong: A Place to Flourish.

Welcome to our new newsletter we hope you enjoy finding out a bit more about the lovely things that the children have been doing over the last couple of weeks.

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Dates for your Diary

20/11 PJ day for Sarcoma UK

1/12 Cinderella - Packed Lunch, collection from Axminster Guild Hall at 2.45pm

4/12 Christingle - This will take place in school and all oranges etc will be provided

9/12 Christmas Nativity - St John the Baptist 6pm

11/12 Christmas Jumper Day

14/12 Christmas Activity Day

16/12 Christmas Dinner Day

18/12 Christmas Party day- Early Collection after lunch

Message from Mr Keay

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. As you can see with have a very busy and exciting schedule in place, with lots of lovely activities planned for the children. Please keep an eye out for further information coming out nearer the time.

All the children have come back full of enthusiasm and are enjoying their new learning experiences and tackling new topics in class. This week has seen remembrance take place on Wednesday with the children wearing their poppies with pride, observing a two minute silence and showing their respects. Thank you to everyone who bought poppies and sent in donations.

We have been pleased to Welcome back Open the Book into school to lead our collective worship on a Thursday and we look forward to sharing many more bible stories.

Friday saw the children become as spotty as possible for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who brought in a donation, we will send this off to support this amazing cause.

Mr Keay







1 - The School Council raising funds for the RBL



2 - Robins Class with their Poppies









Little Robins and Robins Class



Little Robins have had a busy few weeks. They focused on Bonfire night, Remembrance and Diwali. The children made their own fireworks and created some amazing firework pictures. The used a variety of materials to paint their own poppies and wreaths, which they took to our service in school. The Diwali festival has been lighting up their learning environment.

Each day the children have lots of opportunity to engage in a wide variety of learning and the children all enjoy working together and are creating a real sense of belonging in class. Friday finished with Children in Need and the children enjoyed their decorated cakes and hot chocolate.

Well done everyone






Jimmyho
Charlie
Freddie


Florence
JimmyHo
Lowe
Charlie
Freddie
















Guy Fawes night
Ee







Robins Stars of the week

Florence - for showing kindness to others and great perseverance.

Louis for always showing kindness and respect and being ready to learn.

Link for showing resilience to your learning.

Robins class have had a couple of great weeks. They are working hard on their numbers in class and have been working on numbers to 20. English has seen the children start their new unit Pam's birthday surprise, developing their sentence writing and creating their own version of the story. A new art topic has seen the children link their Art skills with music and how the music makes them feel and how this helps them build their own artistic style. Science continues to investigate materials and their properties, with the children seeing how stretchy a material can be.. RE sees the children start another new topic on Why does Christmas matter to Christians? With the children focussing in on the Christmas story and the characters.

A lovely couple of weeks everyone.





Buzzards Class



Stars of the week - Aurora -

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been getting into full Nativity swing and rehearsing whenever we can! If you would like a sneak peek of the songs from our Nativity performance, you can listen to them here.

We have also started our new learning topics this term. In Geography, we are looking at different types of land use, sorting them into categories and developing our understanding of map symbols and their meanings.

In English, we are getting into the Christmas spirit with our class text, *The Polar Express*. We have been extending our knowledge of the English language by developing expanded noun phrases and adding relative clauses to our writing. Next week is our Big Write Week, where the children will use all the skills they have learned to create their own magical stories.

In Science, we are learning about light, including how it travels and how our eyes enable us to see.

Vision Fact: We don't actually see objects themselves. We see light reflecting off them and travelling into our eyes. In complete darkness, even a bright red apple becomes invisible because there is no light to reflect.

The children are thoroughly enjoying Design and Technology this term. Instead of our usual making project, we are exploring Computer-Aided Design (CAD). Using Tinkercad, the children have designed and created their own playgrounds, demonstrating some fantastic creativity and problem-solving skills.

In RE, we are exploring the question: "Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah?" The children are learning about Christian beliefs, studying Bible stories and prophecies, and discussing why Christians believe Jesus was sent by God to save the world.

We have also created our own Remembrance poppies and spent time reflecting on why Remembrance Day is so important. We reminded ourselves why we mark the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, remembering the bravery and sacrifice of those who served in wars and conflicts. The children showed great respect as they learned about the significance of the poppy and the importance of remembering those who gave so much for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Thank you to all the families who supported our Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. Together, we were able to fill and donate two shoeboxes: one for a young boy and one for a teenage girl. We will be following their journey from the UK to their recipients, and I am sure the children who receive them will appreciate the thoughtful gifts that were donated. Thank you for helping us spread a little kindness and Christmas cheer.

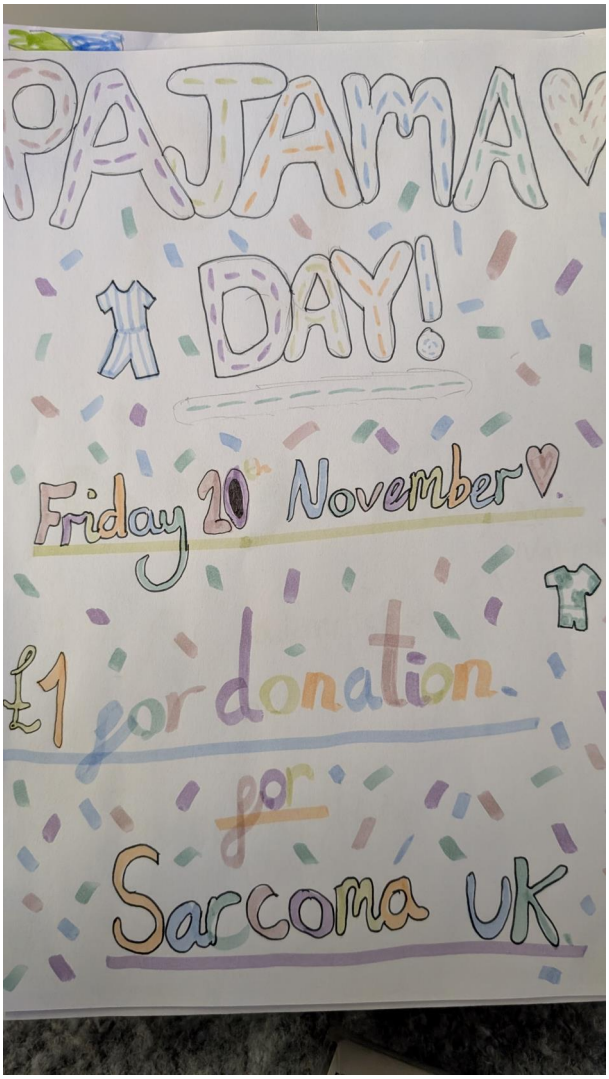
We are also starting to gather ideas for the St John the Baptist Church Christmas Tree Festival! Last year, our class proudly won the winner's cup, and we are determined to do our best to retain our title. We know there will be some stiff competition from local families and

groups, so our plans and ideas are currently top secret! We can't wait to share our finished tree with you once it is complete.



3 - Buzzard's class - Operation Christmas Child boxes.

School Council and Ethos group.



*4 - **PJ Day - Friday 20th November***

Our first fundraising event for Sarcoma UK will take place on Friday 20th November.

Children are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas, with a suggested donation of £1.

Slippers may be worn in school, but please ensure that your child brings sensible footwear for playtimes. Teddies are also welcome.

The morning will follow our usual timetable of lessons. In the afternoon, the children will enjoy a cosy afternoon of films and games organised by the School Council.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Open mornings and afternoons.

Do you have a child starting school next September? We are pleased to offer the opportunity to come and visit our school. Please feel free to share the time and dates.



Online Safety. **Gaming Safety**



As the evenings get darker and children spend more time indoors, many will be enjoying online games. Please remind your child never to share personal information, passwords or photographs with people they meet online. Regularly checking privacy settings and discussing who they are talking to can help keep them safe.

PTFA News

Thank you to the members of the PTFA who attended our most recent meeting. We came up with some fantastic fundraising ideas for the 2026-2027 academic year, and we are excited to share them with you over the coming months.

We are always grateful for new ideas and support from our school community. If you have any suggestions for future fundraising events or activities, please speak to one of the PTFA members or come and see Mrs Wiscombe.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

💚👕💚 PTFA PRE-LOVED UNIFORM 💚👕💚

Below is a list of pre-loved school uniform currently available. If you would like to purchase any items, please send a message to **Sam Hooper**.

School Jumpers

- 1 × XS Adult - **£3**
- 1 × Age 13-14 Years (34") - **£3**
- 4 × Age 11-12 Years (32") - **£3 each**

- 6 × Age 9-10 Years (30") - **£3 each**
- 2 × Age 5-6 Years (26") - **£2 each**

Cardigans

- 1 × XS Adult Girls' Cardigan (new without tags) - **£4**
- 1 × Age 11-12 Years (32") - **£3**
- 2 × Age 5-6 Years (26") Girls' Cardigans - **£2 each**
- 1 × Age 4-5 Years (24") Girls' Cardigan - **£2**
- 1 × Age 3-4 Years Girls' Cardigan (worn condition) - **£1.50**

PE Kit

- 2 × Age 8 Black PE Shorts - **£1.50 each**
- 1 × Age 5-6 Years (26") Green PE Top - **£2**
- 1 × Age 10 Green PE Top - **£2**
- 1 × Age 9-10 Years (30") Green PE Top - **£2**
- 1 × Age 5-6 Years (26") Green PE Hoodie - **£2.50**

Payment is by cash only. Items can be brought to school collection or pick-up on most days.

We are always grateful for donations of outgrown uniform, so if you have any items that your child no longer needs, we would be very pleased to receive them.

Thank you for supporting the PTFA and helping to keep school uniform affordable for all families. 😊

Fundraising

🎄 **Festive Bottle Hamper Raffle** 🎄

We will shortly be raffling off tickets for our fantastic Bottle Hamper, with Miss Bartlett-Hall taking on the important role of Chief Raffle Ticketer!

The hamper contains everything you might need for a wonderful festive season, so be sure to grab your tickets when they become available. **£1 per Ticket.** It will be drawn the last day of term. (18th December 2026).

🎅 **Santa Smiley Sacks** 🎅

We also have a festive activity just for the children!

Each child will be given a Santa Smiley Sack to take home. At the moment, the sacks are empty, and we would love your support in filling them with a few festive surprises, such as:

- Wrapped sweets
- Small toys or novelty items
- Loose change
- Other small, suitable treats

A sticker will be provided so that the sack can be sealed before being returned to school.

During the final week of term, the Santa Smiley Sacks will be used for a special tombola. Children can buy a ticket for £1, but the exciting part is that nobody knows what they are going to get until they open it!

Thank you for helping us spread some festive cheer and Christmas magic throughout the school.

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