



News from Great Alne Primary School



Responsible, Respectful, Ready

“From tiny acorns, mighty oaks do grow...”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another wonderful week has flown by, and as always, it has been filled with learning, reflection, and fun!

This week, the children have been thinking deeply about *Anti-Bullying Week*. On Monday, the school was a sea of bright and cheerful odd socks, celebrating the uniqueness and individuality of each and every one of us. The children have also been busy creating some truly thoughtful posters and artwork to share their reflections on kindness, respect, and standing up for one another — I am so proud of their creativity and empathy.

On Tuesday, the whole school paused together for a two-minute silence at 11am to remember all those who have lost their lives in war. Our Remembrance Assembly was a moving occasion, as staff shared stories about their own loved ones who served in the First and Second World Wars. The children listened with such maturity and respect, showing a deep understanding of why we wear our poppies with pride. Their knowledge about World War II was remarkable and truly heartening to see.

I have also spent some time this week looking through the children's maths books, and I must say, I am absolutely thrilled with the progress they have made since September. A huge well done to all our pupils — and of course, a big thank you to our fantastic staff team for their continued dedication.

Our Maths Lead, Mrs Palmer, has been championing *Barvember* — a national initiative running throughout November that encourages children to use bar models to help visualise mathematical problems. It's been lovely to see the children challenging themselves and developing their problem-solving confidence. I can't wait to see more of their Barvember work as the month continues!

Although it's only November, there's already a buzz of Christmas excitement in the air. That is just amongst the staff! The Christmas songs have been chosen, and rehearsals for the Nativity have been planned — I've even heard a few festive tunes!

We're also very excited about a planned visit to Great Alne Park on Monday, 1st December, where the children will be singing some of their Christmas songs for the residents. The visit promises to be extra special, with a surprise appearance from Santa himself, and — thanks to the generosity of the residents — the children will even get to enjoy a festive cinema treat before returning to school for lunch. What a magical start to December!



As always, thank you for your continued support and encouragement. It's a joy to see our children growing in confidence, kindness, and curiosity each and every week.

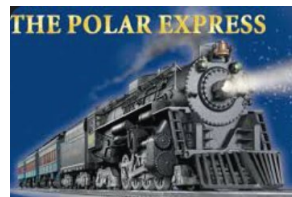
Miss L. Williams



Remembrance Day



Dates for your Diary



Christmas Dates

Monday 15th December School Nativity 2.15pm in the school hall. Everybody welcome.

Tuesday 16th December- KS2 Oaks children to see The BFG at the RSC Stratford upon Avon at 7.15pm. **There will be no cost for this trip** as FOS have kindly funded, but parents will need to transport to and from the event.

Wednesday 17th Christmas Lunch at school (there will be no swimming on this day) Cost of Christmas lunch is £3 per child. Christmas jumpers can be worn.

Thursday 18th December- EYFS and Year 1 Acorns to visit Hatton Country World 9am- 3pm. **There will be no cost for this trip** as FOS have kindly funded, and school will provide transport.

Friday 19th December- The Polar Express **Pyjama Day**. There will be a donation of £2 per child for this event. Children to wear their pyjamas to school. This is the last day of term.

