

We commenced our Christmas timetable this week, learning about festive traditions in different parts of the world. Find out about a few on page 3. With chilly weather on the way, we shared a delightful poem written over a hundred years ago. Have a read at home on page 2!

Our 'Caring at Christmas' show featured a scene from each class as they performed their pieces. From songs, signs and stories, pupils showed thought for others at this time of year. More highlights and pictures from the production will be in our final newsletter next week.

Many thanks for contributions to our raffle and to everyone who bought a ticket. Year 8 pupils have been learning about charity work during their Work-Related Learning curriculum this term and this was one of their fundraising ideas for the charity Age UK following a recent visit to their shop in town. **Prizes will be sent home for draw winners on Monday!**

Lower School are looking forward to seeing The New Adventures of Peter Pan at The Mercury Theatre next week, thanks to the generosity of Happy Days Charity. Upper School are off to a special Christmas screening at the cinema. We will also enjoy coming together as a school community for a special lunch and carol service as part of end of term activities.

We look forward to seeing parents and carers again at the carol service on Thursday 19 December before finishing for the holiday at 1.15pm. Please support us with pick up arrangements as all pupils need to travel back to school from the church before being collected.

Many thanks for all your involvement and continued support during our final week of term. It is appreciated!

Mrs A Constantine



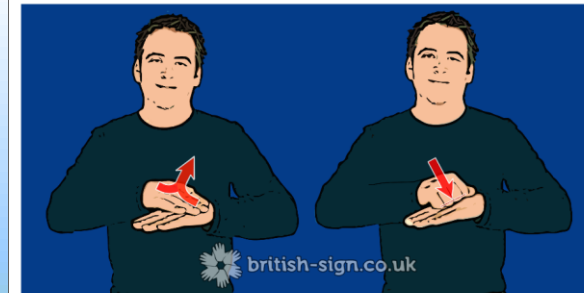
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Word of the week:
CHRISTMAS

Meaning:

All the things together that surround animals and humans in the natural world, including the air, the water, and the soil.



CHRISTMAS

Flat primary hand rests on top of flat secondary hand. Primary hand lifts up while closing and then fist rests on top of secondary hand.

Related words:

Traditions, festival, religious, birth, census, angel, manger

DECEMBER

Kingswode Hoe School
What we plant today, we grow tomorrow



Lady Icicle (1903)

E. Pauline Johnson

1861 - 1913



Little Lady Icicle is dreaming in the north-land
And gleaming in the north-land, her pillow all a-glow;
For the frost has come and found her
With an ermine robe around her
Where little Lady Icicle lies dreaming in the snow.

Little Lady Icicle is waking in the north-land,
And shaking in the north-land her pillow to and fro;
And the hurricane a-skirling
Sends the feathers all a-whirling
Where little Lady Icicle is waking in the snow.

Little Lady Icicle is laughing in the north-land,
And quaffing in the north-land her wines that overflow;
All the lakes and rivers crusting
That her finger-tips are dusting,
Where little Lady Icicle is laughing in the snow.

Little Lady Icicle is singing in the north-land,
And bringing from the north-land a music wild and low;
And the fairies watch and listen
Where her silver slippers glisten,
As little Lady Icicle goes singing through the snow.

Little Lady Icicle is coming from the north-land,
Benumbing all the north-land where'er her feet may go;
With a fringe of frost before her
And a crystal garment o'er her,
Little Lady Icicle is coming with the snow.

Christmas traditions

We have learnt that people celebrate Christmas in many different countries in different ways. We also found out that not everybody celebrates Christmas.



• Christians in China often celebrate by lighting their houses with paper lanterns.

Christmas trees are called 'trees of light' and are decorated with paper chains, paper flowers and paper lanterns.

Lots of people in China do not celebrate Christmas. The main winter festival is called Chinese New Year and takes place in February. Many Chinese people worship their ancestors during Chinese New Year.



CHRISTMAS
AROUND THE
WORLD

• Each Christmas, thousands of people go to see the world's tallest floating Christmas tree in a lagoon in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

• It is 85 metres tall and contains 3.1 million bulbs.



Christmas Traditions- facts and quiz

As part of Christmas celebrations, some people go to church.



Some people celebrate the weeks before Christmas during a time called Advent.



Instead of Santa Claus, the bringer of gifts in Denmark is known as Julemanden.

Julemanden arrives in a sleigh drawn by reindeer and a sack over his back.

Julemanden has lots of elf helpers, named Juul Nisse, who are said to live in attics.



Food & Cooking



Y10 pupils made themselves a fried egg sandwich, they discussed the versatility of eggs, and how many simple meals can be made from them.

Star Baker this week is Charlie G. He has shown an increasing maturity in the food room and is working hard to focus and work with the team. Well done!



STAR BAKER



Spinney pupils made Christmas themed chocolates, ready to give to someone special. They used the microwaves to melt the chocolate.



Oak pupils decorated gingerbread houses; they used piped icing for the 'glue'.

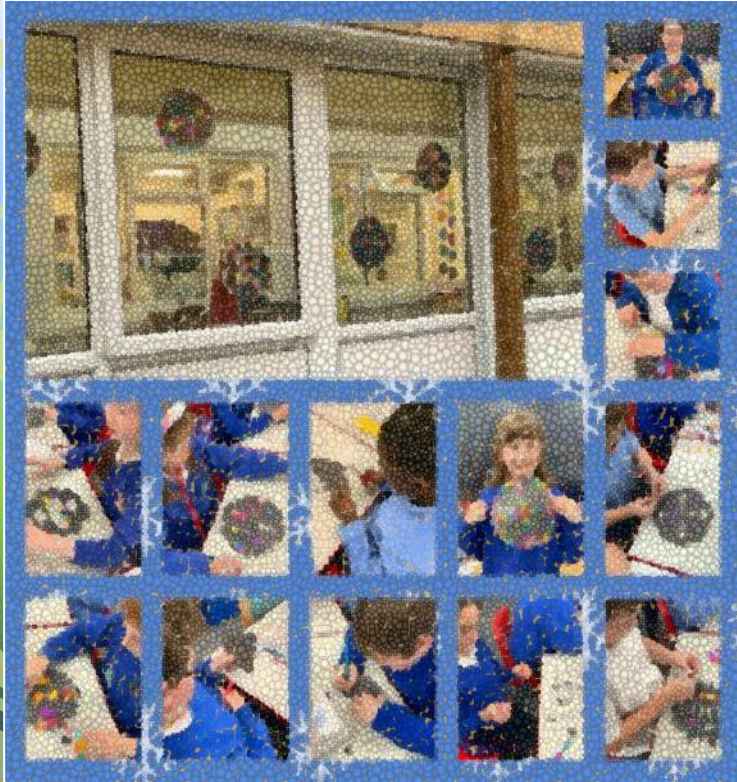
Christmas creativity



Year 9 pupils started making up the KHS special Christmas Kingalings. They have been packaged in boxes which were designed and assembled by KHS pupils.



Oak class made sun catcher snowflakes



Bentley was thrilled to get a Christmas teddy for his Nan in the KHS Credit Shop.

Nellie enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit at school. She opened her advent calendar, played with new toys, and wore her Christmas jumper.



Year 7 Go Outdoors



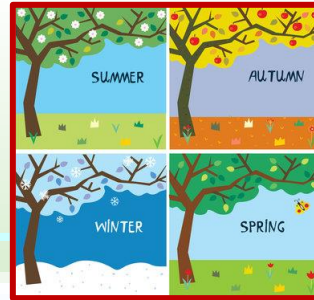
Maple had their last Forest School before Christmas. Pupils learnt about different types of leaves and used these to create woodland Christmas trees. They had great fun taking part in group games and creating different things using natural material



Birch really enjoyed being outdoors in the fresh air playing ball games and chilling with their friends in the hammocks. They were very creative making some lovely Christmas pom-poms and decorating their wooden discs to share at this special time. They carefully decorated their very own Christmas tree with lots of different materials. They were very helpful and supportive towards each other during their session.

Primary out at Forest School

Acorn enjoyed their morning outdoors. They played musical instruments together, played ball games and sang some lovely Christmas tunes. Some pupils made Christmas trees using a variety of materials, ready to take home. Lots of laughter and fun for everyone out in the woods!



Oak had great fun decorating their wooden discs and creating some lovely Christmas trees, using different materials. They relaxed and chatted with their friends in the hammocks and were very helpful towards each other in all the different activities they chose. A most enjoyable morning for everyone!





Look What We've Been Doing...



Dylan and his family enjoyed a treat at Castle Park light walk through. Dylan had good fun and toasted marshmallows.



E4L Home Learning

Jacob and Thomas enjoyed the light show at Marks Hall at the weekend.



EVIDENCE
FOR LEARNING

Kyle has been making spaghetti and toad in the hole for dinner over the weekend



Sam made reindeer cupcakes and Christmas tarts this week with his nanny. They look scrumptious!



Reggie has been very creative at home. This is some of his amazing work that he wanted to show off!



Rowan helped to load the washing machine and put clean clothes on the airer to dry.





What's for LUNCH?

Please note: Due to trips and end of term events lunches next week may vary!

Seasonal Snack idea!

<https://www.eatsamazing.co.uk/christmas/healthy-christmas-recipes/easy-cheese-christmas-trees-recipe>



Easy Cheese Christmas Trees Recipe

This quick and easy cheese Christmas trees recipe makes great healthy Christmas party food and a fun appetiser or snack for kids over the festive season!

Christmas Dinner



Tuesday
Christmas Dinner



Thursday
End of term lunches

Wednesday
End of term lunches

Friday
Holiday!



Fruit & Yogurt available daily

Baguettes available Wednesday

KINGSWODE HOE

LUNCH MENU Week 3

16.12.24

Key to allergens

Milk	M
Fish	F
Soya	So
Gluten	G
Sulphites	S
Celery	C
Egg	E
Mustard	Mu

Monday

- Vegan Sausage Rolls G
- Vegetarian Burger GS
- Baked Beans
- Sweetcorn
- Salad
- Pasta G
- Ice-cream Pot M

DIARY DATES

📍 Upper School Cinema trip:

Monday 16 December

📍 Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Tuesday 17 December

📍 Lower School Panto trip

Wednesday 18 December

📍 Christmas Carol Service at St Leonard's Church

Thursday 19 December 10.30am

School finishes 1.15pm

Winter Break:

Friday 20 December- Friday 3 January 2024 inclusive

Pupils return to school on Monday 6 January 2024



During winter months, please make sure pupils have a named, warm coat, hat and gloves.



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Coming up...

Themes next half term:

Week beginning	Theme- linked to six outcomes/world events
6/1/25	New Year traditions New play plans!
13/1/25	Wisdom of Winnie the Pooh Day The Snug
20/1/25	Chinese New Year- 23.1
27/1/24	Wider World: RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch- 24.1
3/2/25	Community & Wider World: Eco-School
10/2/25	Resilience & Independence: Safer Internet Day

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It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings



It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

[Parent Guides | Skips Safety Net \(skipseducational.org\)](https://www.skipseducational.org)

<https://www.visitessex.com/whats-on/christmas>

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SEND SENSATION

#Local #Accessible #Positive



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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