



# Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter



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## Dates for your diaries

### **Carol Service/Nativity at St Barnabas Church**

Years 5 & 6 Monday 6.12.21 @ 1:30pm

Years 3 & 4 Tuesday 7.12.21 @ 1:30pm

Years R, 1 & 2 Wednesday 8.12.21  
@ 1:45pm

### **Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day Wednesday 15.12.21**

Remember to book your child's  
Christmas dinner via your Parent Pay  
account by Friday 10.12.21



## School Photographs

We expect all orders to be delivered back to school by 13th December, if ordered by Parents/Carers by the 6th December. You need to login to Kittle Photographic via this link **Photograph Orders** and use your barcoded card to place your order.



Dear Families of Istead Rise,

With the final two weeks of Term 2 ahead of us, we are gearing up for one of the busiest periods of the school year. This week, all children were treated to a Christmas Pantomime (kindly organised by FIRPS) - Aladdin. With much joyous screaming, shouting and audience participation, it was obvious that both staff and pupils enjoyed it.

The sound of Christmas carols and music has been filling the school, as pupils rehearse their lines and parts, for our forthcoming services and nativities. We look forward to welcoming you at St Barnabas Church next week, when you will be able to watch all of the children's hard work in preparing for these events. If you are planning to attend, please remember to wear a mask and ensure you have carried out a lateral flow test. A link to full details is here: [Carol Services Update Letter](#)

Last week, our school received a Swale Academy Trust Review with a focus on SEND. We are delighted to share with you that the team who carried out the visit, were extremely impressed with the support and interventions that the school provides children with SEN. They also interviewed a few of our children, who did our school and families very proud. We would like to also thank the parents who took the time to complete the survey which was sent to them. Again, the outcome was very favourable.

This morning we welcomed prospective parents, who are considering Istead Rise for their child in September 2022. They shared many positive comments about the school and in particular the wonderful children who already attend.

Staff and children are looking forward to the exciting learning and activities planned until the end of term. We know it'll be very busy, but also lots of fun!

Wishing you a good weekend.

Mrs M Clark

Deputy Headteacher



The children had fun in school on 19.11.21, raising lots of money for Children in Need. They enjoyed a cake sale and used up all their pennies filling in Pudsey Bear. Congratulations to George of Oak, Scarlett of Sycamore & Brooke of Willow whose designs were the winning entries for the 'design a new bandana for Pudsey' competition. The children each received a mini Pudsey for their efforts. Thank you to all our Parents, Carers & children for your generosity. You have raised a fantastic £575!





# Forest School



The children were not fazed by the cold weather this week. Palm class showed perseverance and determination when weaving string around their stick to make a Christmas tree decoration.

When Acorn Class were in the Forest, they also demonstrated one of our core values, -Independence. They used a hammer to make a leaf print onto calico. Wait and see what they have done with them.

I am so proud of both classes this week. Well done from Mrs T Clark aka Mrs Forest Clark.





# Acorns



Last week, the children worked with a partner to match objects to a numeral. The children were able to recognise numbers from 0-3 and knew how many objects to find! This week, the children have been comparing amounts. They have been learning to write numbers up to 3 and can use the words 'more' and 'fewer'.



In phonics, we are learning to blend 3 letters to make a cvc word. Learning to make words has been exciting, as all of Acorns are keen to write letters to Santa.



For many people, Christmas is a special time of the year. Much of our class discussion this week has been centred around how Christmas is celebrated around the world. Some children believe that in Iceland Christmas is only celebrated by the elves and Santa. Mrs Claus only comes out once a year! Other children said they think that the people in France celebrate Christmas only in Disneyland. Many answers left smiles on the adults's faces. The children did all agree however, that Christmas is not celebrated by everyone.



Yesterday morning, Phase 1 watched a Pantomime of Aladdin. The children absolutely loved the event. Lots of shouting and screaming was heard from afar! We are extremely grateful to FIRPS for funding this event.





# Oak



# Palm

During Science this term, Year 1 have been looking at materials. Their end of term project was to make a bird feeder out of a suitable material.

"I coloured it in red, pink and purple so that it looked beautiful!"  
George



"I made my bird feeder with a milk carton. I made a hole and then tied some string to the feeder so that it can hang on the tree."  
Dolly



"I coloured a little bit in purple and stuck some leaves on to make it look nice."  
Rosie



Year 2 have enjoyed making boats as part of our Science lessons this week. We used our knowledge of materials to make and test our boats on water. We discovered that the best material to use was plastic and the least effective one was paper. We found glass to be the most surprising as it floated even though it felt quite heavy to hold in our hands!



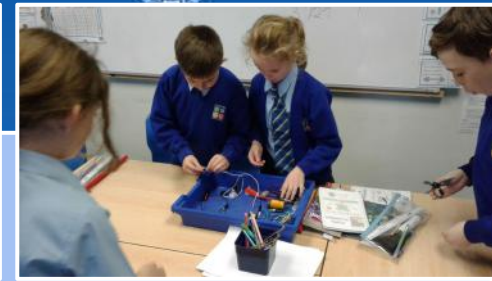
# Sycamore

We have been really busy learning lots of new things, as well as practising for our Christmas Carol Service next week.

In science, the children built a simple circuit using the provided equipment- as you can see they had a lot of fun! They also learnt about how the electrons move around a circuit and what happens if it is broken.

In English they have been learning lots of different ways to start sentences while learning how to write using description.

We look forward to seeing you at the carol service next week!



# Cherry

As part of our RE celebrations day we learned about the Hindu festival Diwali. As part of this work, we thoroughly enjoyed making our own salt dough diva lamps following a recipe.



In science we have constructed simple electrical circuits and learned how a battery works. We found out that a circuit is like a round street and in the battery the chemical is using its energy to move electrons.

In English we have been working hard to finish our writing of a description. In maths we have been revising the 3 times table and learning to multiply and divide using the 6 and 9 times tables.





# Willow & Holly

# Aspen

Holly and Willow have been very busy recently. Both classes enjoyed the activities that we did for our RE day. The children enjoyed making an oil pastel picture of a Menorah candle, when learning about Hanukkah. They also enjoyed learning about Advent - why Christians celebrate it and what it means. We had a go at making our own 'Christingles' which was extremely fun! All children had fun making a Diwali 'diva lamp' using clay and used lots of great techniques to create the initial shape and then the patterns.

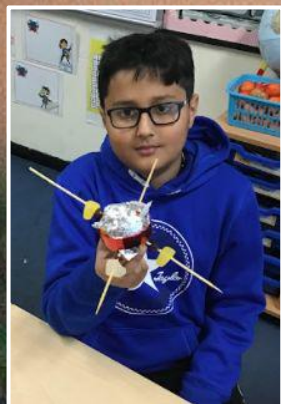
In maths this week, we have been learning about prime numbers and how to identify if a number is prime or not. Willow won the KS2 Times Tables Rockstars battle last week, so Holly Class are working hard to beat them this week!

In English, the children are coming to the end of their current learning sequence - writing a description of a 'rocky mountain adventure'. We have been practising using varied sentence starters, sophisticated vocabulary and have also learnt how to write paragraphs using the 'narrative voice'. Computing has been fun this week! The children have been learning how to create shapes and understand extensions on 'Scratch', the coding programme that we use. The classes have been exploring how to create different shapes, once they had learnt how to code the basics.

We are looking forward to the busy weeks ahead of us!



This week in maths, Aspen have been focused on working with decimal numbers with rounding and multiplying. In English we have started our next sequence, writing descriptively for settings in the story of Hansel and Gretel, while our History focus this week was on the importance of 'wash day' in a wealthy Victorian home. The children took part in some of the jobs expected of the domestic servants. This also included looking at a range of genuine historical artefacts, looking at what they were made from and their purpose. Meanwhile, rehearsals for the carol concert continue...



Mathletics

## Gold Mathletics

W/C 22/11

Corben of Willow, Tyler C of Holly, Dylan of Aspen & Finn of Sycamore

W/C 29/11

Tabitha of Willow, Oliver of Cherry & Millie H of Sycamore

*Congratulations for all your hard work!*

## Artist of the Week

W/C 22/11

Darcy of Oak & Tabitha of Willow

W/C 29/11

Evelyn of Oak & Carlyle of Cherry



W/C 22/11

1st Willow  
2nd Holly  
3rd Aspen

W/C 29/11

1st Willow  
2nd Holly  
3rd Aspen

## House Points

W/C 22/11

**Bronze**

Kai, Summer, Louie, Cooper G of Palm. Seth, Jessica D of Cherry. Phoenix, Henry, Sevak, Nicole, Hayden, Blake, Harvey of Aspen. Freya & Annabelle of Acorns.

**Silver**

Parsen, Taiga, Isaac, Isabella, Elsie, Cerys, Oliver of Cherry. Berta, Brody, Tess & Ronak of Sycamore.

W/C 29/11

**Bronze**

Elvie, Oliver M, Shae & Leah of Palm. Evelyn & Saskia of Oak. Charlie C & Jim of Cherry. Mila & Theo of Sycamore

**Silver**

Maisey, Tommy & Rosie of Cherry, Thomas of Sycamore

## Core Values Congratulations to all of our winners!



Week Ending 26.11

Acorns Class

Ava & Ashiya for Perseverance

Oak Class

Lyla for Independence & Bobby for Independence

Palm Class

Summer for Independence & Abril for Perseverance

Sycamore Class

Brody for Independence & Tommy for Self Reflection

Cherry Class

Cerys & Carlyle for Respect

Willow Class

Lilly for Self Reflection & Isher for Independence

Holly Class

Ezekiel for Self Reflection & Harjot for Independence

Aspen Class

Leo for Self Reflection & Bettie for Perseverance



Week Ending 03.12

Acorns Class

Tyler & Sophie for Independence

Oak Class

Henry for Perseverance & Sujaan for Respect

Palm Class

Oliver M for Self Reflection & Katelyn for Respect

Sycamore Class

Jace for Perseverance & Izzy for Independence

Cherry Class

Charlie C for Independence & Isabelle M for Perseverance

Willow Class

Madison for Perseverance & Kamahni for Independence

Holly Class

Poppy & Maddy for Perseverance

Aspen Class

Calan for Perseverance & Layla for Independence



# Let's see what's for lunch...

**Week 3  
w/c 6th  
December**

## Meat Free Monday (MF)

Meat Free Monday is a great way to improve health and well-being by naturally increasing your vitamin and mineral intake. One day a week can make a real difference - [www.schoolfoodplan.com](http://www.schoolfoodplan.com)

MF Monday	<b>Main Meals</b> Margarita Pizza with Potato Salad V Sweet Potato & Vegetable Dhal with Rice Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve or Cheese V	<b>Vegetables</b> Sweetcorn & Green Beans Ve <b>Dessert</b> Cinnamon & Sultana Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard Ve
	<b>Main Meals</b> Beef Burger in a Bun with Oven Baked Wedges Vegetarian Burger in a Bun with Oven Baked Wedges Ve Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Peas Ve & Coleslaw V <b>Dessert</b> Marble Sponge with Custard V
	<b>Main Meals</b> Roast Chicken Fillets in Tomato Sauce with Roast Potatoes Chick Pea & Cauliflower Bake with Roast Potatoes Ve Wholemeal Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	<b>Vegetables</b> Carrots & Cabbage Ve <b>Dessert</b> Waffles with Berry Compote V
	<b>Main Meals</b> Chicken & Beef Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy Vegan Mince & Vegetable Pie topped with Mashed Potato Ve Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese V	<b>Vegetables</b> Broccoli & Sweetcorn Ve <b>Dessert</b> Carrot Cake V
Tuesday	<b>Main Meals</b> Oven Baked Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Ve Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Baked Beans & Peas Ve <b>Dessert</b> Pear & Berry Crumble Ve with Custard V
	<b>Freshly Baked Bread:</b> Pumpkin & Carrot V Wholemeal V	

Week 1:

1<sup>st</sup> Nov, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 24<sup>th</sup> Jan, 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7<sup>th</sup> Mar, 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

MF Monday	<b>Main Meals</b> Mac n Cheese with Garlic Bread V Vegetable & Bean Stew Ve with Garlic Bread V Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese V	<b>Vegetables</b> Broccoli Florets & Carrots Ve <b>Dessert</b> Homemade Fruit Yoghurt V and Fresh Fruit Platter Ve
	<b>Main Meals</b> Chicken Fajita with Rice Vegetable Fajita with Rice Ve Wholemeal Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	<b>Vegetables</b> Green Beans & Sweetcorn Ve <b>Dessert</b> Sticky Toffee Pudding with Toffee Sauce V
Tuesday	<b>Main Meals</b> Lemon & Thyme Roast Chicken Fillets with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Sweet Chilli & Vegetable Stirfry Noodles V Jacket Potatoes with Baked Beans Ve or Cheese V	<b>Vegetables</b> Cauliflower & Peas Ve <b>Dessert</b> Orange & Lemon Drizzle Cake Ve
	<b>Main Meals</b> Sweet Potato Topped Cottage Pie Spinach, Courgette & Feta Filo Tart with Mashed Potato V Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Carrots & Cabbage Ve <b>Dessert</b> Cherry Cookie Ve
Wednesday	<b>Main Meals</b> Battered Fish Fillets with Oven Baked Chips Vegan Bean Burrito with Oven Baked Chips Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve or Cheese V	<b>Vegetables</b> Baked Beans & Peas Ve <b>Dessert</b> Chocolate & Courgette Sponge with Chocolate Sauce V
	<b>Freshly Baked Bread:</b> Courgette, Oat & Thyme V Wholemeal V	

Week 2:

8<sup>th</sup> Nov, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 14<sup>th</sup> Mar, 4<sup>th</sup> Apr

MF Monday	<b>Main Meals</b> Quorn Sausages with Potato Wedges V Squash & Butterbean Curry Ve with Naan Bread V Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Peas & Cauliflower Ve <b>Dessert</b> Homemade Fruit Yoghurt V and Fresh Fruit Platter Ve
	<b>Main Meals</b> Beef Chilli Con Carne with Rice Vegan Chilli Con Carne with Rice Ve Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese V	<b>Vegetables</b> Sweetcorn & Carrots Ve <b>Dessert</b> Banana Flapjack Ve
Tuesday	<b>Main Meals</b> Herby Roast Chicken Fillets with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegan Sausage Loaf with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Ve Wholemeal Pasta with Creamy Salmon or Cheese Sauce V	<b>Vegetables</b> Green Cabbage & Roasted Root Vegetables Ve <b>Dessert</b> Maryland Sultana Cookie V
	<b>Main Meals</b> Turkey Vegetable Casserole with Pasta Roasted Ratatouille Pasta Bake V Jacket Potatoes with Baked Beans Ve or Cheese V	<b>Vegetables</b> Green Beans & Carrots Ve <b>Dessert</b> Vanilla Shortbread Ve with Homemade Lemon Curd V
Wednesday	<b>Main Meals</b> Oven Baked Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Spinach & Tomato Pastry Pocket with Oven Baked Chips V Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	<b>Vegetables</b> Baked Beans & Peas Ve <b>Dessert</b> Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie V
	<b>Freshly Baked Bread:</b> Sunflower, Rosemary & Tomato V Wholemeal V	

Week 3:

15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 27<sup>th</sup> Dec, 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 21<sup>st</sup> Mar

V - Suitable for vegetarians  
Ve - Suitable for vegans & vegetarians

Available Every Day  
Fresh Fruit Platter Ve  
Homemade Fruit Yoghurt V

All products are subject to availability.

## Pabulum Salad Bar

Children can help themselves to an unlimited selection of freshly prepared healthy salads. Our new salad bar features all of the children's favourites, is completely free of the 14 recognised allergens, is suitable for vegetarians and vegans and packed full of fibre and nutrients.

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November 2021

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