



# Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 16th December 2022

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You can find a copy of December's online safety newsletter [here](#)



Dear Istead Rise Families,

We hope you enjoy our last newsletter of 2022, as you will see, our pupils have been enjoying their week in the snow!

We wish everybody a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year - we look forward to seeing you all in 2023

Steve Payne



## Attendance Class Awards 2 Superclass Letters



W/C 05.12.22

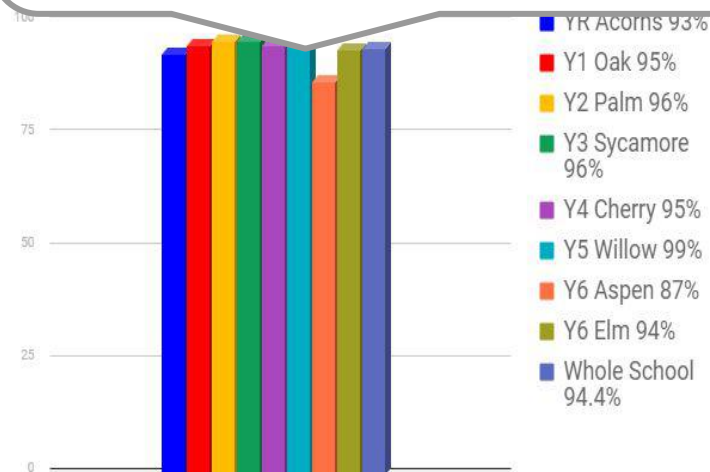
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KS2 - Trophy **Willow**

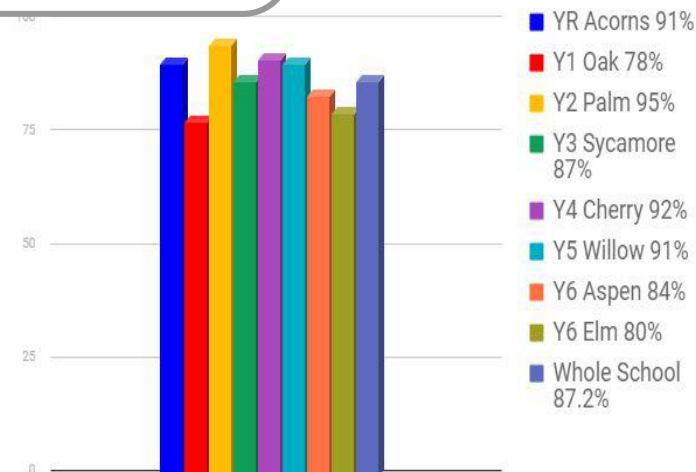
W/C 12.12.22

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KS2 - Trophy **Cherry**



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 05.12.22



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 12.12.22

Friday 16th December  
End of Term 2

Tuesday 3rd January  
INSET Day School Closed

Wednesday 4th January  
Term 3 Begins

Wednesday 1st February  
Parent Drop In Session

Friday 10th February  
End of Term 3

Monday 20th February  
Term 4 Begins





## Bronze Peg Up Points

W/E 09.12  
Ezekiel of Aspen & Arturo of Elm

## Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 09.12  
Isaac of Willow

*A big well done to all of you!*

W/E 16.12  
Jacob, Poppy & Kasey of Cherry,  
Nathan of Willow, Mia & Brooke  
of Elm & Bobby of Aspen



## Parent Drop In Sessions



Here are the dates of our next  
'Parent Drop In Sessions' for your diaries.

Wednesday 1st February 2023  
Thursday 23rd March 2023  
Tuesday 23rd May 2023

We look forward to seeing you then.

## Gravesend & Meopham Rotary Club &

**Santa**  
Are Coming To Istead Rise

**Tuesday 20th  
December  
6pm - 8pm\***

Collecting Food Items For  
**Gravesend  
foodbank**

Santa's route for the evening  
Downs Road  
Fairview Road  
Flowerhill Way  
Upper Avenue  
Istead Rise  
Brookside Road  
Northumberland Road  
Lewis Road  
Top end of Arcadia Road  
Castlefields - Elwill Way



You can  
find full  
details  
[here](#)

Rotarians will be walking along the pavement with Santa to collect food items.  
Please make sure children are supervised and do not run into the road with gifts.  
\* Santa's arrival will be Weather Permitting

## MEOPHAM LEISURE CENTRE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB



Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd December 2022



Our fun and inclusive holiday club provides children  
aged 5-12 a great opportunity to remain active during  
the holidays, whilst having fun and making new friends.

Each day will have a specific afternoon activity,  
alongside free play, sports, giant inflatable fun, games,  
Christmas Arts & Crafts & more!

### Afternoon Activities

Monday - Inflatable Snowball Fight  
Tuesday - Christmas Circus Workshop  
Wednesday - Christmas Dinner and Face Painting  
Thursday - Christmas Cooking and Crafts

Bring along your Christmas Jumpers and festive outfits

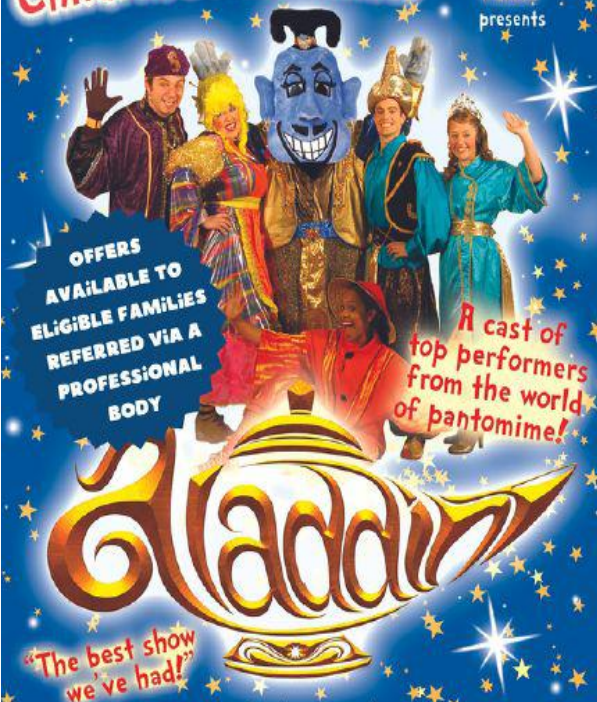
Full day (8am-5pm) - £25  
Half day (8am-1pm or 12pm-5pm) - £15



Please pop in or call 01474 814199 to book your space  
Please provide a packed lunch and refillable water bottle

## The Children's Pantomime!

Chaplin's Gold  
Pantomime  
presents



**11:00AM - FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER**

**£6.50 PER TICKET, £20 FOR 4 TICKETS**

**TO BOOK, PLEASE CALL US ON 01474 814199**

**MEOPHAM LEISURE CENTRE, DA13 0AH**



Mathletics

**Gold Mathletics**

W/E 16.12  
Emilia & Cooper M  
of Sycamore

**Congratulations for  
all your hard work!**



**Times Tables Rock Stars**

W/E 09.12  
Most Valuable Player  
1st Isher of Elm  
2nd Nihaal of Sycamore  
3rd Ronak of Cherry

W/E 09.12  
Winning Class  
1st Elm  
2nd Sycamore  
3rd Cherry

W/E 16.12  
Most Valuable Player  
1st Isher of Elm  
2nd Ronak of Cherry  
3rd Freddie of Sycamore

W/E 16.12  
Winning Class  
1st Sycamore  
2nd Elm  
3rd Cherry

**09.12 Rock Hero Status Harlot of Willow**

Under 6 / Year R?

**ISTEAD UNITED COLTS FC  
MINI FOOTBALL**

**Free Taster Session**

Saturday January 07<sup>th</sup> 2023

1030 - 1130

Istead Rise

Memorial Hall

Book a space

Contact Sam Kirby 07736 561155



mind North Kent

**Christmas Children's Session**



St Augustine's Church, 192 Rock Ave,  
Gillingham ME7 5PW

When?	What?
Thursday 22nd December 10:30-12:00PM	Join us this festive period for a craft session focusing on gratitude for loved ones.

North Kent Mind are running free, welcoming, creative group sessions for children aged 4-11 to develop their understanding of mental health and wellbeing.

To book your place, please email:  
[cyp@northkentmind.co.uk](mailto:cyp@northkentmind.co.uk)

We're here to fight for mental health.  
For support. For respect. For you.



## Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners

**Week Ending 09.12**

**Acorns Class**

Ava & Belle for Independence, Valerie for Self Reflection

**Oak Class**

Ronnie for Respect, Affan for Independence & Iyla for Perseverance

**Palm Class**

Constance for Self Reflection, Elliott for Respect  
& Evelyn for Independence

**Sycamore Class**

Ruby WN for Respect, Abril for Independence  
& Lucas for Self Reflection

**Cherry Class**

Blake for Self Reflection, Mila & Lucas for Respect

**Willow Class**

Ruby & Isaac for Independence, Taiga for Respect

**Elm Class**

Corben & Isher for Independence, Emily for Self Reflection

**Aspen Class**

James O & Bobby for Perseverance, Maddy for Independence

**Week Ending 16.12**

**Acorns Class**

Nathan for Respect, Sybil for Independence &  
Juhar for Self Reflection

**Oak Class**

Emilia for Independence & Leo D for Perseverance

**Palm Class**

Darcey for Independence & Nyla for Self Reflection

**Sycamore Class**

Oliver F & Shae for Respect & Arabella for Independence

**Cherry Class**

Tommy & Thomas for Independence & Kasey for Self Reflection

**Willow Class**

Carlyle & Lily for Independence & Oliver for Respect

**Elm Class**

Utre for Respect, Rui for Self Reflection & Alfie for Perseverance

**Aspen Class**

Kian for Respect, Charlotte for Self Reflection &  
Martha for Perseverance





Keep Mr Loe safe and do not park across or near the crossing patrol.



# Safe Parking Around Our school



Please park further away and walk the rest - it's good for the heart & mind.

Check out the KCC link for parents  
<http://www.responsibleparking.co.uk/index.php>

Please do not block residents' driveways.

Please do not move or damage the cones.



Please do not park on the pavement and force adults & children into the road.

Please do not drop litter.



To report parking problems outside our school please call your local Parking Enforcement Office at Gravesham Borough Council  
[parking.office@gravesham.gov.uk](mailto:parking.office@gravesham.gov.uk)  
01474 333700



# Acorns

**Christmas Day is nearly here!**

We have been celebrating Christmas in so many different ways. We have made cards, decorations for our Christmas tree, chosen different resources to make a snowman and had a delicious Christmas dinner! We hope you enjoy looking at our pictures.







During Science this term we have been learning about Seasons. This week, the children have been Scientists and have made rain gauges to work out how much rain will fall.



Obviously we had to go and play in the snow! The girls enjoyed making snow angels.

Key Stage 1 had a fantastic time watching the pantomime last week! The children enjoyed getting involved in the story and it was lovely to see them experience such a fun Christmas tradition together!



Year 2 have had a creative few weeks in class to end the term! In maths, we have been learning all about 3D shapes. Using sweets and cocktail sticks we carefully made different shapes and counted the faces, edges and vertices on each.

In Science, we have finished our learning on materials and their properties by making boats. We looked at the meaning of the words 'waterproof' and 'absorbent' and spoke about our choice of material using them. This week, we will test the boats on water before evaluating our original designs.



# Sycamore



We have been so impressed with the children in Sycamore over the last two weeks. During English the children have been working hard on their writing about Mary Seacole. Within maths, the children have been learning the three times tables and using TTRS to support rapid recall of these facts. We have also discovered some amazing information about fossils and were fortunate to see some real ones too!

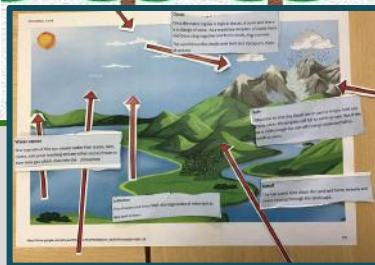
Despite being busy in class, we still found time to have fun in the snow and enjoy a boogie at the FIRPs Christmas disco

# Cherry

Cherry Class have been working hard the last two weeks of term.

The children have completed writing a description of a journey to Manaus and have also finished learning about states of matter in science.

We have now completed work on learning all of the times tables and continue to practise recall of these daily.



# Willow



It has been a busy final 2 weeks, with our carol concert (many thanks for the support you showed and we hope you enjoyed the singing and readings), assessments and the completion of our current sequences.

In English we have completed our final sequence for the term on the genre of Sci-Fi, with a focus on the use of descriptive language and sophisticated vocabulary.

In maths we have completed his term's work on adding and subtracting fractions (including mixed number fractions) and are looking forward to starting next term with multiplication and division where times tables knowledge is going to be very important for quick recall.

In Science we have now completed the unit we have been working on since our return in September (Materials and their Properties) by writing up our final investigation and graphing our results for analysis.

Our History theme is also complete, with the children creating a timeline to explain the reasons for the English Civil War and how that affected the future monarchs.

Next term we will be looking at Eastern Europe in Geography.

In Spanish this week we have looked at the different sports that are part of the Olympics and there are related games on google classroom if the children want to continue to practise.

It's been a great term with great progress made by the children, and to top it all off, we even had some snow! Really looking forward to next term, with some fantastic themes lined up in our learning.

Have a great Christmas break!





# Elm & Aspen



To start, Year 6 have worked very hard this term so well done to all!  
In English, we have been writing a set of concise instructions based on how to be a Victorian pickpocket! We have learnt how to correctly use time-related conjunctions and imperative verbs.

In Maths, we will soon be moving on to converting units of measurement, after finishing our teaching about fractions.

This week in History we had a very festive themed lesson. We looked at how the Victorians influenced some of the Christmas traditions that we still have in our homes today. Did you know that the Victorians were the first people to send Christmas cards and also, started the tradition of having a Christmas tree in our homes.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and an enjoyable Christmas break!





# The Hub



It has been like Santa's workshop in the Hub this week. We have been busy making extra special Christmas cards, 'pop it's, and even tasty Christmas Chocolate Wheels made from Rich Tea Biscuits instead of using flour. There was a visit from Monty and Tina too. Mrs T Clark read them all a Christmas story to say thank you. Mrs T Clark would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.





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



**Week 3**  
**Week Commencing 2nd January**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Chicken & Beef Sausage with Mash & Onion Gravy Tex Mex Vegetarian Sausage Hot Pot V Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	<b>Vegetables</b> Sweetcorn & Peas Ve <b>Dessert</b> Coconut & Vanilla Sponge V
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Mild Chicken & Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice Sweet Potato & Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Cauliflower & Green Beans Ve <b>Dessert</b> Orange Shortbread Ve
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy BBQ Roast Sweet Potato & Bean Loaf with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Ve Wholegrain Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Seasonal Greens & Carrots Ve <b>Dessert</b> Apple & Oaty Topped Crumble Ve with Custard V
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Beef Burger in a Bun Homemade Vegan Burger in a Bun Ve Jacket Potato with Cheese V	<b>Vegetables</b> Broccoli & Sweetcorn Ve <b>Dessert</b> Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie V
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Burrito Wrap Ve Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Peas & Baked Beans Ve <b>Dessert</b> Maryland Cookie V
<b>Freshly Baked Bread:</b> Garlic & Herb Bread V Wholemeal Bread V		
Week 1: 29th August, 19th September, 10th October, 31st October, 21st November, 12th December, 2nd January, 23rd January, 13th February		

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> BBQ Chicken Pizza Margherita Pizza V Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	<b>Vegetables</b> Sweetcorn Ve & Coleslaw V <b>Dessert</b> Chocolate & Courgette Sponge with Chocolate Sauce V
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Sweet & Sour Chicken with Steamed Rice Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Steamed Rice Ve Wholegrain Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Cauliflower & Peas Ve <b>Dessert</b> Oat & Cherry Cookie Ve
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Cauliflower & Cheese Bake with Roast Potatoes & Gravy V Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	<b>Vegetables</b> Seasonal Greens & Carrots Ve <b>Dessert</b> Banana Flapjack Ve
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Beef & Bean Chilli with Rice Vegan Chilli Con Carne with Rice Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Broccoli & Sweetcorn Ve <b>Dessert</b> Apple & Parsnip Sponge V
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Battered Fish with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Goujon with Oven Baked Chips Ve Pasta with Roasted Tomato Sauce Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Baked Beans & Peas Ve <b>Dessert</b> Cherry Cookie Ve
<b>Freshly Baked Bread:</b> Carrot & Thyme Bread V Wholemeal Bread V		
Week 2: 5th September, 26th September, 17th October, 7th November, 28th November, 19th December, 9th January, 30th January, 20th February		

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Cottage Pie topped with Sliced Sweet Potato Macaroni & Cheese V Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Peas & Carrots Ve <b>Dessert</b> Sticky Banana Bread V
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Pasta Vegetable Jambalaya Ve Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise	<b>Vegetables</b> Cauliflower & Broccoli Ve <b>Dessert</b> Chocolate Shortbread Ve
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Thyme Roast Chicken Breast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Roasted Ratatouille with Crumble Ve Wholegrain Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	<b>Vegetables</b> Seasonal Greens & Mashed Swede Ve <b>Dessert</b> Waffles with Berry Compote V
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Main Meals</b> Beef Burger in a Bun Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	<b>Vegetables</b> Sweetcorn Ve & Coleslaw V <b>Dessert</b> Jammy Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard V
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<b>Freshly Baked Bread:</b> Tomato & Herb Bread V Wholemeal Bread V		
Week 3: 12th September, 3rd October, 24th October, 14th November, 5th December, 26th December, 16th January, 6th February, 27th February		

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

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.

BM2 Istead Rise  
Available Every Day  
Fresh Fruit Platter Ve  
Homemade Fruit Yoghurt V

September 2022

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD