

Chadsgrove Newsletter



Christmas
HOLIDAY

Headteacher's Message

To all of our wonderful families,

This term has been a mixed term for us at Chadsgrove, there have been many fabulous times to celebrate, however, sadly, we said our final goodbyes last week to Lesley Brookes – School Governor, who lost her battle against cancer and died at the end of November. Lesley was a shining light in our Governing Body, always seeing the best in people and ready to lend a hand. At only 58 it was a life taken too early and we shall miss her deeply at Chadsgrove. We will celebrate the wonderful legacy that she has left.

Your children have made our Christmas as always with their excitement, which is infectious! They have thoroughly enjoyed the run up with our very own Santa Grotto (thank you to the Chadsgrove Elves for that!), super real Christmas tree in the hall kindly donated by Bumble Hole Foods! Sleeps 'til Santa has been a regular feature after lunch every day and the children have been brilliant with joining in and signing, supporting new staff to take part! It truly is the very best place to be at Christmas!

As always, I would like to thank our fabulous Kitchen Staff for the most wonderful Christmas dinner this week and for everyone who helped prepare, serve and indeed tidy up! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day especially the 'Chadsgrove Karaoke' after dinner!

Our sincere thanks also go to Matt's Mission for very generously donating Christmas presents, New Starts for Food Hampers and Bumble Hole for visiting us with Santa and their Elves!

South Bromsgrove School Orchestra have been in to play for us, Father Christmas has paid us a visit and of course we have had all the amazing Christmas performances to get us into the festive spirit! The bingo was a first in the Post 16 event and went down a treat!

Sadly, this term we are saying goodbye to an amazing Teaching Assistant, Mirren Thompson, who has secured a new job starting in January. We wish her all the very best and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mirren for all her hard work and dedication to our school. Good Luck Mirren!

I hope you have a fabulous Christmas break and that you can share some wonderful quality time with family. Thank you for all your help and support this year, and this term for the mince pies (!) and your Christmas wishes and appreciation!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Deb Rattley

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Chadsgrove School Values
Welcoming Teamwork Friendship Trust Independence Fun

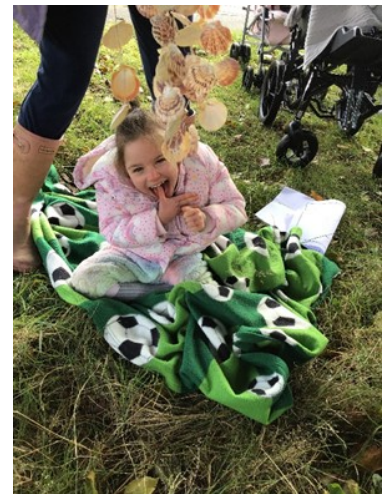
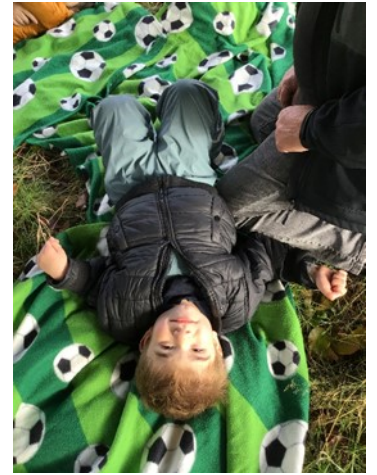


2LS have had a wonderful term doing lots of exciting things. We were invited to the Christmas Experience at Catshill Methodist Church, where we learned all about the baby Jesus.

Our trip to Webbs was fabulous. We loved all the beautiful Christmas lights and even got to sit in Santa's sleigh!

We have also been out and about on a sensory walk around school, exploring the sights and sounds of Autumn.

Everyone in 2LS would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas!



This half term, 3LS have been learning all about ourselves—our favourite toys, clothes and foods. We also learned about our different pets and how we take care of them and had lots of fun setting up a pet shop, vets and even a grooming salon! We have been getting into the Christmas spirit by decorating our classroom and making lots of Christmas crafts.



4LS



4LS have explored 'Winter' and 'Christmas' this half term. Pupils even got to experience real snow.

Brrrrr, freezing!



The end of term finished with a blast, with 4LS's performance of 'The Polar Express' to friends and family in the Christmas Show.



5LS

5LS have had a really busy half term. Some highlights include: Birmingham Symphony Orchestra sessions, celebrating Diwali, building The Greatest Showman scarecrow and of course the amazing 'Frozen Adventure' Christmas Performance!

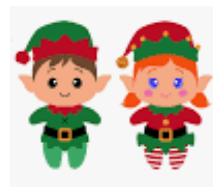
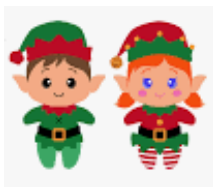
Here are some memorable moments from the Sports Festival at Bromsgrove School. 5LS explored lots of new activities, working independently and as a team.



6LS



6LS have had a great time building our own indoor snowman, singing and signing snowman songs and sharing them with our families and friends. We got to explore different textures and sounds. We really enjoyed making and decorating snowman biscuits!

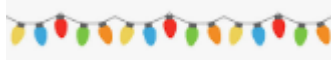


7LS



7LS did a fantastic job of acting out the story of '80 Days Around the World' for our Christmas show. Hope you like our fabulous costumes!





8LS had a great time visiting the interactive nativity display at Catshill Methodist Church. Pupils heard about what Christians believe about Christmas by listening to the nativity story from different perspectives. We got to explore objects linked to the story and were even given some of our own to take home. Everybody was polite, engaged and asked some wonderful questions to the characters.



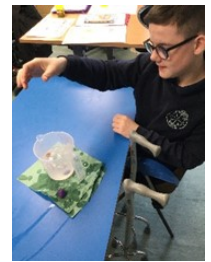
Jack enjoyed making his vegetable curry in Food Tech.

Alexis enjoyed making her own clock to help her to tell the time.



Indiana was keen to decorate the class tree.

Leo enjoyed taking part in a workshop by Highways England.



Liam was a good scientist.

Caitlyn wanted to learn to drive on Road Safety Day.



Mona showed a clear understanding of position and direction and Craig created a volcano.

Iyla used her fine motor skills to make a scarecrow.



Josh chose a book to read.



10US have enjoyed preparing for the coming of Christmas! We made paper chains to be added to our classroom tree, which we used as part of our Christmas performance. We also made the most of going outside on the day that the snow fell to add to our wintery sensory experience!

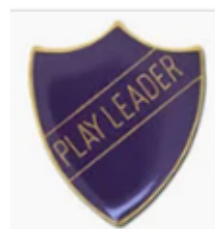


After feeling the winter chill, coming back inside from feeling the snow fall onto our skin was so cosy!!



Meet the Team! But Where's Polly?!

All pupils and staff really enjoyed welcoming families into class. We had an overwhelming response to our invitation to coffee and cake, and were delighted to meet mums, dads, foster carers, partners, nans and siblings. We asked for help with our class scarecrow which, now complete, will join the others in the Sensory Garden for everyone to visit. Great teamwork!



11US are Play Leaders!

Pupils in 11US are now break time Play Leaders after receiving training from Carolyn Goddard, a Play Leader specialist. The pupils devised lots of little games with various equipment that is accessible on the playground at break time. They were all awarded a Play Leader badge for their fantastic work.

The Play Leaders now work in pairs on a rota basis at break time helping other pupils interact and play. At the end of break they give out Golden Tickets to those that have joined in. The Golden Tickets go into a monthly draw to win a prize!



12US

12US have worked hard this term! We have been busy in class planning and preparing props for the Christmas performance – ‘the hot chocolate scene’ from ‘The Polar Express’ and the performance involved a wheelchair dance and singing to the hot chocolate song. The performance was a great success – well done to all who took part.



In Art, pupils worked together to create a Christmas poster and have been completing work for their Young Leaders Award and the Land of Fungi project. All pupils have now achieved this award. run by Kew Gardens.



In Food Tech, pupils have been continuing to make simple breakfast alternatives and one of their favourite was a breakfast burrito.



13US



P13 have had a brilliant time at ‘Where Next’ this half term. They have enjoyed socialising with the clients and staff at ‘Where Next’. They have also enjoyed participating in the art and craft activities and hoovering up the mess afterwards! A particular favourite activity for staff and pupils alike was dancing, especially to Night Fever!





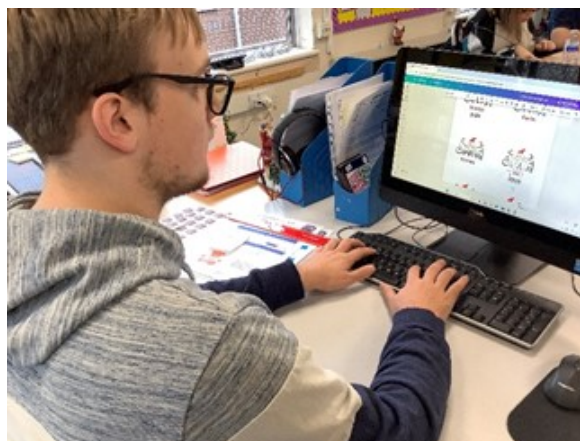
P14 have been enjoying different community visits this half term to places such as Webbs Garden Centre, Cherry Lane Garden Centre and Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

We also went to Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge to feed the ducks. While we were at the park we got to watch a local primary school choir sing Christmas carols which we all enjoyed



This term, P15 have been busy bees at Chadsgrove Ink Works, turning creativity and teamwork into festive cheer! The focus of their efforts has been on producing **personalised Christmas Bears** – a delightful gift that’s sure to bring smiles this Christmas.

Our talented pupils have been hands-on every step of the way. From printing and pressing unique designs to carefully packaging and delivering orders, they’ve showcased their hard work, attention to detail, and festive spirit!



The Worcester Child Contact Centre

Providing safe spaces for children to meet parents they don't live with



Parenting shouldn't end
when relationships do.



- When parents separate the relationships between adults can be difficult and conflict can arise making it difficult for parents to see each other or communicate for contact arrangements
- A contact centre may be able to help, offering a safe and neutral place for children to see the parent they don't live with or sometimes other close family members
- Supported contact sessions are held twice a month on a Saturday in group settings by trained volunteers
- Anyone can apply to use Worcester Child Contact Centre and it is a free charity
- Parents can be referred by a professional or self-refer through the National Association of Child Contact Centres website (NACCC.org.uk)

WWW.WorcesterChildContactCentre.org.uk

☎ 07764 468821 ✉ info@worcesterchildcontactcentre.org.uk

Families



We currently have a variety of second hand uniform available for free. We do also have a large number of requests from Families that we need sizes for. If you have any uniform you would like to donate please bring these into school so we can work together to help as many families as possible and help the environment.

Bereavement sessions run by Leigh Blackman will take place next year. We will let you know when dates become available. This session will explore the different stages of bereavement and strategies to ease you and your children through difficult and emotional times. If you would like to attend, please return the slip to the office at your earliest convenience.



3LS recently held a Parent Engagement Session which included creating a Christmas Wreath. Lots of parent carers attended and really enjoyed spending 1:1 time with their child and also the opportunity to meet staff and have the time to talk and get to know other parent carers.





Dates for your Diary 2024-2025

2024	
Friday 20th December	Break Up for School Holidays (3.30pm)
Monday 23rd December Friday 3rd January 2025	School Holidays
2025	
Monday 6th January	School Re-Opens to Pupils (9am)
Thursday 30th January	Young Voices (12pm—8.30pm)
Friday 14th February	Break Up for School Holidays (3.30pm)
Monday 17th February Friday 21st February	School Holidays
Monday 24th February	School Re-Opens to Pupils (9am)
Friday 11th April	Break up for School Holidays (3.30pm)
Monday 14th April Friday 25th April	School Holidays
Monday 28th April	School Re-Opens to Pupils (9am)



Merry Christmas from everyone at
Chadsgrove School

We look forward to seeing you all when
we return on Monday 6th January