

# Chadsgrove Newsletter



*Christmas*  
**HOLIDAY**

## Headteacher's Message

To all of our wonderful families!

When you're part of Chadsgrove there is no way that you can miss or not get excited about Christmas! Your children make it the very best time of the year and bring smiles to our faces every day! The school looks very Christmassy with our very own Santa Grotto - thank you to the Chadsgrove Elves for that, a Winter Wonderland in the Christmas Sensory Garden thanks to a group of our dedicated Teaching Assistants and a super real Christmas tree in the hall kindly donated by Bumble Hole Foods! Sleeps 'til Santa is a regular feature after lunch every day and the children are 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!

We have had a fabulous sharing morning with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in our Early Years Department, 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 plays to get us into the festive spirit!

Sadly this term we are saying goodbye to Lucy Roberts, our fabulous Teacher in 5LS. Lucy is off travelling so many exciting times ahead for her! We wish her all the very best and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lucy for all her hard work and dedication to our school. Good Luck Lucy! We are very fortunate to be welcoming back Teresa Owen from our Outreach Service who will be the Teacher in 5LS. Lucy and Teresa have been working hard to enable a smooth transition for everyone but most importantly the pupils of course. We are also welcoming back Rachael Evans following her maternity leave! We're looking forward to working with you again Rachael!

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, 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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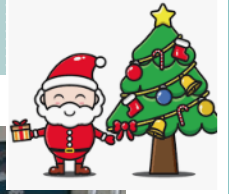
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**Chadsgrove School Values**

**Welcoming Teamwork Friendship Trust Independence Fun**

## 2LS



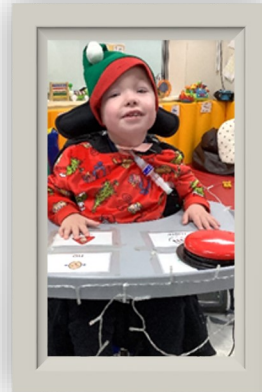
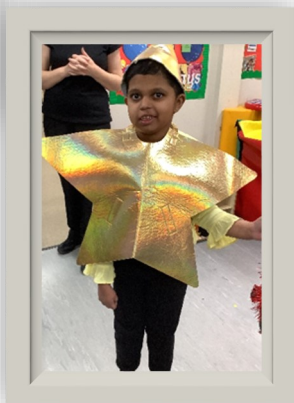
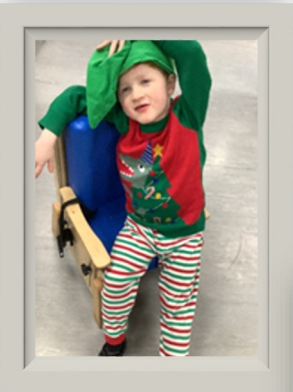
2LS made Christmas tree decorations for the Halesowen Ukulele group. They came into school to collect them and thanked us with some beautiful Christmas music. They were thrilled with the lovely and very special Christmas tree decorations that have been made for the BUGS Christmas tree - which will be displayed in Halesowen Parish Church, as part of the church's Christmas Tree Festival. It will certainly be a very special tree!



## 3LS



3LS have been enjoying playing and working with their friends, decorating the classroom and practising for our Christmas performance.

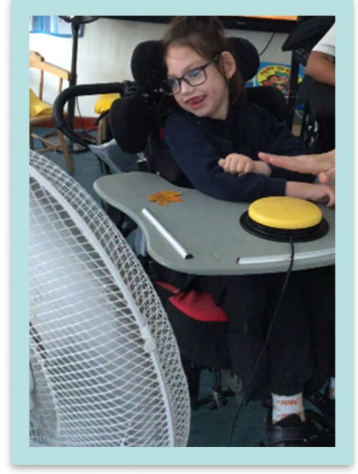




# 4LS



4LS have been using all of their senses to explore Autumn and to discover their 'likes' and 'dislikes'. Pupils had the most fun exploring wind using fans, crunching through Autumn leaves and joining in with Autumn themed sensory stories.



4LS's magical Christmas performance 'Colours of Christmas' showcased more of the pupils 'likes' and left us all 'Dreaming of a White Christmas'!

# 5LS



5LS have enjoyed all things Christmas this half term! They have decorated the class Christmas tree and have enjoyed some art based activities such as card making and finger painting a Christmas tree! 5LS have worked hard this half term and are looking forward to a well-deserved break.

I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching 5LS and will miss them all lots! They have been a big part of my teaching journey. They have an exciting year ahead with Mrs Owen as their teacher!





6LS

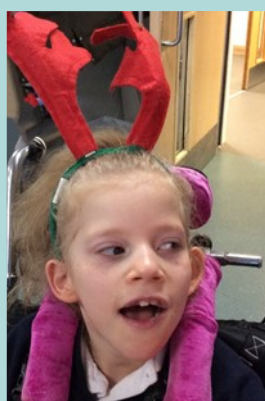


6LS had an amazing time seeing Santa at the West Midlands Safari Park!

The class enjoyed driving around the Safari, seeing all of the different animals and loved looking around the park with all of the Christmas decorations. They were just a bit excited to see Santa Claus and chose a present from his workshop!



7LS



7LS enjoyed decorating their classroom for Christmas! Thea loved the tinsel and the bells, Evie borrowed Rudolph's antlers and everyone enjoyed creating the Nativity scene with the sparking light curtain!







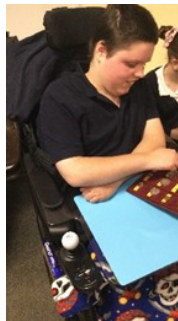
8LS have had a wonderful term and have been working especially hard in Religious Education. We enjoyed a range of celebrations for both Diwali and Christmas, indulging in some of the festivities such as making Diya lamps and creating Rangoli patterns.



Amirah and Arjan even gave their own presentations on their religions and answered lots of tricky questions from their peers!



Jack made chocolate milkshake in 'Independent Living Skills'



Leo enjoyed the Humanities workshop and explored coins of the era

Iyla showed good early programming skills in ICT



Alexis was really engaged when reading with staff



Caitlyn followed instructions brilliantly

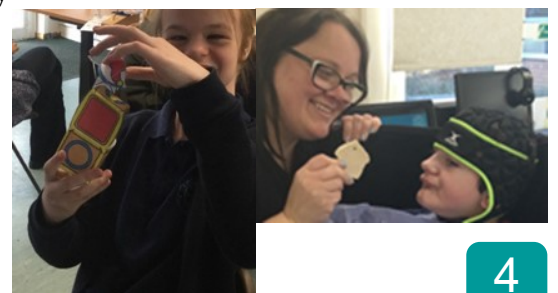
Indiana and Nathan enjoyed making Victorian toys and Christmas Decorations



Millie used her communication book to tell the phoneme



Mona enjoyed making salt dough for Victorian Decorations



We are proud of the whole class!





10US showcasing their skills based around Christmas activities!!!



Thinking Skills  
Areez sorting the cake cases in preparation for the Christmas cupcakes!!



Motor Skills  
Mason leading the way into Christmas Wonderland

Social Skills

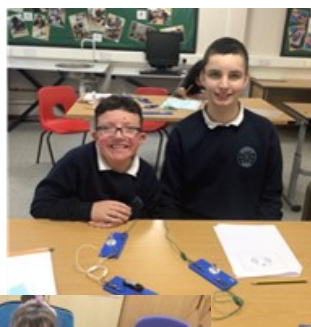
Jude playing hide and seek amongst the trees and Jessica hiding behind the wreaths. Can you find them?



We had great fun!  
Thank you Elves for turning our Sensory Garden into Christmas!

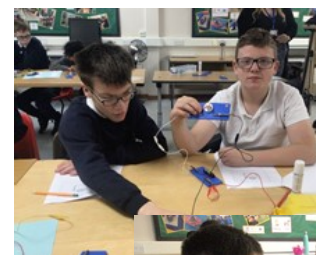


11US have had a busy half term, working hard across the curriculum. In science they have been learning all about electricity. They have made simple circuits, learnt about conductors and insulators and made their own electrical safety video to share with other pupils in school.



**11US Rules for Electrical Safety**

- Always ask for help
- Turn off and unplug appliances you are not using
- Don't touch wires
- Don't overload a plug socket
- Don't stick knives in the toaster
- Keep electrical appliances away from water
- Dry your hands before touching electrical appliances.







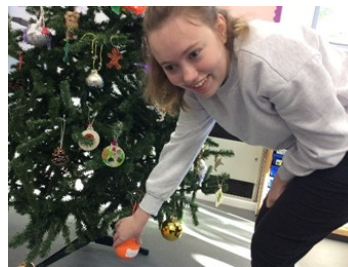
12US have had a very busy half term. In Art we made a Poppy Wreath for Remembrance day using flattened muffin cases and paint. We also continued with our Natural Forms project and focused on practising our drawing skills. We all took part in Children In Need activities and created some Spot-acular challenges for the other classes to play and donate to. In food 12US have made some chocolate chip breakfast muffins and some salt dough shapes to decorate the class Christmas tree.



Pupils had a wonderful time ice-skating at Solihull Ice Rink.



# Christmas COUNTDOWN



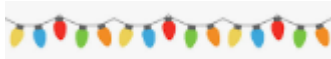
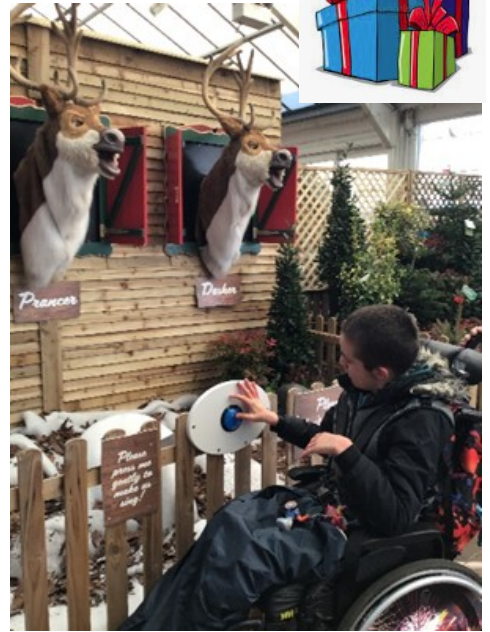
13US have had lots of fun putting up the Christmas tree, practicing for the Christmas performance and ice skating







14US went on a community visit to Webbs of Wychbold Garden Centre



We had a great time looking at all the Christmas decorations and lights.



There was lots of festive fun. We especially enjoyed pressing the switch to activate the singing reindeers!



15US have been preparing for their Christmas performance Pupils have had lots of fun making the biggest box of chocolates at Where Next Hub





# Family Update

Family newsletters aim to bring you information about accessing community support groups, government advice and guidelines and opportunities for participating in online courses.



**NEW DATE**

**SEN EVENTS BROMSGROVE**

**FAMILY DISCO PLUS BUFFET**

**TICKETS £5 EACH**

26TH JANUARY 2024  
AT 7.00PM TILL LATE  
CATSHILL WORKING MENS CLUB

For More Information  
07380137570  
SENEventsBromsgrove@outlook.com



## Forest Families

This woodlands nature group is an opportunity for children with additional needs and their families to enjoy the benefits of the outdoors in a calm and safe environment.

<https://www.forestfam.com/woodland-nurture-group---sen-group>



SEND Fun at City Art Gallery and Museum – enrichment day including a specialist arts workshop tailored to the needs of children with SEND for ages 5-11. Contact 01905 361821



**HAF it! 2023**  
**Winter Clubs**

23rd December – 7th January

[www.haf-it.co.uk](http://www.haf-it.co.uk)

New Hope runs holiday clubs, providing a programme of activities that are educational, stimulating and fun.

<https://www.newhopeworcester.co.uk/>

**New Hope**  
FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE







**Starting Well Partnership**  
EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE

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**Worcestershire: 01905 763333**  
🌐 [www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk](http://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk)

The Starting Well Partnership supports parents, families, children and young people across Worcestershire. There are 2 family hubs within the Wyre Forest, Brookside Kidderminster and Half Crown Wood, Stourport.

The service will enhance the support available to children, young people and families across the county, providing help during antenatal, post birth, the early year's stages, and throughout school life and will be delivered across health building, community venues, including schools and Family Hubs (previously known as Children's Centres) in each of our local districts. The partnership will offer family and parenting groups supporting all aspects of physical and mental wellbeing for children, young people and their families.



**worcestershire**  
county council  
**Support Group**

🌐 [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/send-local-offer-0/care-support-and-money-matters/support-groups-parents-and-carers](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/send-local-offer-0/care-support-and-money-matters/support-groups-parents-and-carers)

There are a number of parent support groups in Worcestershire, many cover all disabilities, some are disability specific, some operate in certain areas of the county and others are countywide.

The groups are run by either parent carers, local charities or national organisations and are a great way of meeting others in similar circumstances.



Information, Advice  
and Support Service  
Herefordshire &  
Worcestershire

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🌐 [www.hwsendiass.co.uk/](http://www.hwsendiass.co.uk/)  
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SENDIASS delivers free, impartial, confidential and accessible information, advice and support to parents and carers of children with a special educational need or disability and young people themselves between the ages of 0-25. In particular, the service aims to empower them, enabling children and Young People to realise their full potential throughout their educational life.



If you would like any additional support or information please contact Eleanor Hudson on [ehudson@chadsgrove.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:ehudson@chadsgrove.worcs.sch.uk). Merry Christmas!!



# THANK YOU

We raised £125.70 on our Charity Day for Barnardo's, and a total of £233.43 for Children in Need!

Thank you for your generosity. These 'special awareness' days were enjoyed by all. We are looking forward to seeing all of the Christmas Jumpers on the last day of this term, as we aim to raise some money for Save the Children.



Horse Riding at Lowlands RDA in Shewley. All the pupils have had a wonderful experience with the horses.



Finley practising on the mechanical horse



Finley feeling festive with his favourite leader, Andy



Clara developing her social and communication skills on Henry



RDA ladies made us cake to share



Gifts for all the riders from our wonderful helpers





“Thank you to all the people who donated the beautiful Christmas decorations to our school so that we could get into the Christmas spirit. We are so grateful at Chads Grove to everyone who donated” - Chanelle

“We couldn’t have done it without you. Thank you” - Justyna

“Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year” - Kasia



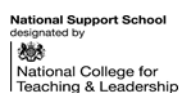




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## Dates for your Diary 2023

Friday 22nd December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 8th January	School opens for students (9.00am)
Thursday 11th January	Keeping Safe Curriculum Day
Monday 22nd January	Young Voices 2024
Friday 9th February	Non-Uniform / Bright Colours Charity Day—MND
Monday 12th February	Half Term
Monday 19th February	School opens for students (9.00am)
Thursday 7th March	Parent Carers' Evening for Exam Pupils (16.30pm—18.30pm) (via zoom)
Friday 15th March	Non-Uniform / Wear Red Charity day—Comic Relief
Wednesday 20th March	Achievement Assembly (14.00pm)
Thursday 21st March	Easter Family Disco (18.00pm—20.00pm)
Friday 22nd March	Non-Uniform / Animal Themed Charity Day—Dodford Children's Farm
Monday 13th May	Transition Workshop for Parent Carers in years 11, 12, 13 & 14 (17.00pm)
Friday 24th May	Non-Uniform / Wear Red Charity Day—Midland Air Ambulance
Thursday 13th June	Dads' Family Night
Saturday 15th June	Science Event at Bromsgrove School
Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th June	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Wednesday 26th June	Lower School Sports Day
Thursday 27th June	Upper School Sports Day
Thursday 4th July	Parent Carers' Evening (17.00pm-19.00pm)
Friday 5th July	Chadsgrove Educational Trust Specialist College Summer Fete (11.00am)
Monday 15th July	Transition Day





Merry Christmas from everyone at  
Chadsgrove

We look forward to seeing you all when  
we return on Monday 8th January