



Meole Brace
C of E Primary School and Nursery



Community

Respect

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HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

Mr. Bray

November 2025



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The festive season of events started this week with our annual Christmas Fair. As ever, there was a great range of stalls and games and the event was incredibly well attended – thank you for all your support. Huge thanks go to The Friends, all of the volunteers and to the staff team for all their time and efforts in organising and running the event to raise funds for the school and in putting our school value of Community in action to create special memories for our children and families. Santa's grotto and the light trail through the reflection garden were extra special touches once again. Thank you everyone.



We now turn our attentions to our Christmas performances, with Year 3 and 4 starting them off on Monday 1st December. The full list of dates is below and please note the start times of 2.00 and 5.30pm for those at the Church, while the Nursery performance (in the Nursery) will commence at 2.15pm. After performing their own Christmas plays, the children will take their turn to be in the audience as we are set to be visited once again by the West Midlands Children's Theatre who will perform their pantomime on Thursday 18th December, the second to last day of term. If for any reason you do not wish for your child to watch the pantomime, please let us know via the school office.

EYFS OPEN EVENING



Our annual Early Years Foundation Stage Open Evening was a great success, with so many prospective children and families through the doors.

Thank you to all of our existing parents/carers who helped spread the word about the event and if you know of any parents/carers who are looking for a school or nursery place for their child, please do encourage them to get in touch via the school office.

While the Open Evening has passed, we are always happy to arrange tours during the school day and to answer any questions about our provision.



CURRICULUM

There has been a wide variety of educational visits and visitors into school this term, enhancing our curriculum and bringing the children's learning to life. The Year 6 children had a fantastic time on their residential visit to Arthog, taking part in a range of outdoor adventurous activities, Year 4 and Year 5 enjoyed immersive Roman and Anglo Saxon experiences as part of their History curriculum learning and Year 1 had a circus workshop to launch their term's topic. We also had a performance in the hall from professional musicians as part of Live Music Week and an informative assembly from members of the Mennonite community as we continue to learn about different faiths.



SPORTS TEAMS & FIXTURES



Children from different year groups have gone out to represent us at sporting fixtures and events this term in football, cricket, hockey and archery. We are always very proud of their determination but more importantly their behaviour and attitudes whenever they take part in these events.





WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Thank you to those Year 5 parents/carers who were able to join us for our Computing workshop with ICT expert Richard Smith. As well as joining the children to see what they have been learning and creating in coding and robotics, we thought about internet safety and how we can work together to help instil good habits. Richard offered some helpful advice and resources to support us in protecting the children online.



Our monthly Online Safety Newsletters are available on our website.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Please see below for a list of upcoming events, including the dates and times of the children's Christmas performances.

- Y3&4 Christmas Performances at Church – Monday 1st December at 2.00 & 5.30pm
- Y1&2 Christmas Performances at Church – Wednesday 3rd December at 2.00 & 5.30pm
- Reception Christmas Performance at Church – Thursday 4th December at 2.00pm
- Parkrun Takeover – Sunday 7th December at 9.00am (in the Quarry Park)
- Y5&6 Christmas Performances at Church – Tuesday 9th December at 2.00 & 5.30pm
- Nursery Christmas Performance in the Nursery – Wednesday 10th December at 2.15pm
- Christmas Lunch (& Christmas jumper/accessories day) – Wednesday 17th December
- Pantomime Performance for the children in School – Thursday 18th December
- Last day of term – Friday 19th December

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