

*Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy New Year*

Newsletter



Friday 20th Dec 24

Dear families,

Where has this term gone? It only seemed a few days ago when I was saying hello to the children returning from the summer break. We now find ourselves going into the New Year. The children as always have been amazing, working hard and showing their values. I wanted to thank you for your ongoing support. This week the children have enjoyed watching the Nursery and Reception Nativity. The children did a wonderful job! The children also enjoyed their Christmas Disco, Panto and Christmas dinner. I'm sure you have heard all about it. As we move into the New Year, the schools will continue to look at ways to bring 'fun' into the children's learning.

*Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year from
Mr Whitehouse & all the staff at Knights Enham Schools
We look forward to welcoming everyone back on
Tuesday 7th January 2025*



Nursery: Owlets: Outdoors the Owlets have enjoyed having some hot chocolate around a 'campfire' and singing lots of Christmas songs. They have been developing their fine motor skills inside with threading and using tools with the dough.

Owls: The adults were very proud of the Owls for doing their first Nativity in front of an audience! They performed to the rest of the school one day and had families come to see them on another day. They have enjoyed sensory play with fake snow and also with soft, shiny foil.



Year R: Puffins and Robins have had an amazing final week. We did wonderful showcasing of our Nativity. All the children did so well with their lines and singing especially with so many adults there. We have enjoyed every aspect especially the disco and the pantomime. We couldn't be prouder of you all! Merry Christmas and Happy New year!



Year 1: Year One have finished off 2024 with a bang! They've really enjoyed some festive maths, and have looked at the poem 'Snow' by Walter de la Mere. They have written their own snowy poem. They had an amazing time watching Open Box theatre, please find some photos on the website. The Christmas disco was great fun, and they've rounded it off with a Christmas dinner and some party games. The Year One team wish you a merry Christmas, and a peaceful and restful holiday! See you in 2025!



Year 2: Year 2 have had a very busy week. On Monday afternoon they gave their fabulous Christmas performance with Year 3. They had all worked really hard to learn the songs and their singing was tremendous. In English the children finished their English poetry journey by writing acrostic poems using winter words. They thought of wonderful adjectives and used commas when they were writing a list. The children enjoyed the Christmas disco and watching the Foundation Stage Nativity.



Year 3: This week, Year 3 put on the Christmas Carol Concert on Monday afternoon. It was amazing to see all the children singing their hearts out and made everyone very proud. The rest of the week, we have been finishing off our description writing of our villains for The Iron Man, finishing our learning on angles in Maths and have enjoyed different treats such as the pantomime, school disco and Christmas dinner. We hope you have a relaxing and safe Christmas break.



Year 4: During English, the students have been writing up their recounts based on a walk around London. To do this they included a variety of sentence types and features including writing in the first person and past tense. In Maths, the students have been completing termly assessments to show off their learning from the past term and to see what they need support within the new term after Christmas. In addition, Year 4 really enjoyed the pantomime on Wednesday and the Christmas disco on the Thursday. Finally, on behalf of everyone in Year 4, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Year 5: Year 5 have completed their biographies on Matthew Henson in English. In maths they have been learning to plot and locate points on a grid using coordinates. They enjoyed playing matches in their final Tag-rugby session. They all loved watching the Pantomime and enjoyed interacting with the cast (Oh no we didn't....!) It has been an amazing first term and all of the staff are proud of the children's progress and efforts.



Year 6: In Year 6 this week, children have been converting between decimals, fractions and percentages. In Science, pupils have been learning all about the spectrum of light and using this knowledge to identify why rainbows appear. In R.E, students have been comparing different versions of the Nativity story, and explaining the impact of each interpretation. Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this past term and we hope they have a restful break!

Attendance

You can track your child's attendance on the Arbor App



Minutes Late Each Day	Number of school days/weeks missed in a year
If you are late by the number of minutes below each and every day..... This is how much learning time you will have missed, by the end of the year
5 minutes	3 school days
10 minutes	6.5 days
15 minutes	10 days
20 minutes	13 days
30 minutes	19 days

Great attendance means that the children have the very best chance of doing well at school and thus enhancing their life opportunities. We are always very grateful for the part you play as families in getting the children into school daily and on time! If you have any questions regarding attendance, you can speak to Mrs Doran or Ms Hardy at the Infants or Miss Trace at the Juniors.

We work in line with Hampshire County Council policy and do not authorise holidays during term time unless it is due to an exceptional circumstance. Should you choose to take a holiday of 5 days or more you will be issued with a Penalty Notice. Further details can be found on our website.

Is my child well enough to come to school? Handy guide

Infant School Weekly Attendance					
Puffins	Robins	Swans	Woodpeckers	Jays	Kingfisher
87.68%	86.52%	92.36%	95.83%	96.18%	95.00%



Junior School Weekly Attendance							
Dover	Leeds	Warwick	Windsor	Edinburgh	Highclere	Arundel	Balmoral
97.95%	94.17%	94.17%	89.81%	96.91%	95.45%	94.17%	97.5%



Key Dates	
JANUARY 2025	
6 Jan	INSET DAY
7 Jan	Children back to school

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