

PUPIL POST



The Baptism of the Lord
12th January 2025



**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**



**Wishing all
our families
and members
of our
extended
community
a happy,
healthy and
safe new year.**

Happier January 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	7 Learn something new and share it with others	1 Find three things to look forward to this year.	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths
13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today	8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat
20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone	15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough
27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently	22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today



Let's get 2025 off to the best possible start and create a sense of hope for the year ahead

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A lovely assembly to
start the new term.



6th January

Welcome back
everyone!

**Welcome back to
the new term.**
Reception Mozart
were back in fine
spirits and worked
hard on the
first day.
We are learning
the new
digraph 'ai.'

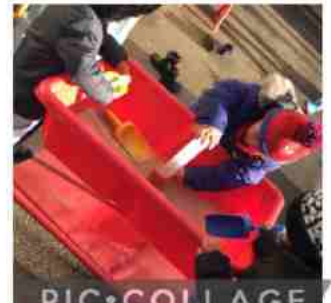


The children
in Nursery
class were
happy and
settling in.



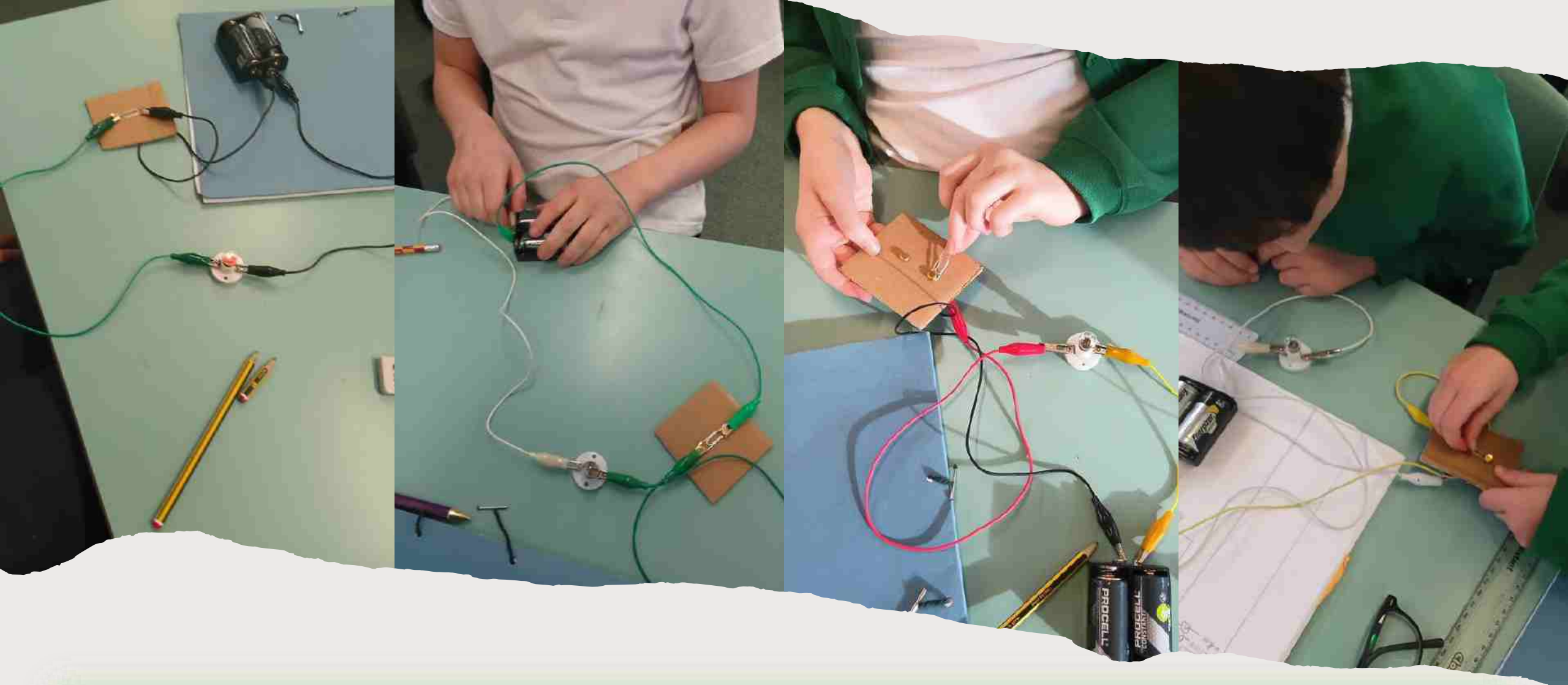


They continue to develop their own ideas, make links and learn new strategies to meet their goals.



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In DT, Year 4DA were learning how to design, make and test their own switches for use later on when making their own torches.

Reception enjoyed their PE on Tuesday morning, and learned some basic balance shapes. Ask them to show you their pikes, tucks and straddles!!





ATLASES



Year 2 enjoyed using the atlases in their new Geography topic.



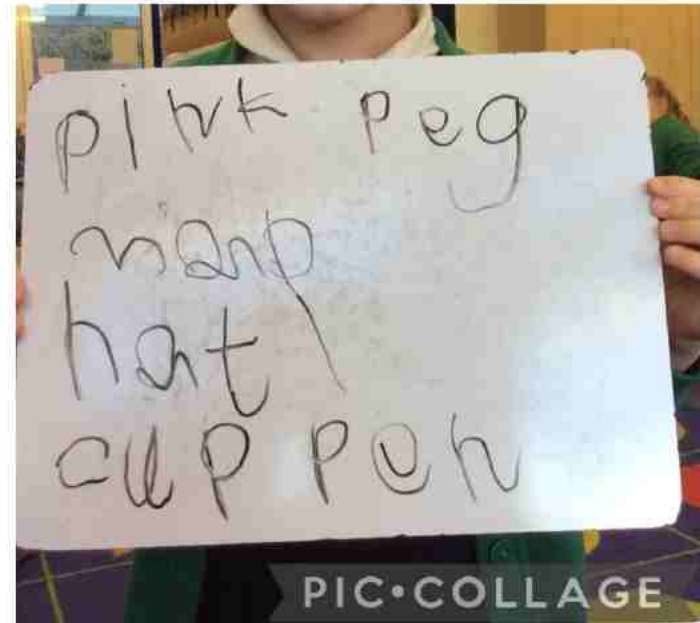
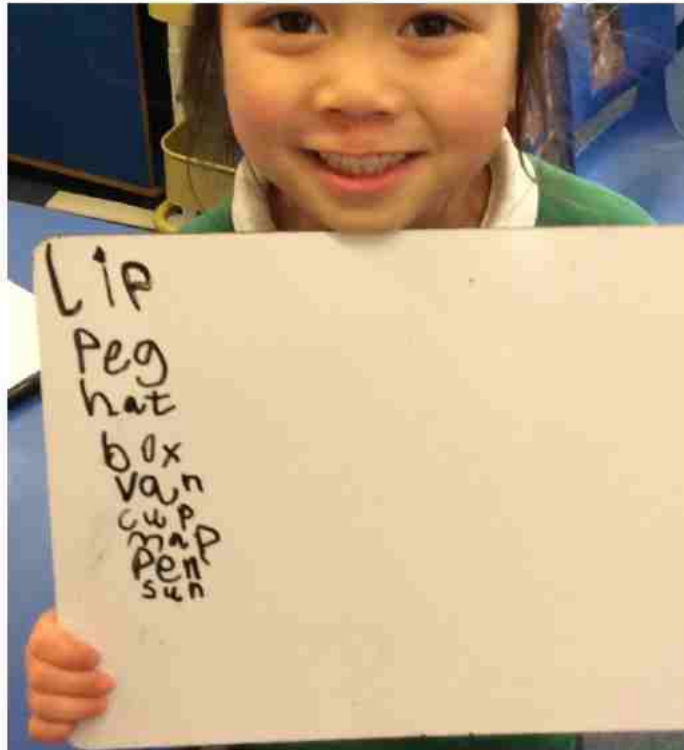


Our Reception children have been learning about the journey of the Magi, who followed a star to find baby Jesus. They've explored the story from the Bible, re-enacted the journey, and expressed their learning through beautiful artwork and creative activities!





Reception have been working so hard on their writing this week, learning the sounds: ai, ee, igh, and oa. Amazing effort, everyone!



Reception's English book this half term has turned our role play areas into cake shops.

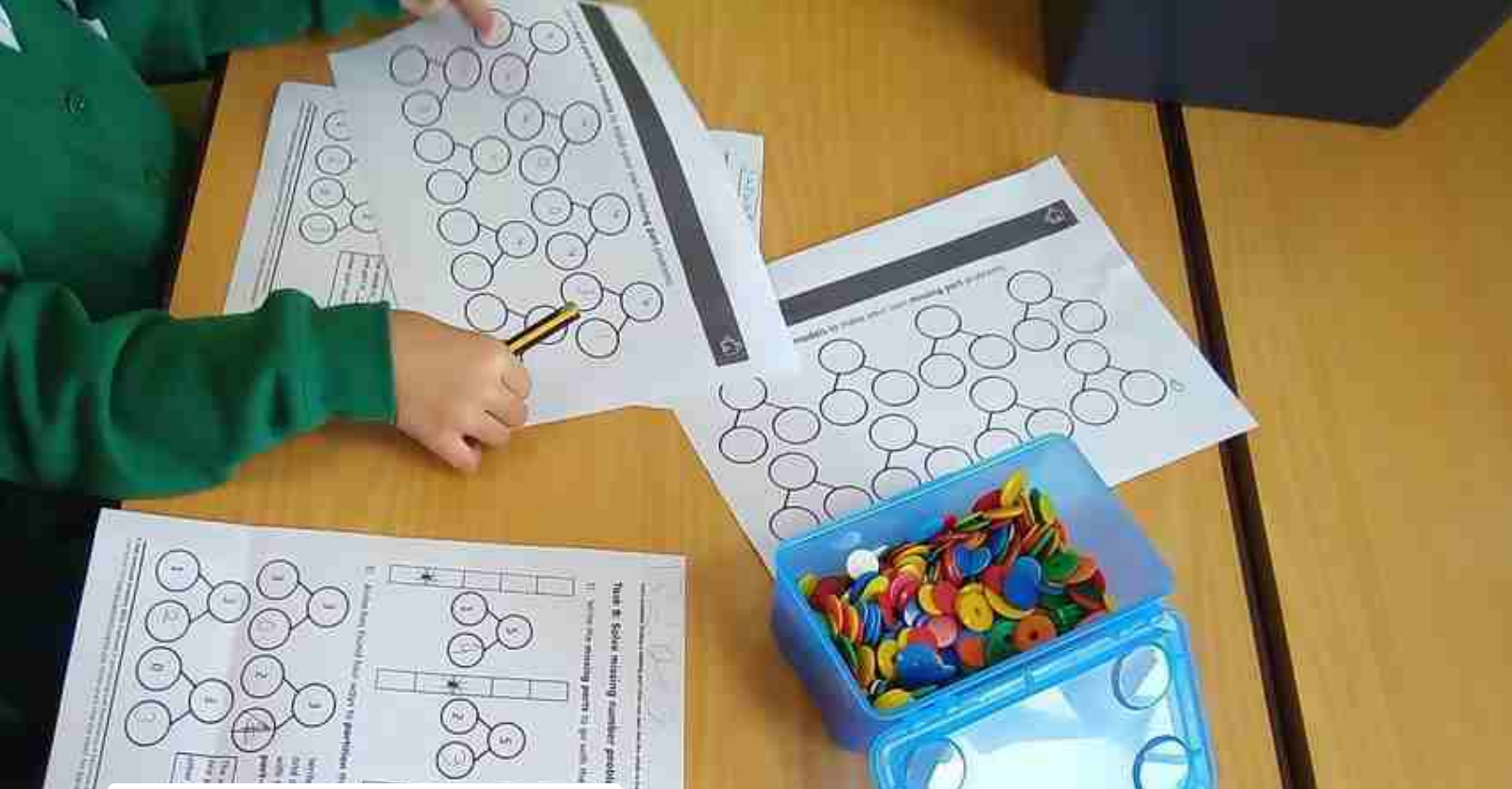
The children are having fun outside and showing great imagination.



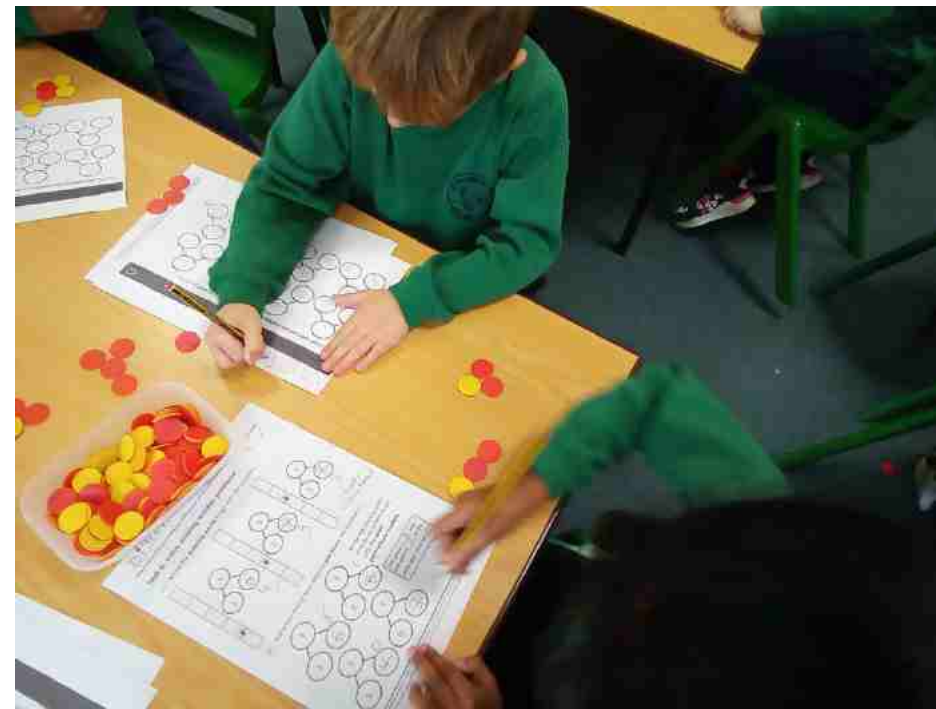


They have also had a delightful time exploring the cake shop in the outdoor area!



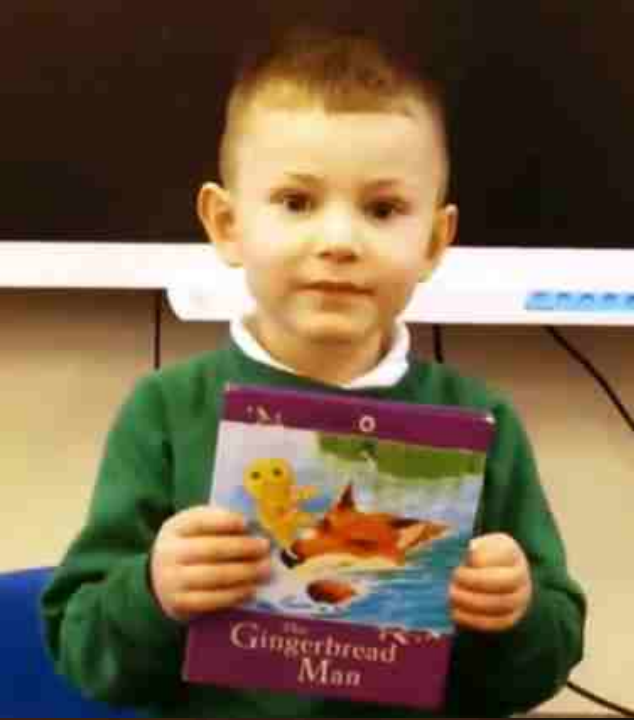


Year 1 enjoying the challenge of finding missing parts, using the part-part-whole maths model to help them.



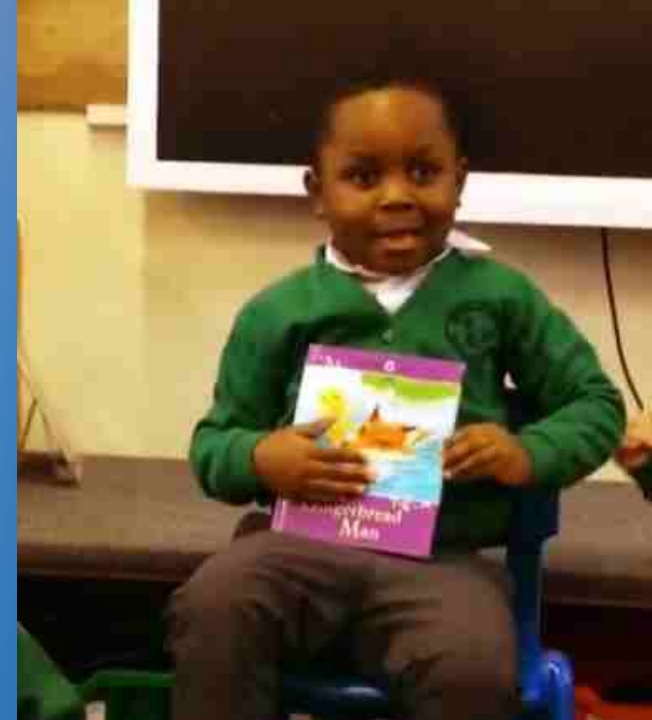
After listening to the Gingerbread Man, the Reception children had so much fun using their senses to describe the appearance, taste, and texture of biscuits! They were great at sharing their observations!





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Watch the children in Reception O'Connor have fun talking about the Gingerbread Man!



Our new RE display in Year 4.



Year 1 using direction keys to find their way around a set of mazes during computing



The children in 4DA
were learning to play
a walking bass on
tuned percussion
instruments.





Congratulations to our year 4 team, shown with the winner's trophy (and their Slytherin banner) at the inaugural **QUIDDITCH FESTIVAL**, held at Barnwell School Sports Hall.

Also pictured with the visiting High Sheriff of Hertfordshire. What a team!

Winter Wednesday Wellie Walk

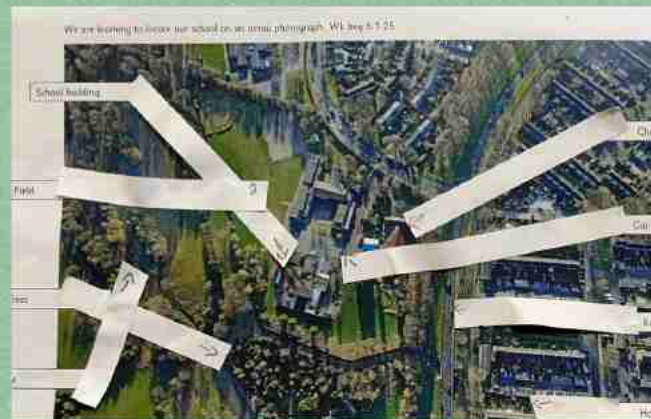


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In Geography
this week
Year One have been
looking at
aerial photos.

We found our school,
the church and
the lakes, plus many
other things.
Great fun!



Looking at our
school's location on
an aerial photo.

Year 5 Teresa have
been learning
about the Beatitudes
and painted using
wax resist
techniques to
show that not
all blessings
can be seen.



Good morning from an icy Stevenage on
Friday!



Reception classes enjoyed tasting biscuits and used fantastic vocabulary to describe the different varieties.



Year One has been testing different materials to see if it is waterproof! We then collected the data. Well done children!

Material	Waterproof ☂	Not waterproof ✗
Plastic foil	✓	
tissue Paper		✓
reaseproof f	✓	
felt		✓



In the Nursery



Puzzle Play



Adding features



Big Draw



Incorporating lines and circles.



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Check out the new spring term programme from Family Lives. These free courses cover a range of topics, including the 6 week group for 'Bringing up Confident SEN Children'.

For more info on any of the courses, contact Louise at 0204 522 8700 or email services@familylives.org.uk



Family Lives Spring Term Programme 2025

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 22 January to 5 March 7.00pm to 9.00pm

A programme to help parents be more effective at getting their children to cooperate and listen to them

Bringing Up Confident SEN Children (6 weeks) Online group

Monday 3 February to 17 March 9.30am to 11.30am

A programme to help parents gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school

Sorting Out Arguments in your Family (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 5 February to 19 March 9.30am to 11.30am

A programme aimed at helping sort out arguments between parents and their children and between brothers and sisters

Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 27 February to 3 April 9.30am to 11.30am

A programme to help parents understand and get on better with their teenage children. Maybe there is an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 26 February to 2 April 7.00pm to 9.00pm

A programme to support dads in learning how to change the way you communicate with your child, respond better and feel more in control



**If you need some support and are not sure where to turn ,
Herts Help is here for you.**

**Their trained advisors are available to offer free, confidential assistance to help you
stay safe and well.**

A blackboard with a white border, tilted slightly to the right. The words "HERE", "TO", and "HELP" are written in white chalk, stacked vertically in the center of the board.

**HERE
TO
HELP**

2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!

A Word from
Pope Francis

Baptism gives strength and it gives light.

Baptism is one of the seven sacraments which bring us closer to God. When we are baptised we become a new creation; we receive new life and a Christian identity. We become members of Jesus' family where everyone is a brother or sister to each other and where God is our loving Father.



A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John the Baptist might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire". Now when all the people had been baptised, and as Jesus was being baptised, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."

Adapted from Luke 3:15-16.21-22
The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of **Baptism**. Please help us to live like you and to spread God's love throughout this new year. Amen.

Please read and reflect together upon this week's gospel. The theme is **BAPTISM**

