

Blog of the Week

Check out what your children are learning in Phonics from the [Nursery Blog](#). If you want sheer excitement watch the astonishing video posted by Mrs Bloom's class. Mrs Bloom's children are taking their lives in their hands as they investigate [this amazing phenomenon](#). But Blog of the Week this week goes to Mrs Gooch's class for the brilliant photos and videos of Ufton. Individual blogger of the week is Nick Nwokporo for his brilliant poem: The Writer of this poem is....



A Happy New Year



Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, the period of preparation and waiting for the coming of Jesus. It is the first day of the Church's year. In just over three weeks' time we will celebrate the great feast of Christmas, when we remember God's gift of love to the World, and we are reminded that we are called to love one another.

Our homes, and even the streets of our town, will sparkle with lights, decorations, trees, cribs and advent wreaths. In the same way we should transform our hearts with prayer and acts of charity as we get ready to meet Jesus at Christmas.

This year we are challenging our children to help others in two ways. It is good for us to remember that there are many other children across the World who do not have as many of the good

things in life as we do, so once again we will be taking part in Save the Children's "Christmas Jumper Day" on December 14th. and there will be collections after every one of our Christmas performances for the same cause. Last year, you generously donated £738 to Save the Children.

In addition this year each class had been challenged to organise its own fund-raising for CAFOD's World Gifts. Depending on how much they raise the children will decide what they want to buy.

There is more information about the Save the Children appeal, [here](#), and about CAFOD's World Gifts [here](#).



Santa Trains

If you're planning to visit Santa this year, there is a preserved railway line about half an hour from Reading—the Cholsey & Wallingford Railway. Your editor volunteers some of his time there, and on Saturdays & Sundays from the 8th of December Santa Claus will be on board the train handing out presents. To book visit [bunkline.uk](#).



SNIPPETS

SCHOOL MEALS

From December 1st the price of school meals will rise to £2.10. We apologise for this increase, which is outside of our control.



CHRISTMAS PLAYS

THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION FOR SAVE THE CHILDREN AFTER ALL THE CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES. (SEE LEFT)

No NUTS

It is vitally important that we have no nuts or nut products in school, as some of our children are extremely allergic to nuts, and the smallest trace can cause them to become ill. Please remember not to include any nut products, including nut butters, in packed lunches.



We started our week in **Spanish**, and finished in **Shona**.

"Buenos Dias!" "Mangwanani!"



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Presents for Parents

1. Bringing in the Gifts

Next Friday is a non-uniform day when children are invited to bring in a small item which might be suitable as a gift for a parents at Christmas.

2. Buying the Presents

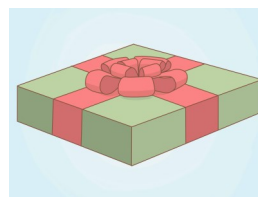
On Thursday 13th December children are then invited to buy one of these gifts, which members of the PTA will wrap up for them.



We have both morning and afternoon spaces in Nursery for after Christmas. Please see Mrs Brophy in the school office if you are interested.

Parents:

Will your child receive a book this Christmas?



Make sure that your child receives a book this Christmas as one of their presents. Visit the Book Trust for news and tips about books and reading, including suggestions for books to buy. <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

Or a board game?

In one of our classes this week the class novel mentioned “a board game” and the teacher discovered that none of the children in the class had a board game, or even knew what one was. Games like Ludo, Monopoly, Cluedo, Scrabble, Snakes and Ladders are fun—and help to develop children’s skills in many ways (not just counting), as well as being fun.

Reading Voluntary Action

Where can I find information about...



- Courses + Workshops
- Jobs + Volunteering
- Well-being
- Housing
- Benefits
- Debt
- Other support



Make an appointment or drop-in for a chat
Families Welcome!

Every week in Whitley
9am-11am

Palmer Academy, 5th/19th Nov, 3rd Dec, Whitley Park Primary, 12th/26th Nov, 10th Dec

The Ridgeway, 6th/20th Nov, 11th Dec.

Geoffrey Field Juniors 13th/27th Nov, 5th Dec,

Mrs Clarke will be at as many of these sessions as she can—feel free to see her for a chat.

Date	Item	Location
Dec. 6th	2PM Year 2 Nativity	School
7th	10AM Year 2 Nativity	School
10th	2PM Year 1 Play	School
11th	10AM Year 1 Play	School
12th	10AM Reception Nativity 2PM Years 3—6 Nativity	School Church
13th	2PM Reception Nativity 6PM Years 3—6 Nativity	School Church
14th	Wear a School Jumper Day for Save the Children Nursery Party	School Nursery
19th	11AM Nursery Performance Reconciliation Service for Years 3—6	Nursery Church
21st	1.30 School Closes for Christmas	



*Rey De la Cruz, who has achieved his blue belt for karate,
Amber Harper who has her 150 metres' swimming badge.*



MATHS NINJAS



Shodan Callum Cox, Patrick Koroma, William Otoo, Irene Garcia, Jessica Mwarandu, Herbert Mwaimu, Michel Bros, Seamus McHugh, Mary-Jane Binauhan, Ellie-Mai Keane ★ *Nidan* David Kaczak, Jesse Addai-Bosompem, Kelsea Gillas, Marcus Gray, Kieran Defferary, Emily Shackelford, Motiejus Adesina ★ *Sandan* Logan Lewis