

December 12th 2025

This week at Harewood

Turquoise Class have had a fabulously festive time this week. They really enjoyed our walk to St George's Church; they behaved beautifully and Pastor David loved their thoughtful answers to the questions he asked. After listening to the Christmas story, the children took part in many activities to help them think about the meaning of Christmas for Christians.



We were so proud of their confidence in performing 'Whoops-A- Daisy Angel', they were all super stars. Alongside this, the usual lessons have been happening in class. The Year Ones have begun to think about writing captions using all of the writing skills they have developed this term and in maths, they have been continuing to think about numbers to 20 and estimating their position on a number line. Reception have been using 'special friends' to form simple words and looking at money and length in Maths. The children of **Blue Class** hope you had a wonderful time at their Christmas performance; they really enjoyed singing and dancing for you! They learned the nativity story in RE

and had a wonderful immersive nativity experience at St George's church on Tuesday. The Year 1 children then wrote captions to the Nativity story and the Reception children practised writing the sounds sh, th, ch, qu, ng and nk along with simple words containing these sounds. In computing, the children looked at pointillism and created a picture using paint and then again on the computer before discussing which method they preferred using. In maths, the Year 1 children have had their knowledge tested in various Christmas maths puzzles and for the Reception children it has been all about the money! The children in **Lilac Class** loved performing the story of Whoops A Daisy Angel for you this week! We thought they sang and danced brilliantly and we hope you enjoyed watching them. They also had a fantastic time at St. George's church where they took part in the 'Christmas Experience.' They had a go at a range of Christmas crafts which helped them to embed their understanding of the story. Back in the classroom, they enjoyed creating some transport art for our new topic, learning about respect and making their own Christmas cards. In maths, the Reception children have been learning all about the number 7 and the Year 1 children have been adding and subtracting by finding the difference.



This week the children in Yellow Class have been very festive and busy! They really enjoyed their trip to the Church where Pastor David spoke about the Nativity Story and the children were able to go around the tables to do different creative activities. They walked to the Church beautifully and were careful of the traffic. We were super proud of the children for



putting on such a wonderful Christmas performance at school. We hope you enjoyed watching them! In our forest school session, the children had fun in the fresh air exploring the nature area and thinking about seasonal change. We have had a very busy and festive week this week in **Green Class**. The children impressed us all with their wonderful performance of *Whoops A Daisy Angel*. They did a fantastic job and performed beautifully on stage. The children enjoyed their trip to the church where they explored the Christmas story. They had the opportunity to make lots of different crafts to help them think about the events and characters in the story. In science this week, the children looked at the characteristics of

animals and used this understanding to decide which animals would make suitable pets.

This week has been full of exciting learning in **Red Class**! We wrote our own stories about an adventure in the savannah using brilliant vocabulary and our best imaginations. In maths, we explored mass and enjoyed lots of hands-on weighing activities. We also learned about Chanukah and why it is a special celebration for many people. The children have been busy making beautiful Christmas cards, and of course, we proudly performed our Nativity to the grown-ups — the children were amazing! This week in **Orange Class**, the children have been writing their own versions of the story 'Draw'. In maths, the children have continued to learn about measure and have focused particularly on length and mass. In RE, the children learned about Chanukah and created their own collage menorah candles. The children were fantastic in their Christmas nativity and should be very proud of themselves! This week in **Pink Class** we have continued to explore the Jewish faith by learning about Shabbat. The children found out about the preparations and traditions of the weekly celebration. In English, the children have been writing the story of 'Draw', and using their

imaginations to make their own small changes to the story. In maths, we have been looking at measure and have practised measuring length, weight and volume. All the children really enjoyed singing and dancing in their Christmas performances!



Fond Farewell

This term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Phillips, who is leaving our school after more than 20 years. As our SENCo, she has supported many children and families with compassion, expertise and professionalism, and her steady presence has been a great support to the school community. She will certainly be missed by pupils, parents, and staff. We would like to thank Mrs Phillips for all she has contributed to Harewood over the years and wish her well as she moves on to her next chapter.



Parent Governors

Early in the new year, we will be looking for two new parent governors to join our Governing Body. Parent governors play an important role in supporting the strategic direction of the school, representing the parent community, and helping ensure the very best outcomes for all our children. You don't need any specific experience, just an interest in the school, a willingness to work with others, and a commitment to attending a few meetings each term. Training and support are provided. Further details will be provided after Christmas, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact the school office.

Online Safety

Harewood Junior School are working with Digital Resilience Gloucestershire Constabulary to give parents the tools and insights they need to keep their children safe online. They have kindly said that parents from Harewood Infants are also welcome to attend the session which will cover topics such as:

- Parental Control Tools Exploring tools and settings to monitor and control your child's online activities.
- Understanding Online Risks including; cyberbullying, predators and harmful content.
- Social Media and Apps safety and how to configure privacy settings and protect your child's information.
- Encouraging Open Communications with tips on fostering honest conversations about internet use and creating a supportive environment



The session will be held in the junior school hall on Tuesday 13th January from 2.00 to 3.00pm.

End of Term

Please remember **school closes for the Christmas break** on Thursday afternoon. Children should be collected promptly at 1.30pm from the playground as usual.

Forest School

Wednesday 17 th December	Green Class
Thursday 18 th December	Lilac Class



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day and Christmas party day!
Thursday 18 th December	Term finishes for the Christmas break. School closes at 1.30pm
Monday 5 th January	School reopens for the Spring term

Menu for the week beginning 12th December

	Hot meals Week 3			Meal deal
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4
Monday	Sausage Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pasta		
Tuesday	Fish fingers & Chips	Veggie Fingers & Chips		
Wednesday	Christmas Dinner	Roast Quorn Fillet Christmas Dinner		
Thursday	Ham Pizza with Chips	Cheese Pizza with Chips	Jacket potato	Tuna Wrap
Friday				

LAUREN
JARVIS
SCHOOL OF SKATING

Christmas Roller Disco

Christmas dress up encouraged! Prize for best
dressed

Date

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Time

19:00 - 20:00

Location

BROCKWORTH SPORTS
CENTRE, MILL LANE, GL3 4QB

Cost

£6.00PP + £1 SKATE HIRE

Email

info@laurenjarvisschoolofskating.co.uk to
book in advance

What to expect?

Disco music & lights

Christmas themed

music

Roller limbo

Roller dances

Party bags £1.50

