

# Hatfield Heath Primary School

## Newsletter

*"Learners today, leaders tomorrow"*

*Issue 12*



Hello there!

We are now entering the full throes of the Christmas season and we have started with a bang!

We have had the wreath making session, the Christmas Bazaar and our choir sang on Sunday evening at Holy Trinity Hatfield and will sing again at church this Friday.



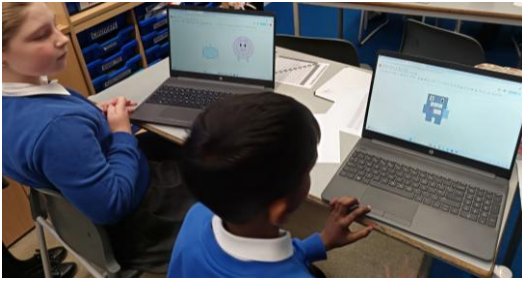
HUGE thanks to **Town Farm** who donated this beautiful Christmas tree to our school. It stands in pride of place in our hall. The children were thrilled to see it! Thanks.



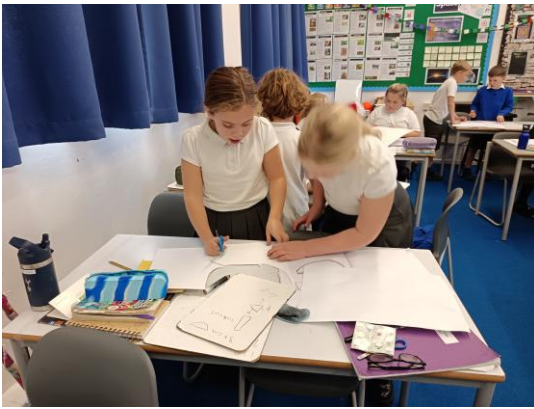
The Christmas Bazaar was so wonderfully busy and buzzy with so much going on. There were games to play, food to eat, things to make and Santa to visit!



Year 5 have been using Vector to make graphic design using shapes.



This week, Year 5 have been designing and building a sailing boat ready to race next week. They must use all their knowledge of air and water resistance to see which design performs the best



This week in science, Year 4 studied amplitude. They worked together to create different objects that could help them hear and make different sounds. A noisy but interesting lesson!



We have had a range of assemblies. Lots of them have been about **equality**. We talked about **World Toilet Day** and found out that 3.4 billion people do not have a safe toilet and are more likely to drink unclean water and become ill. We were thankful for our homes and that we can flush the toilet without have to worry where our waste goes.

We celebrated the children who showed the values of equality. Thinking about others, supporting their friends and thinking deeply about the world. Well done!



We have also celebrated Heart. With the coming of the Christmas season, we celebrated children who lived their lives to the most, with lots of zest!



We discussed the meaning of the word refuge- a place of safety away from harm. We talked about The Nativity and how Mary, Joseph and Jesus looked for refuge. We celebrated children who were kind to others and played fairly.





## Christmas Carols at Holy Trinity Hatfield

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November, our Christmas Choir performed at the Holy Trinity Church Tree Lighting. We came together with the community to share this very special time of year for many people.



We invited parents to Christmas lunch this week. Hatfield Heath had never done this before and it was a trial to see if it would work. It was so lovely that so many of you could join us. The kitchen staff, midday assistants worked their socks off to make it a memorable experience. Thank you to all involved.





Our KS2 children were visited by Mr Estes from Stir Foods who gave the children a lesson on how to use cutlery properly to cut their food. This is an important life skill which not all children have and fits with our Personal Development work and with our Ambition and Equality values. Lots of the children had to work hard to master this skill.

### Attendance from September until now.

All classes have seen a since 10.11.25. Please do all you can to send your child to school. Please send them in all week next week.

Overall attendance:96.9% (-0.7%) from10.11.25			
Year 1	97.5% (-0.4)	Year 4	98.0% (-1.0)
Year 2	95.9% (-0.9)	Year 5	96.7% (-0.7)
Year 3	97.6% (-0.2)	Year 6	96.8% (-0.8)

### Upcoming Dates

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December- Nibbles and movie afternoon-(During school time)

Please send your child in with a light treat or goody just for themselves whilst they watch a Christmas movie. There is no need to send your child with lots of food as they will be the only one eating your food. Suggestions of snack: crisps/party cake/ snack bar e.g. Twix/ popcorn- No sweets please.

**Thursday 18th December -Elfridges (PFA)-** a chance for the children to do a little independent shopping! Shh!

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Bring a board game to school.** Years 2 to 6 can bring a non-electronic game to school to play. Make sure that your child knows how to play the game, so that they can explain to others. Name the game and please do not send anything which is precious to them. **School will finish at 2.30pm.**

## **Supporting Families**

From time to time, families need some support with parenting and understanding the child's needs. Here are some useful links that may assist you.

### **Support groups**

[SPACE - Supporting Parents and Carers in Essex | Essex Local Offer](#) - SPACE is a free, parent to parent service, offering 1 to 1 support and online group sessions, run by peer educators - all are parent carers with lived experience.

[Parent4Parent \(P4P\) | Essex Local Offer](#) - A support group in Uttlesford for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 25 who have social communication difficulties.

### **ACL courses**

[ACL Essex HO4C40OL25 Positive Parenting](#) = This course is designed to support you to understand your children and provide parenting support. It covers boundaries, communication skills, understanding feelings and emotions and most importantly how to have fun as a family. 6 sessions over 6 weeks – some in Jan and Feb online.

[ACL Essex HO2C41OL25 Assertive Parenting](#)

[ACL Essex HO5A13OL25 Understanding ADHD in Children](#) = This online course is designed to help parents and carers gain a clearer understanding of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in children. Led by an experienced tutor, the session explores common behaviours, challenges with focus and impulsivity, and practical strategies to support children at home and in school. It offers a welcoming space to ask questions, share experiences, and build confidence in supporting your child's unique needs.

[ACL Essex HO4C41OL25 Understanding ADHD & ASD in Children](#) A broad weekly course which covers a range of subjects which Neurodiverse children often struggle with, such as timekeeping, sleeping, eating, and understanding the world around them.

[ACL Essex HO4A45OL25 SEND Support for Families](#) = Navigating the world of Special Educational Needs can be challenging, but help is available. Our 4 session support offers guidance, resources, and a listening ear for families who need it most. Whether you're looking for practical advice, emotional support, or simply a place to connect with others who understand, we're here for you.