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Light Fantastic

Last Friday, our school field was transformed into a glowing wonderland as we held our very first **Light Trail.**

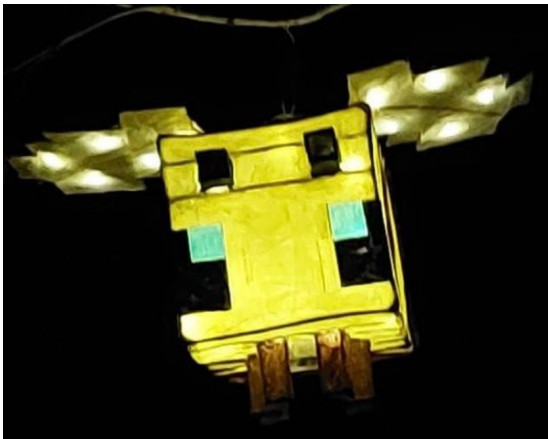
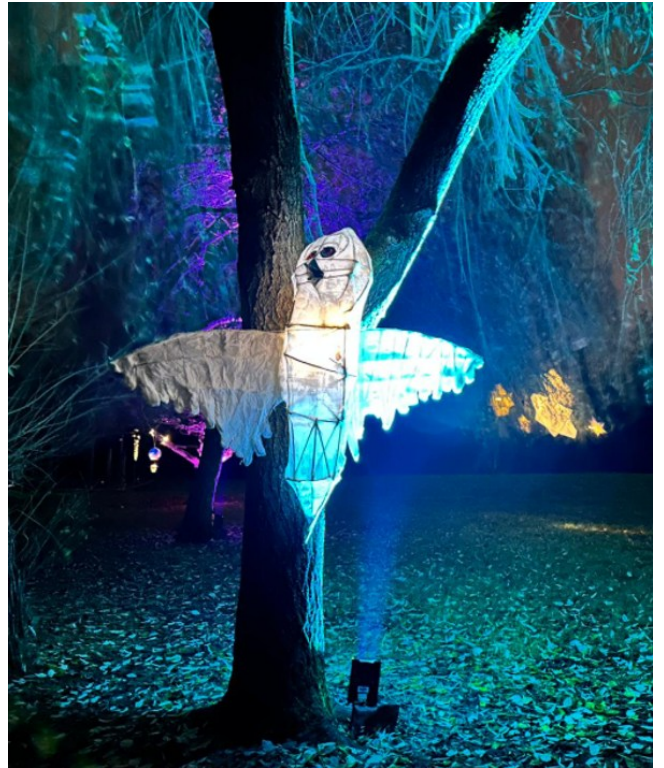
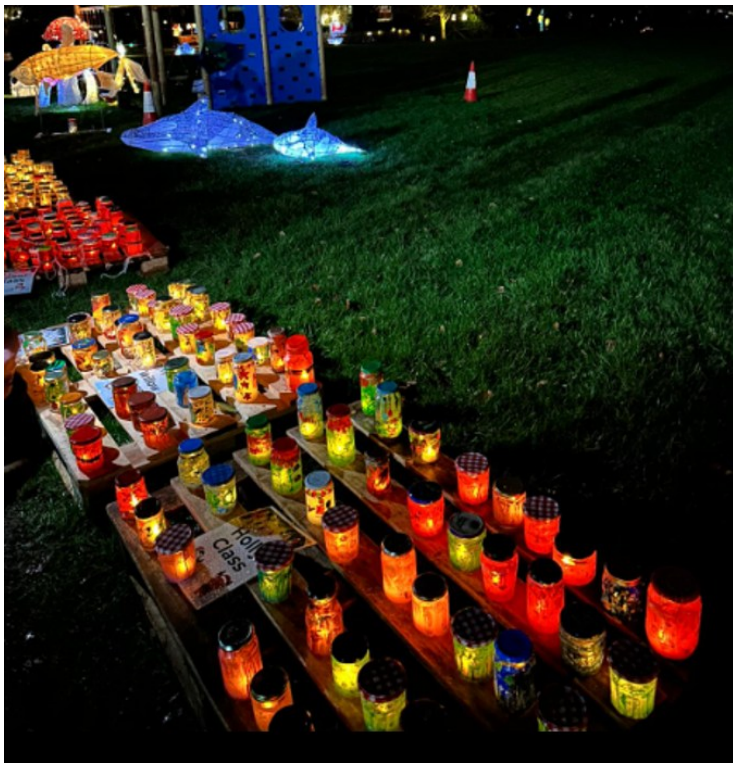


Children and families followed the twinkling route of colours, lanterns, and shimmering displays created by our amazing school community —a truly magical sight!

A hug thank yo to our wonderful PTA team for organising such a fantastic event. Their hard work and creativity made the evening unforgettable.

Light Fantastic

Visitors were welcomed at the start of the trail by rows of brightly painted jam jars, lovingly decorated by our talented pupils. They set the perfect scene for the adventure that followed.



Light Fantastic

We are also incredibly grateful to all the children and families who made beautiful lanterns—the trail sparkled with your imagination!

We hope this will be the first of many dazzling Light Trails in the years to come!



Winter Fair

To add to the excitement, our Winter Fair also took place on Friday evening, filling the school with festive cheer.

Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the entertaining stalls, delicious refreshments, and joyful singing and music.

Many thanks to the PTA for organising yet another wonderful community event, and grateful thanks to all the volunteers whose hard work and kindness made it possible.



Nativity Stars

This week has been filled with festive joy as our younger children took to the stage for their wonderful nativity performances. Early Years, Year 1, and Year 2 each presented their own special show to families, sharing songs, storytelling, and plenty of heart-warming moments. We are incredibly proud of all the children who worked so hard to learn their lines, practise their songs, and perform with such confidence and enthusiasm. You are all stars!



A big thank you to our fantastic teaching teams for supporting the children so brilliantly throughout their rehearsals and performances. Their guidance and encouragement helped make each nativity truly special.



Christingle



Year 4 have had a lovely opportunity to make Christingles this week. The children have learnt the true meaning and understanding about them. Ask them all about it, they are now the experts! A special thanks has to go to Mrs Goreeba for letting this wonderful opportunity occur.



A Christingle is a symbolic object used in some Christian celebrations, consisting of an orange with a candle, red ribbon, sweets, and cocktail sticks to represent Jesus as the light of the world.



Festive Doors

Doors around the school have been decorated this week to celebrate the festive season — a wonderful team effort by both children and staff.



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Respect

In the Key Stage 1 assembly this week, certificates were handed out to children who had shown great examples of our 'Respect' school value.



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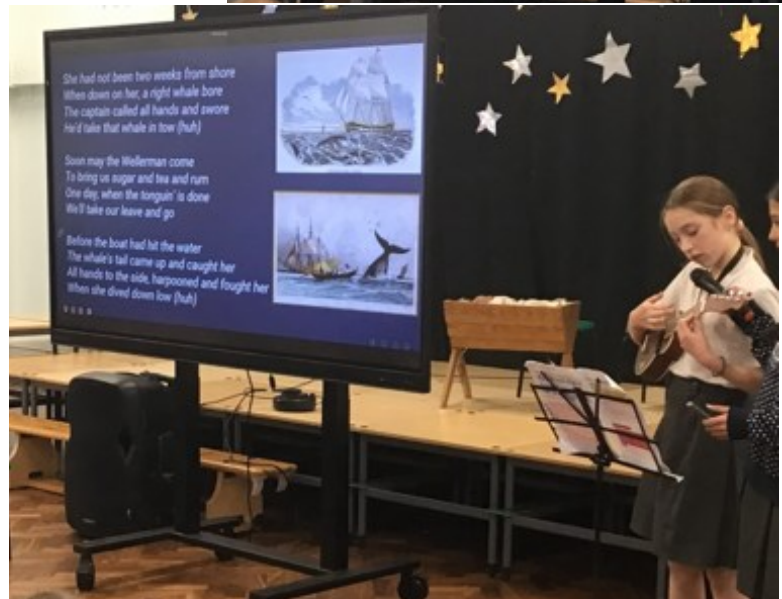
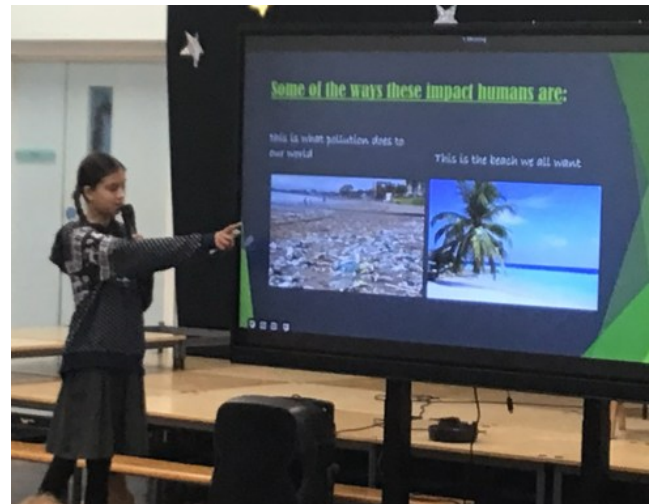
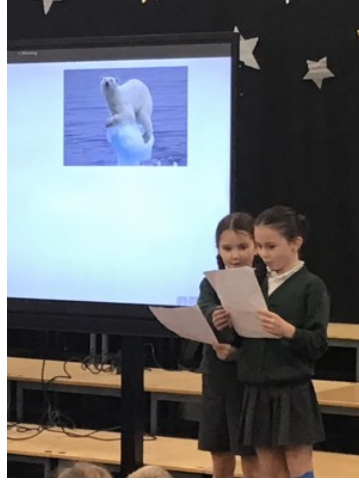
This week some of our super-talented Year 4 and Year 6 children took part in two special Public Speaking assemblies.

This term Year 4 and Year 6 have been learning **public speaking skills** in their speech and drama sessions with Mrs Leppard (from Limepalm). The children were tasked with writing and presenting a speech on their chosen topic, some working individually and others in pairs or groups.



They learned presentation skills and how to include a visual aid in their speech. Mrs Leppard has based this learning on the **LAMDA Public Speaking syllabus**.

Confident Voices



Christmas Reminders

Monday, 15 December @ 1.30pm at St Wilfrids' Church—KS2 Carol Service— any KS1 children will be held safely at school until parents are able to return from the Carol Service to collect them.

The **Christmas Post Box** will be out on the playground for one final time on Monday, 15th December if you would like to send Christmas cards to others within the school.

Please make sure the cards are addressed with the child's first and surname and their class. It would also help the Christmas Elves who sort the post if you could put cards for the same class in a rubber band! The cards will be distributed within school on Tuesday, 17th December.



Absence Requests

Please can we remind you that if you need to request an absence for your child that is NOT related to a medical/dental appointment, a proper absence request form should be completed so that the absence can be reviewed. Forms are available from the Reception desk, or can be downloaded from the home page (lower left) of the school website.

If the request is for a late drop off/early pick up for medical/dental appointments, we are happy to receive this information by e-mail to the Office.

Trustee Appointments

Following on from the recent parent trustee election, we are pleased to announce that **Mrs Laura Pollard** has been elected as Parent Trustee with effect from 8 December 2025.

In addition, the Members have appointed **Mrs Kim Lower** as a Trustee from 10 November for a four year term, whilst the Trustees appointed **Mr Carl Phillips** as an Associate Trustee (Finance) for a one year term, also from 10 November.

Spare Clothing—Can you help?

The Office have run out of spare socks for both boys and girls, and also girls underwear, in sizes that are particularly suitable for our younger children. Another item we are currently lacking is spare jumpers that are suitable for older children (ages 9-11). We would be grateful to receive any of the above items that are no longer required. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Monday, 15 December	KS2 Carol Service—1.30pm at St Wilfrids Church
Friday, 19 December	INSET Day
Monday, 22 Dec— Friday, 2 January	Christmas Holiday
Monday, 5 January	INSET Day
Tuesday, 6 January	Children return to school
Thursday, 22 January	Young Voices Choir to the O2
Friday, 13 February	INSET Day
Monday, 16-Friday, 20 February	Half-term break
Monday, 23 February	INSET Day
Friday, 27 March	Last day of Easter term

Payment reminders: Y6 ongoing instalments for residential trip

Young Voices—coach payment: due by 15 December

Y4 Swimming: due by 17 December