



Pre-Prep News - Friday 26 November

From Mrs Ross

This week has been dominated by exciting preparations for our Nativity dress rehearsals and performance for parents next week. It has been a joy to rehearse in the Pilgrims' Hall again. Memories of last year's live Nativity Zoom, performed in classroom bubbles with recorded music and with moving stage scenery will forever remain with me. However, I will miss Mrs James' backstage preview with the roaming iPad!



Year 2

Year 2 have made me an especially proud teacher this week. The boys have been a shining example to the rest of the Pre-Prep in our nativity rehearsals, listening carefully, taking responsibility for their words and movement and helping the younger boys too. As well as all of this hard work on stage, the boys have continued to apply themselves in their lessons and we have enjoyed some super work in Maths and Read Write Inc.

Well done Year 2!

Mrs James



Year 1

A big "thank you" to the boys in Year 1 who have been busy preparing stars for the stage scenery in The Pilgrims' Hall in between their busy timetable of lessons.



EYFS

On a cold frosty Tuesday morning the boys embraced the change in weather and put on their coats, gloves and wellies to go on an ice hunt in the Reception garden.

William set up an experiment saving some of the ice the boys had found in an old saucepan. In the mud kitchen they put on a lid to provide insulation, to allow them to discover what would happen to the ice when they returned in the afternoon ... water!

Nativity rehearsals are going well—the star is twinkling brightly and I am pleased to report there have been no stampedes by the donkey, cattle or camels as yet! Well done, boys. You are working hard; your Mums and Dads are in for a treat!

Mrs Kent



Forest School

Reception investigated *what is in mud?* Using small trowels, magnifying glasses and identification cards, the boys looked carefully at the soil to see what they could find. As a class we created a tally of our discoveries. We also had a go at painting words and patterns in nature using our magic water and paint brushes!

This week, Year 1 gained a greater understanding about hibernation. After chatting about a hedgehogs, the boys created their own hedgehogs out of clay, and thought carefully about where their hedgehog would hibernate during the winter months. Some very cosy nests were made.

We had great fun with Year 2 this week when they imagined they were squirrels burying their food for the winter months. The boys chose a suitable hiding places for their food and then after a few distracting activities the boys were asked to find the food, it didn't just have to be their food! It soon became clear how difficult it was to find food in the colder months, and some of our little squirrels would not have survived the long winter! One of the distraction activities was to complete the other half of a symmetrical pattern.

Mrs Walker



Pre-Prep Notices

Pilgrims' Shell awards:

Reception—to James for super shape work and for fantastic focus when working in his Busy Book this week.

Year 1—to Theo for excellent work and concentration in lessons this week.

Year 2— to Tommy for always being kind, polite and sensible.

Year 1 and 2 Swimming

I am delighted to announce that the boys will begin weekly swimming lessons in January. The lessons will take place on Thursday mornings in the Winchester Sport and Leisure Park. Transport will be provided by school mini-buses and the boys will be accompanied by Pre-Prep and Sports staff. Mrs Ross.

End of Term pick-up for Pre-Prep boys

On Wednesday 8 December, the Pre-Prep boys will finish term at 1300, after the boys have eaten a cooked lunch. We hope to see many of you at the Pilgrims' Carol Service in the Cathedral at 1530.

Please note that there will not be an After School Club or Supper Club on the last day of term.

Key dates:

Monday 29 November		Book Week
Tuesday 30 November		PPA Book Sale
Wednesday 1 December	From 0815	Nativity performance at 0930 in the Pilgrims' Hall. <i>(Please book your seats via the SchoolPost email of 24 November, sent at 1815.</i> <i>Any problems, please email: aslater@pilgrims-school.co.uk)</i>
Friday 3 December		Christmas jumper day Christmas lunch
Monday 6 December		The Tree House Theatre will visit us to perform an interactive pantomime called 'Goldilocks, Adventures of a Porridge Thief'.
Wednesday 8 December	1300	End of Term and Pre-Prep pick-up.
Monday 10 January	0830	Lent term begins