

North Cadbury CofE Newsletter

Dear Parents and School Community,



As we reach the end of a joyful and enriching autumn term, we celebrate all that has made these past months so special and look forward to the festive break ahead. Our beautiful Nativity performance and the engaging Christingle Carol Concert have reminded us of the hope, light and togetherness at the heart of this season. Pupils have embraced an incredible range of trips, workshops and experiences, from inspiring visits by the Asha Foundation and Farm Link to our ongoing partnership with Yeovil Town Football Club, whose projects have supported everything from sensory circuits to self-confidence and teamwork. We are immensely proud of the effort, enthusiasm and resilience shown by our students and deeply grateful to the parents and staff whose dedication continues to shape our warm, ambitious school community. As a Church of England school rooted in Christian distinctiveness, we are guided by the words of John 1:5: *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* May this message of hope and light lead us into a peaceful and joyful Christmas season.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas,

From

Mrs Truett and the North Cadbury Team





Pixies and Sprites

It has been a very busy and exciting half term and the children have made fantastic progress in their learning. We have explored a wide range of celebrations including Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Children in Need, birthdays, Diwali, Advent, the Nativity and Christmas.



We have also enjoyed reading and learning from lots of wonderful stories such as We're Going on a Bear Hunt, The Tiger Who Came to Tea, The Nativity, How Does Santa Come Down the Chimney? and What's a Christmas?

The children have done an incredible job developing their fine motor skills through drawing and building, as well as growing in confidence with communication, friendships, phonics, maths and literacy. We have loved seeing their confidence grow and their enthusiasm for learning each day. Thank you for your continued support throughout this half term. We are so proud of them all. What a brilliant first term!



Unicorn Class

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting term, we would like to take a moment to celebrate all the wonderful experiences and achievements the children have enjoyed.

One of the highlights of the term was our special visit from the High Sheriff of Somerset, Janet Montgomery. The children were fascinated to learn about her role and asked thoughtful questions, showing great curiosity and confidence. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring learning about our community and wider world to life.

Another very proud moment was our Nativity performance at the church. Every single child shone on the day, whether through singing, speaking, acting or supporting one another. Their confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm were a joy to watch. We are incredibly proud of how beautifully they represented the school.

In English, our Percy the Park Keeper topic inspired some truly imaginative work. The children designed and described their own incredible treehouses, using rich vocabulary and creative ideas. From rope ladders to secret rooms and wildlife hideouts, their writing and designs showed fantastic effort and creativity.

Of course, the festive season would not be complete without a very special visitor, Jimmy-Ginger the inflatable gingerbread man! His arrival brought lots of excitement, laughter and festive cheer, and was a magical way to end the term together.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We wish you all a restful, joyful break and look forward to welcoming the children back for another exciting term of learning.





Phoenix Class

We have officially completed one full term in Phoenix class, this half term has been just as jam-packed as the last! With Remembrance, a trip to the farm, Children in Need, end of topic cooking and Christmas the children have worked adaptively day-to-day allowing them to truly enjoy and get the most out of their time this term.

We have been busy completing our focus on portraits in Art and computer systems in Computing. This week we have had our final lesson on China as part of our Geography topic. The children spent time making, testing and reviewing vegetable spring rolls.

We hope you have a happy and relaxed holiday and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Miss Shave and Miss Davies



Dragon Class

As we come to the end of a very busy term, it's the perfect opportunity to reflect on our achievements.

In English, the children finished reading *Goodnight Mister Tom* and produced some truly thoughtful writing by creating their own versions of the rescue scene. They showed great empathy, imagination and understanding of the characters and it was wonderful to see how confidently they brought the story to life in their own words. Another highlight was beginning our new pen pal project. The children were very excited to receive their first letter, and it was amazing to discover just how much our children had in common with their new friends. We are all eagerly looking forward to receiving a reply in the New Year.

In Design and Technology, our project linked nicely with the World War II theme of 'Make Do and Mend'. The children created detailed Christmas decorations, sewing on buttons and using a running stitch to create tinsel. They showed fantastic perseverance throughout this project, particularly when threading needles and tying knots!

Our RE work at the end of term focused on the Christian belief that Jesus is the Messiah. We talked about the Nativity story, starting right from the beginning. The children learned about Isaiah's prophecy, the line of David, and explored the differences between the accounts of the birth of Jesus in both Matthew and Luke. We made Christingles, learned about the meaning of the Advent wreath, and reflected on the importance of this special time of year. We finished the term with our beautiful carol service, where the children carried out their roles with confidence and care.

Well done, Dragons. You have worked incredibly hard this term and should be very proud of yourselves.



We hope you have an enjoyable Christmas break and look forward to seeing in 2026!



Hygge with Mrs Hawker

Phoenix class have been busy being creative this half term. Our focus has of course been Christmas arts and crafts.

You may be pleased to hear that the children now have Hygge aprons that they wear each lesson!

The children have learned that we have an oak tree that hangs over our playground and all classes have been busy collecting acorn cups during breaktimes to help Phoenix class create baubles.

We have been paper making using wastepaper from the office and using it to create notebooks, we added pages from teabags, a flower to decorate the front cover and finally bound the book.

Our cornflour dough decorations have been beautifully decorated with imprints of spruce, we have completed our Hygge Christmas cards, made decorations using dried fruits, created paper bag giant snowflakes and much more!

The children have also completed a Winter art piece using pastels, masking tape and acrylic pens. These will be on display in the classroom in the new year.



Every Hygge term ends with the popular hot chocolate party and the children will fill their Hygge bags with their crafts which hopefully you can enjoy admiring and decorate your homes for the Christmas season.

Best wishes for a Happy Hygge Christmas and New Year

Mrs Hawker



*Some of the handmade decorations
from this term's Hygge*

Enrichment this term



Phoenix class enjoying forest school.

We have loved all our enrichment opportunities this term. Some of the highlights include our Unicorn and Pixie trip to the Newt, our Forest school trip to Lower Stock Farm, our Author meet and greet at Wells Literary Festival plus our Christmas lights switch on with the High Sheriff, the wonderful Mrs Montgomery.

Nativity 2025



Our Pixies, Sprites and Unicorns put on a wonderful Nativity for us this year. We loved the costumes, songs and enthusiastic acting.



"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace".



Carol Service and Christingle

In school, the children enjoyed making their own Christingles in class before proudly taking them to the church for our Christingle service. They learned about the meaning of each part of the Christingle and took part in thoughtful discussions about its symbolism, as well as the importance of giving and supporting our community at this special time of year. Alongside this, we collected donations in the Children's Society boxes and have been overjoyed by the very positive response to the fundraising. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to such a worthy cause.



**The
Children's
Society**

Children in Need



The children were thrilled to welcome Pudsey to North Cadbury this year. We also enjoyed wearing our comfy clothes to raise money for a fantastic cause.



Remembrance

The children worked collaboratively to create an art exhibit for this year's Remembrance reflections. We observed the silence and then moved through the school to look at all the pieces. Our Unicorn class created a piece entitled 'Peace is in our hands', whilst our Dragon class, wrote words of thanks and created a wreath for our current and past Military personnel. Our youngest students in Pixies and Sprites were very proud of their giant tissue paper poppy and Phoenix created landscapes and a poppy cascade. The children wanted to create something reflective yet beautiful. In the afternoon we invited our parents to attend the exhibit and reflect as families. **We will remember them.**

The Last photo is of Otto and Bella from Phoenix class, who have this year been our British Legion Poppy sellers.



Our Poppy sellers, Otto and Bella

A festive message from the Team Captains

In our first term as team captains, we have enjoyed reading prayers and narrating our church services, immensely. As a team we love to go round collecting and counting the team points. We also enjoy trying to make sure everyone is happy and helping people who seem left find friends to play with.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year

Best wishes from all the team captains,

Tom, Sofia, Leo and Harvey



North Cadbury Ambassadors

At our school, we believe every child can be an agent of change and we actively encourage our pupils to recognise the power of small actions that make a big difference. Whether it's picking up litter, holding a door open or speaking up about something they care deeply about. As part of nurturing their growing sense of self-belief, we are developing a range of student leadership opportunities that will empower children to take ownership of areas they are passionate about. From becoming a play leader at lunchtime to volunteering with our library team or joining our enthusiastic litter-picking champions, we want to hear their ideas and support them in their endeavours. And of course, there will be some shiny new badges to proudly wear as they step into these roles!



Uniform Superstars!

A special mention to children who have been spotted with smart uniform this term...

Otto

Bleu

Frankie Y

Barnaby W

Maryna

Quinn

Bonnie G

Leo

Keep up the good work!



LIBRARIAN

Spring Librarians will be selected in the first week back to school. Any student interested in the role can speak to a staff member for more details.



Community Notices

Wednesday 24th Dec
Christmas Eve
6pm
in St Barnabas - Queen Camel



Crib Service

help prepare the crib & sing carols
come in costume
or costumes provided

Holiday Activities: Christmas Crafts



20, 22 and 23 December 2025, 10.30am–3.30pm

Get the holidays off to a festive start with our fun family workshops! Make decorations for your home this Christmas using natural materials from the Cathedral gardens.

Saturday 20 December
Festive Foliage

Make a festive table decoration using greenery from the Cathedral gardens.

Monday 22 December
Willow Christmas

Use Somerset willow to make a festive decoration.

Tuesday 23 December
Driftwood Angels

Use driftwood and other found and re-used materials to make an angel decoration.



Admission FREE with adult entry. No need to book – simply drop in on the day! Plan your visit online at wells cathedral.org.uk/holidays

Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.



Registered Charity No. 1207269

Community Notices



Christmas SOCCER SCHOOLS



22,23,24 DEC
HUISH PARK 3G



9:30 - 3PM

HUISH PARK, LUFTON WAY, BYRMPTON, LUFTON, YEOVIL, BA22 8YF

CASTLE CARY CRICKET CLUB YOUTH WINTER TRAINING 2026



Join in the fun!

U10s (Yrs 4 & 5)

Starts -
Thursday 15th January
and then every other week
(15th & 29th Jan, 12th & 26th
Feb, 12th & 26th March,
9th & 23rd April)

- Starts promptly at 5.45pm until 6.40pm
- Suitable for all abilities
- Open to Year 6 girls

U14s (Yrs 8 & 9)

Starts -
Thursday 8th January
and then every other week
(8th & 22nd Jan, 5th & 19th Feb,
5th & 19th March,
2nd & 16th April)

- Starts promptly at 5.45pm until 6.40pm
- Year 10s can join in with Coach approval

U12s (Yrs 6 & 7)

Starts -
Thursday 8th January
and then weekly.

- Starts promptly at 4.45pm until 5.35pm
- Under 10s can join in with Coach approval

- ECB Qualified Coaches
- All Equipment provided
- Teams entered for summer league cricket
- £3 per session

• Ansford Academy Sports Hall
Maggs Lane
Castle Cary
BA7 7JJ

If you are interested -
Please contact Steve Maybury
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Community Notices



Junior swims
now available
Tuesdays and
Fridays!

NDT

North Dorset Turbos

Join our swimming club where children build
confidence, skills, and friendships

2 x **FREE** trial sessions

Every Tuesday and Friday 7-8pm

RiversMeet Leisure Centre in Gillingham, Dorset
(Hardings Lane, SP8 4HX)



For more information and to arrange a trial contact:

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