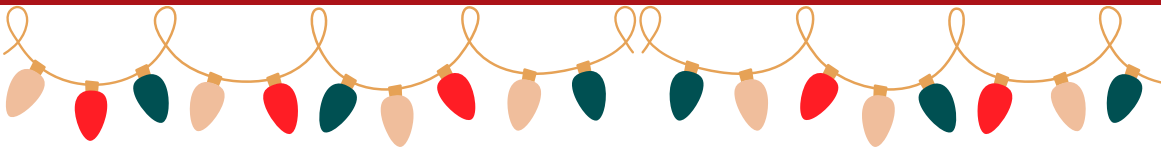




# GLEBE

## GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER



I hope you have all had a good week.

We made it to the end of another successful term at Glebe!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in cards and presents - this year especially with the cost of living crisis, these thoughtful and generous gestures are appreciated more than ever.

Thank you to everyone for your chats and greetings each morning this term.

I look forward to seeing you all and hearing about your Christmas holidays in January.



### Mystery Guest

Last week's mystery guest was... Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer! Well done to everyone who guessed correctly.



### Weekly Attendance %

1S	98.5
RB	97.7
2C	96.6
1M	96.4
3G	95.9
6K	95.9
5IP	95.7
6L	95.7
RP	95.6
1G	95.5
3D	95
4W	94.7
2F	94.5
2J	94.3
3ME	94.3
4JL	94.3
RW	93.7
5I	93.4
4V	93.3
5M	93.3
6A	91.9

Whole School

96.6%

# PROUD PAGE

## Sophie in Year 1

This week we are celebrating Sophie in 1M who received the "Dragon Ranger of the Year" award, in addition to completing her grading where she got the second advanced belt for the age group.

Sophie attends Premier Kickboxing in Ruislip Manor, and she joined in July 2023.

I think you will agree this is a huge achievement. Well done Sophie, everyone at Glebe is really proud of you.



## KS2 TTRS Victory! 🏆

We are thrilled to announce that our KS2 pupils have won the recent Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) competition against Highfield Primary School after an exciting two weeks of battling! The children showed incredible determination and enthusiasm throughout, making us all very proud.

To celebrate this fantastic achievement, each class will enjoy an afternoon of golden time. Certificates and prizes have also be awarded to our Most Valuable Players who stood out for their exceptional efforts during the competition.

**GLEBE PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
ICKENHAM**



**HIGHEST SCORING SCHOOL**

*during the Glebe and Highfield competition*

**GLEBE VS HIGHFIELD**

**03.12.2024 - 17.12.2024**



Thank you to all the teachers and parents for their continuous support in this and a huge well done to all our KS2 pupils for their hard work and commitment— you're all Rock Stars! Keep up the brilliant maths practice!



# THE 12 'READS' OF CHRISTMAS



You should have received a book mark on Wednesday for the '12 Reads of Christmas'.

Every time your child reads during the school holiday they can colour in 1 snowman on the bookmark. They are able to read any book, it doesn't have to be their school book. Once they have coloured all 12 snowmen, please sign their bookmark.

They need to return them to their class teacher by **Friday 10th January**.

All children who complete the bookmark will receive a certificate and they will then be entered into the prize raffle.

Good luck!

Miss Mogan and Miss Demirci.





# HIGHLIGHTS

## Reading Explorers' Library Visit

On Monday, it was our final visit of 2024 term to Ickenham library. The children were really excited on the way to the library as Claire, the librarian, had promised a Christmassy activity and there was much discussion over what it might be. They were all really happy when they realised that it was a return of their favourite, LEGO. Today's challenge was to create something to do with Christmas. It could be using the instruction or from their imagination. We were all really impressed with the number of children who created their own amazing designs and the perseverance and concentration of others who were following complicated instructions. Perhaps some future Lego designers are in our midst.

We would all like to thank Claire, Hollie and the other staff at Ickenham library who make our library visits not only educational but very enjoyable. We would also like to thank the staff from school who also make it possible for children to experience trips in their locality.

Lots of activities are planned at Ickenham library for the festive season, including a free drop in Lego club every Saturday and coding sessions, which can be booked online. More information can be found on all the activities organised over the coming months at <https://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/library-events>

Ms Quirk

# UPDATES



Winning classes can choose their own treat and have it during the first week of the new term

## Autumn Term Attendance

EYFS/KS1

**1M**

KS2

**3D**

## Autumn Term House Points

1st **Burnham = 12,448 points**

2nd **Sussex = 11,712 points**

3rd **Tavistock = 11,240 points**

4th **Swakeleys = 10,073 points**



# REMEMBER



## Key Information & Dates



### Absence and Appointment Reporting

From Monday 6th January 2025, we ask all parents to email to report *planned* absence (not sickness) or to inform school of any appointments that your child has. You will know that the DfE are having a real focus on attendance and this includes providing proof of appointments. As there is no attachment facility on ParentMail, we have set up the following email address to enable you to inform us of planned absence and appointments and attached any necessary evidence.

[absence@glebeprimary.org](mailto:absence@glebeprimary.org)

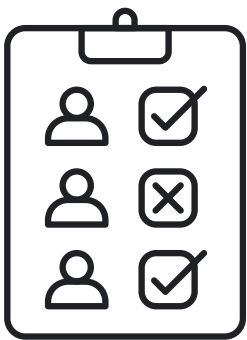
Please note that from 6th January, this will be the only approved way to inform us. If we are not informed via this channel and evidence of an appointment is not shared, the absence may be classed as unauthorised.

You can inform the class teacher via Dojo **in addition** to using the absence address, but not instead of.

**Please note: sickness absence can still be reported via our specific telephone line.**

### FunZone After School Club Provision

Thank you to Craig Preston and his team for all of their hard work over the years. I am pleased to inform you that PSD have retained the FunZone staff so the transition for the children should be seamless.



# REMEMBER



## Key Information & Dates



### **Monitoring phone calls**

The school has an automatic telephone recording system which records all phone calls made to or from the school using external lines. External callers will receive an automated message informing them of this fact. Parents/carers have been informed of this recording system through the automated message, in addition to the school website. The school is able to access such calls using the telephone management system. The system does not record internal phone calls.



### **Access to recorded calls**

It is expected that access to calls will only be made under exceptional circumstances. Only the Head Teacher and select staff, chosen under her discretion, will have access to the recording system and calls made. Details of access to calls will be kept, along with the reason for access, which will principally be for staff training, security or safety purposes. Monitoring systems will be put in place in order to ensure the system is used securely and that confidentiality is maintained. Copies of calls will not be made without the permission of the Headteacher.



### **No Training Day in January**

Please don't forget there will be no training day start the Christmas holiday. All children will be expected to return on Monday 6th January 2025.

BACK  
TO  
SCHOOL!

# REMEMBER



## Key Information & Dates



### Spring Term - 2025

Monday 6th January - Term starts: NO TRAINING DAY

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Thursday 23rd January - 3ME Class Assembly at 9.15am - parking on playground from 9.05 but not before for health and safety reasons

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Wednesday 29th January - Year 1 trip to Kew Gardens

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Thursday 6th February - 3G Class Assembly at 9.15am - parking on playground from 9.05 but not before for health and safety reasons

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Tuesday 11th February - Parent Consultation Evening: 4pm - 7pm

Thursday 13th February - Parent Consultation Evening: 4.30pm - 7.30pm

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*Half Term: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February*

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**Monday 24th February - Training Day: School closed to all pupils**

Thursday 27th February - 3D Class Assembly at 9.15am - parking on playground from 9.05 but not before for health and safety reasons

This week's winners are



Ms Akhter's  
maths set

(I told you she was competitive)

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# UPDATE

## Term Dates for Academic Year 2025 - 2026

### Autumn Term - 2025

Term starts: Tuesday 2 September 2025

Half term: Monday 27 to Friday 31 October 2025

End of term: Friday 19 December 2025

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### Autumn Term Training Days

Thursday 27th November 2025

Friday 28th November 2025

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### Spring Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026

Half term: Monday 16 to Friday 20 February 2026

End of term: Friday 27 March 2026

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### Summer term

Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026

Half term: Monday 25 to Friday 29 May 2026

End of term: Tuesday 21 July 2026

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### Summer Team Training Days

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## SAFETY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Currently, children are growing up in an immediate and throwaway culture when it comes to content that's consumed online. So much material is now deliberately created to be shorter in nature – and may often contain hidden elements such as advertising, or extreme political and cultural views. With complex algorithms built to keep people on their phones and engaging with social media content, it's becoming increasingly difficult to reduce time spent on these platforms.

### 1 REDUCE DOOMSCROLLING

It's concerning how common it is for young people to spend hours 'doomscrolling': trawling through social media and aimlessly viewing every post they see, many of which might make them feel sad or anxious. Social media can be useful for keeping in touch with friends and family, as well as staying up to date on current events. However, it's important to use it with a clear purpose, instead of endlessly scrolling through content, which could lead to young people accidentally discovering harmful material.

### 2 TALK ABOUT THE CONTENT

It's important to keep apprised of the kind of content that a young person is being exposed to. Discussing what they're watching online can help you understand why they're using social media in the first place. Furthermore, ensure that children are aware of hidden content, such as advertising of a product – and that they know how to spot that the creator is being paid to talk about it.

### 3 FIND POSITIVE ASPECTS

Despite all the concerns, there's plenty of wholesome content on social media. It's worth spending time with children to help them find something suitable and enjoyable. Perhaps you'll even discover a joint interest, and you can enjoy the content alongside the child. As part of this, you should also point out why certain things shouldn't be given attention, explaining why it isn't suitable and why it's been created in the first place.

### 4 REDUCE SCREENTIME

Young people can sometimes be unaware of the exact amount of time they spend looking at social media. Smart phones don't just have the capacity to monitor screentime; they also record how much time is spent on each app. Consider setting targets to reduce this and support children to meet these goals, gradually reducing the amount of time spent on different apps.

### 5 FILL THE VOID

Monitoring and reducing screentime can create a lot of free time to fill, and young people can even face withdrawal symptoms when made to step away from their phones. To mitigate this, consider what offline activities you could introduce the child to, and what they would enjoy. This can ensure that young users will permanently cut down on their screentime, rather than temporarily doing so while they know it's being monitored.

### 6 REDUCE NOTIFICATIONS

One way in which social media platforms keep people coming back is through notifications. The algorithms behind these apps track people's daily habits, including the times of the day where they're most likely to engage with the platform. This data is then used to deliver specifically timed notifications to draw them back in. To avoid young users being exposed to this tactic, simply turn off notifications for the app in their phone's settings.

### 7 LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD

Overexposure to social media can distort someone's perception of the real world – from body norms to social conventions. This filtered environment can make it hard for young people to distinguish reality from online content, which is now becoming even more difficult with the rise of AI. To mitigate this concern, take time to teach young people how to discern truth from fiction, both on and off social media.

### 8 DIGITAL DETOX

Encouraging young people to take a 'digital detox', from even just a couple of the apps that they use, can result in an overall reduction of screentime and less exposure to potentially harmful content. Alternatively, rather than avoiding the app entirely, encourage children to take a 'digital detox' from content creators and influencers, and instead, keep in touch with friends and family – which is generally a far healthier use of these platforms.

### 9 MODEL GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Consider the habits that you're demonstrating to your children. How much time do you spend on your phone? How much do you 'doomscroll'? Comparing your own usage with the child's could put things into perspective for them – or if it turns out that you're also overusing social media, it can turn screentime reduction into a joint mission, which you and the child can work on together.

### 10 BE CLEAR ON THE "WHY"

Research shows that young people can become addicted to social media. There are many schools that are moving towards being 'phone free' due to the negative impacts of using social media and phones continuously. It's important to explain to young people why managing screentime is important. Set out the benefits and ensure they have all the relevant information, so it's not just seen as a punishment.

## Meet Our Expert

John Inasley is a senior leader in a Birmingham secondary school and has vast experience in leading schools over the past 15 years – including the development of computing curriculums across primary and secondary schools, writing e-safety policies and supporting schools with computing and e-safety advice.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/top-tips-for-safety-on-social-media>



Dear Parent / Guardian

We are delighted you have chosen PSD Childcare and look forward to welcoming your child to our after school club at Glebe Primary School from Monday 6th January 2025.

You will be able to book sessions via our online booking system **Magicbooking** from Monday 2nd December.

#### HOW IT WORKS

**Account:** You will be able to create your account and make and cancel bookings, access past booking details and payment history 24/7. You will also have full control of yours and your child's information, including health care plans, emergency contact details, authorised collectors and communication preferences.

**Bookings:** You will make your bookings online instead of filling forms, sending emails or calling us.

**Payments:** You will be able spread the cost of your booking with a monthly instalment plan. This only applies to bookings that last over 34 days, and your payment plan will be of the same duration as the booking. Your payments will be equal every month, making it easy to budget your expenses. It works a little bit like your utility bills, you pay the same amount every month regardless of how much you consume, the only difference is that there won't be any adjustment at the end of the period as these will happen in real time; if you cancel or add dates to an existing booking your monthly payments will automatically be adjusted to reflect the cost difference.

**Childcare vouchers and Tax Free Childcare:** You will be able to integrate Childcare voucher and Tax Free Childcare payments at the point of booking. The system will then give you the balance to pay based on how much you are planning to pay with vouchers or the tax-free scheme.

**\*Please note you will still need to instruct your childcare voucher provider or Tax Free scheme to pay us.**

#### WHERE TO FIND YOUR ACCOUNT

You can create your account by going to the link: <https://thepsdgroup.magicbooking.co.uk>

Simply click the button '**Create an account**', you can use the **Help?** section on the top right hand-side of the website and follow the process described in the relevant sections. It should only take 5 to 10 minutes to create your account and add your child's details.

Register with the centre '**Glebe Primary School**', then select the activity '**Glebe Primary School After School Club**'. Our activities will be published for booking ahead of each half term. You will be able to book in advance for the half term or up until 2pm on the day. Cancellations will be accepted up until 48 hours before the session starts, simply log in to your account to cancel and the credit will be automatically applied to your account.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us on 0203 397 7409 or speak to a member of our team.

Thank you for your cooperation, The PSD Team

**0203 397 7409**  
[info@thepsdgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@thepsdgroup.org.uk)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### **What snacks will my child be offered?**

We offer fruit, vegetables, bread and wraps with a selection of spreads and sandwich fillings.

### **What activities do you offer?**

Our clubs follow the Playwork Principles; giving the children in our care the opportunity to choose activities and resources as they wish from a variety of options including arts and crafts, board games, construction, physical play, outdoor activities and sport. We actively promote healthy lifestyle choices by encouraging participation in physical activities and educating children about nutrition and wellbeing.

### **Do you accept Childcare vouchers and payments through the Tax Free Childcare Service?**

We accept the following childcare voucher providers:

Amber People, Bravo, Caboodle, Care-4, Co-operative Employee Benefits, Computershare, Daisies Vouchers, Edenred, Employers for Children, Enjoy Benefits, Fair Care, Fideliti, Gemelli, Kiddivouchers, Reward Gateway, Sodexo, Tax Free Childcare, TEDS vouchers.

Please contact us for the reference codes in order to set up a payment.

### **How far in advance can I book?**

We will release bookings for each half term two weeks beforehand. You will receive a notification from our system that the sessions are available to book. You can make a block booking for the half term or individual ad-hoc sessions. Sessions can be booked up until 2pm on the day (if there is availability).

### **Can I secure my sessions for the whole year?**

After consultation with parents/carers, it was agreed that bookings should be made available each half term and not for the full academic year. Therefore sessions will need to be booked each half term and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

**Can I cancel a booking?** Cancellations are accepted up to 48 hours before the sessions starts.

You can cancel a session via your account and the credit will be automatically applied.

**What happens if I am running late to collect my child?** Children must be collected promptly at the session finish time – if you are unsure of the time, please refer to your confirmation email. If you are running late, please inform us on 0203 397 7409. Failure to collect your child by the allocated pick up time will result in an additional charge of £5 up to 5 minutes and then £1 a minute thereafter. If we have no contact from a parent/guardian after 30 minutes, we will contact Social Services. We reserve the right to refuse future bookings from parents who continually pick up late.

### **What happens if my child is unwell?**

In fairness to others, we cannot accept children at our clubs if they are unwell or are still infectious – we are also unable to administer antibiotics or other medicines on site. We reserve the right to exclude a child at any time prior to or during a session due to illness and the parent/carer will be expected to come and collect their child.

Non-attendance due to illness will not be eligible for a refund or credit note.



RAISING THE STANDARDS IN  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT



Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment?

Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

- 2kg White Potatoes 15p
- Brussels Sprouts 500g 15p
- Carrots 1kg 15p
- Parsnips 500g 15p
- Small Fresh British Turkey 3kg £8.85 (£2.95 per kg)
- Quixo Sage & Onion Stuffing Mix 170g 45p
- Quixo for meat gravy granules 300g £1.09
- Essential Yorkshire puddings 230g / 15 pack 46p
- Total cost £11.45 - £1.91pp based on 6 people

**ALDI - FEED A FAMILY OF 6 FOR UNDER £12  
19-24TH DECEMBER 2024**

# Hillingdon's Warm Welcome Centres

Wednesdays

**Hillingdon's libraries and some faith and community buildings are offering residents a warm and friendly place to enjoy some company and a free hot drink, and get help and advice on how to stay warm and healthy during the colder winter days.**

## Mondays

**Art and Creativity** at Botwell Green Library. First Monday of the month, 10am to 11am.

**Board Games Drop-in Sessions** at Botwell Green Library. 10am to midday.

**GLL Warm Welcome Centre** at Highgrove Pool and Fitness Centre. 10am to midday.

**Creative Writing** at Botwell Green Library. First Monday of the month, 11am to midday.

**Welcome Space** at St Margaret's Church, Uxbridge. 11am to 1pm (ongoing).

**Book Club** at Harefield Library. First Monday of the month (or second Monday if the first is a bank holiday). 2pm to 3pm.

**Adult Board Games Afternoon** at Manor Farm Library. 2pm to 4pm.

**Chess Club** at Uxbridge Library. 5pm to 6.30pm.

## Thursdays

**Early Onset Dementia Group** at Manor Farm Library. 10am to midday.

**Coffee Morning** at the Uxbridge Centre. 10.30am to 2pm (runs to March).

**Scrabble Club** at Manor Farm Library. 2pm to 4pm.

**VI Social Group** at Botwell Green Library. Fourth Thursday of the month, 2pm to 3.30pm.

**Get Creative** craft group at Ruislip Manor Library. 2pm to 3.45pm.

**Family Games Drop-in Sessions** at Oak Farm Library. 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

## Tuesdays

**Space 2 Be Tea, Coffee and Exercise** at Yiewsley Methodist Church. 9am to midday (runs to March).

**Men's Health Awareness Month event** at Ruislip Manor Library. 19 November, 10.30am to 1pm.

**Board Games Drop-in Sessions** at Yiewsley Library. 11am to midday.

**Dementia Coffee Morning** at Harefield Library. Second Tuesday of each month, 11am to midday. **Warm**

**Welcome Coffee Morning** at Ruislip Manor Library. Second Tuesday of each month, 11am to 1pm.

**Welcome Centre** at Barnhill Community Centre. 12.30pm to 3pm (runs to March).

**Adult Crossword Club** at Manor Farm Library. 2pm to 4pm.

**Knitter Knatter** at Harefield Library. 2pm to 4pm.

**Stop for Coffee** at Hayes Town Chapel. 10am to midday (ongoing).

**Yiewsley Community Crafters** (knit and crochet but you can bring something else) at Yiewsley Library. 10.30am to midday.

**Scrabble Group** at Oak Farm Library. 10.30am to 1pm.

**Warm Space** at St Anselm's, Hayes Town. 11am to 2pm (20 November to March).

**Welcome Wednesdays** (exercise, talks and refreshments) at Hayes End Methodist Church. 11.15am to 2pm.

**Senior Citizens' Tea, Coffee and Activities** at Charville Community Centre. Midday to 3.30pm (ongoing).

**Acorn Craft Group (Knit and Crochet)** at Oak Farm Library. 1pm to 3pm.

**Wednesday Fellowship and Coffee Shop** at Fairfield Church. 1.30pm to 3pm (ongoing).

**Wellbeing Coffee Morning for Women** at Botwell Green Library. 11am to midday.

**Empowering Women Sessions** run by Hillingdon Asian Women's Group at Hayes and Harlington Community Centre. Midday to 3pm (from January).

## Fridays

**Community Creations** at Uxbridge Library. 10am to midday. See online for dates and details of crafts.

**Board Games Drop-in Sessions** at Botwell Green Library. 10am to midday.

**Fellowship and Coffee Shop** at Fairfield Church. 10am to midday.

**VI Reading and Social Group** at Yiewsley Library. Last Friday of the month, 10.30am to 11.30am. **Coffee**

**Mornings** at Oak Farm Library. Alternate Fridays, 10.30am to midday.

**Craft Group** at Harefield Library. 10.30am to 12.30pm.

**Acorn Craft Group (Knit and Crochet)** at Oak Farm Library. 11am to 1pm.

**Welcome Space** at St Margaret's Church, Uxbridge. 11am to 1pm (ongoing).

**Memory Café and Exercise** at St Paul's, Ruislip. 11am to 2pm.

**Men's Games Group** at Oak Farm Library. 2pm to 3pm.

**Read Aloud Group** at Yiewsley Library. Every Friday except the last of the month, 2pm to 3pm (term time only).

**Board Games Drop-in Sessions** at Yiewsley Library. Last Friday of the month, 2pm to 3pm. **Craft Group – Knit**

**and Knatter** at Manor Farm Library. 2pm to 4pm.

## Saturdays

**Family Scrabble** at Uxbridge Library. 2pm to 4pm.

**Crafty Creators** STEM-based craft session at Oak Farm Library. Last Saturday of the month. 10.30am to 11.30am.



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For more information and to find additional activities, visit [discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/warm-welcome-centre-activities](https://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/warm-welcome-centre-activities)

Sessions run from December 2024 to March 2025 unless otherwise stated

# NURSERY



# HIGHLIGHTS

# YEAR 1



# HIGHLIGHTS

# YEAR 2



*Christmas fun in  
Year 2.*



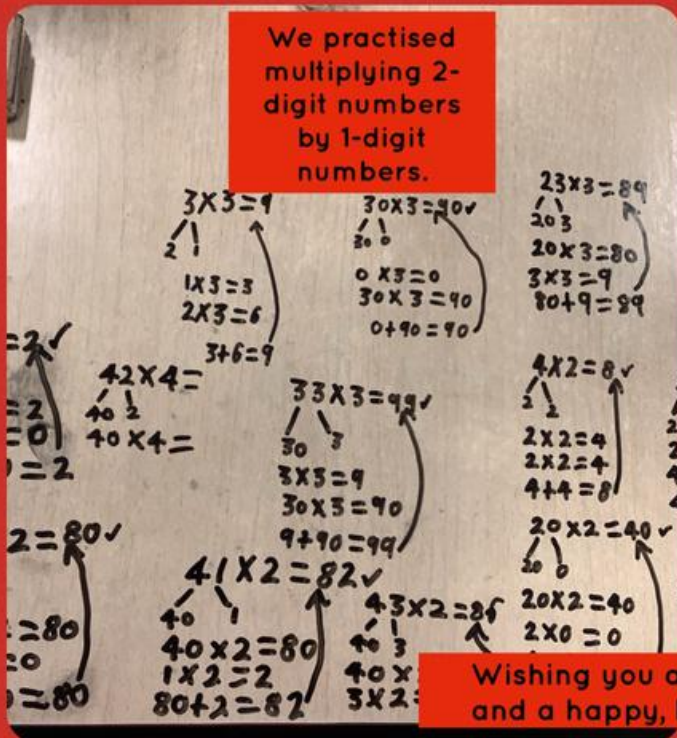
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# HIGHLIGHTS

# YEAR 3



We compared hand and foot sizes in Science



We practised multiplying 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers.



We danced and ate pizza at our party!

Wishing you all a lovely break and a happy, healthy 2025 🌟

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# HIGHLIGHTS

# YEAR 4



**Year 4 Christmas Party!**



# HIGHLIGHTS

# YEAR 5

## YEAR 5

IN DT, WE HAVE ENJOYED CREATING OUR OWN DJEMBE DRUM



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# HIGHLIGHTS



Wishing you all a wonderful  
Christmas.  
Happy Hannukah for our families  
who begin their celebrations next  
Wednesday.

For those not celebrating  
Christmas or Hannukah, just enjoy  
the lack of school run for two  
weeks!

Mrs Penney



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