



Newsletter

Autumn 2



DIARY DATES

School Closes - Thursday 19th December

School Re-opens - Monday 6th January 2025

Happy Christmas to all!

What a fabulous time we have had in school in the lead up to Christmas. A special highlight was the Christmas dinner for the Reception children and their parents. This is the first time we have offered this and, given the fantastic feedback, I think it will become an annual event.

It is also a time to say our farewells to some extra-special and long-serving members of staff. After over twenty years at Ryelands, Rachel Wilson and Sharon Hardie are leaving to pursue new careers and for Janet Pilkington it is time to retire. We wish them all the very best -they will be missed!

Mrs Pye

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING

Year 2

This half term we have been learning about the basic needs of humans and animals, right through from babies to adults. Exploring how to stay healthy, eating a balanced diet and exercising to make our bodies and minds feel better. We discussed how our bodies change as we grow, our body parts and how we can look after our mental and physical health. Did you know that sleep is one of the most important things our bodies need, it helps us to grow, heal when we are ill and also to give us energy for the following day?

Year 4

This half term, Year 4 learnt all about animals' habitats, their teeth and what they eat. They learnt so much, that they decided to put it into leaflets and send them out to different organisations, such as Dogs Trust. We did some Science experiments where we made poo and we tested the effects of different drinks on 'teeth'/eggshells. What a lovely half term!

TRIPS

Key Stage 1 had a wonderful morning at the Judges' Lodgings. We were able to make a Victorian Cornucopia Christmas tree decoration in the Victorian school room. Then we played old-fashioned Christmas games and sang songs. We all really enjoyed finding out about Christmas puddings and 'Stir-up Sunday!' It was interesting to find out where all the ingredients came from and lots of us decided we would love to make our own. The best part of the morning was meeting the great man himself, Father Christmas! It was so special meeting him and he read 'The Night before Christmas' and told us lots about a Victorian Christmas. We all really had a magical time!



As part of our Animals topic year 2 went to visit Williamson Park. We talked to the zookeepers about the different types of animals and their habitats and even got to hold some of the animals!

Year 4 and 5 had a wonderful opportunity to visit the Winter Gardens in Morecambe and watch the 'Opera Magic' – A Children's Introduction to Opera.





CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES 2024



KS1 NATIVITY

The Year 1 and 2 children starred in our magnificent nativity, The Wriggly Nativity.

All the children worked exceptionally hard and it was lovely to see them dressed up in their costumes! All the staff were very proud and we hope you all enjoyed it!



RECEPTION SING A LONG

Thank you so much for all the adults who were able to attend our magical Christmas Sing-a-long. The children sang and signed wonderfully. We were so very proud of them!



CHRISTMAS JUMPER & CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

On Thursday 7th December the children enjoyed their Christmas Dinner, while listening to Christmas Music and wearing their Christmas jumpers. Some of our children even designed and made their own Christmas themed hats to wear.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The children have all enjoyed their class parties this week, they have played party games including pass the parcel and musical statues they have also enjoyed lots of treats and danced along to Christmas music.



CAROL SERVICE

It was lovely to see the church filled to the rafters for our year 4, 5 and 6 carol service. I am sure you will all agree the children sang beautifully and a special well done to our soloists and our wonderful violinists.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Well done to Olivia in year 5 for coming runner up in the Reed Christmas card competition.



REINDEER RUSH

All children, from Nursery to Year 6... and staff, took part in the Elf Run to raise money for St John's Hospice. We set a whole school target of 500 miles, which we thought was quite a challenge. However, our amazing children managed to run a total of 602 miles! Not only did we smash our target miles, the children also raised over £420 for this wonderful cause.



YEAR 3 CHRISTMAS STORY

Our year 3 children performed a lovely rendition of the Christmas story for their parents using shadow puppets & nursery rhyme songs. They did an amazing job.

