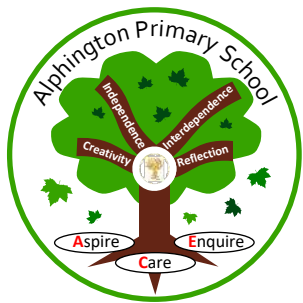




Alphington Primary School

Newsletter

22/11/2024



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks in school with lots of exciting things going on. Children have taken part in Anti-Bullying Week, have learned all about why we raise money for Children In Need, danced away at the school discos, taken part in different sporting events and enjoyed sharing their phonics and reading with you.

We would also like to thank you for all your support through the disruption of the last couple of days.

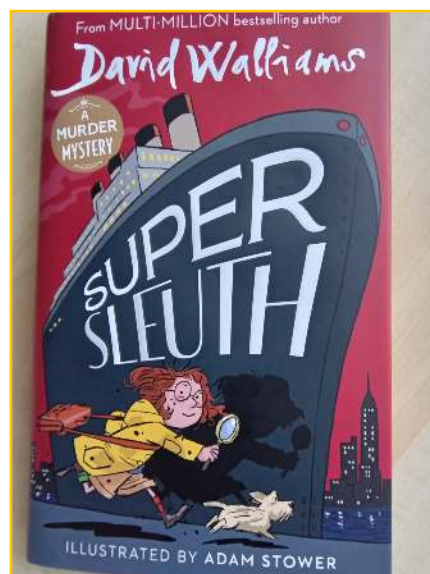
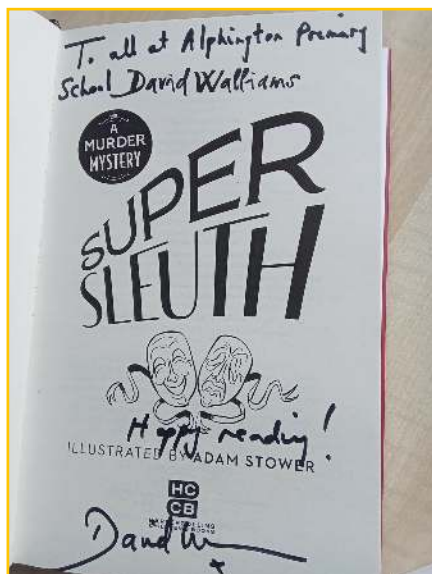


Scooters:

After taking part in Walkability, it is lovely seeing so many children walking and riding their bikes and scooters to school, but please can you remind children to ride carefully as we have had a few near misses in Mill Lane. Thank you for your help with this.

David Walliams:

We were so impressed when David Walliams replied to our letters and sent us all a postcard and a book. Thank you David!



Children In Need:

Thank you for your generosity; we raised £379 for Children In Need.



Starting school:

Just a reminder that the window is now open for school applications for children starting in September 2025. Please do get in touch if you would like a tour. If your child currently has a place in our school nursery you will still need to apply through the usual channels.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>

Cross Country:

On Wednesday 13th November, Year 4 went to West Exe's cross country event at Barton Fields. Three schools competed and the girls ran first. Edith from our school came first! After the race there was a medal ceremony and they gave out medals and certificates. I was really proud of Courtney because she kept going even when it was it hard! I really enjoyed the ceremony because I got to cheer on my classmates.
By Freya - Year 4.



Christmas Lunch:

It is Christmas lunch day on Thursday 19th December so please can we ask that you order lunch in advance. It has already been uploaded to our booking system. Thank you for your help with this.

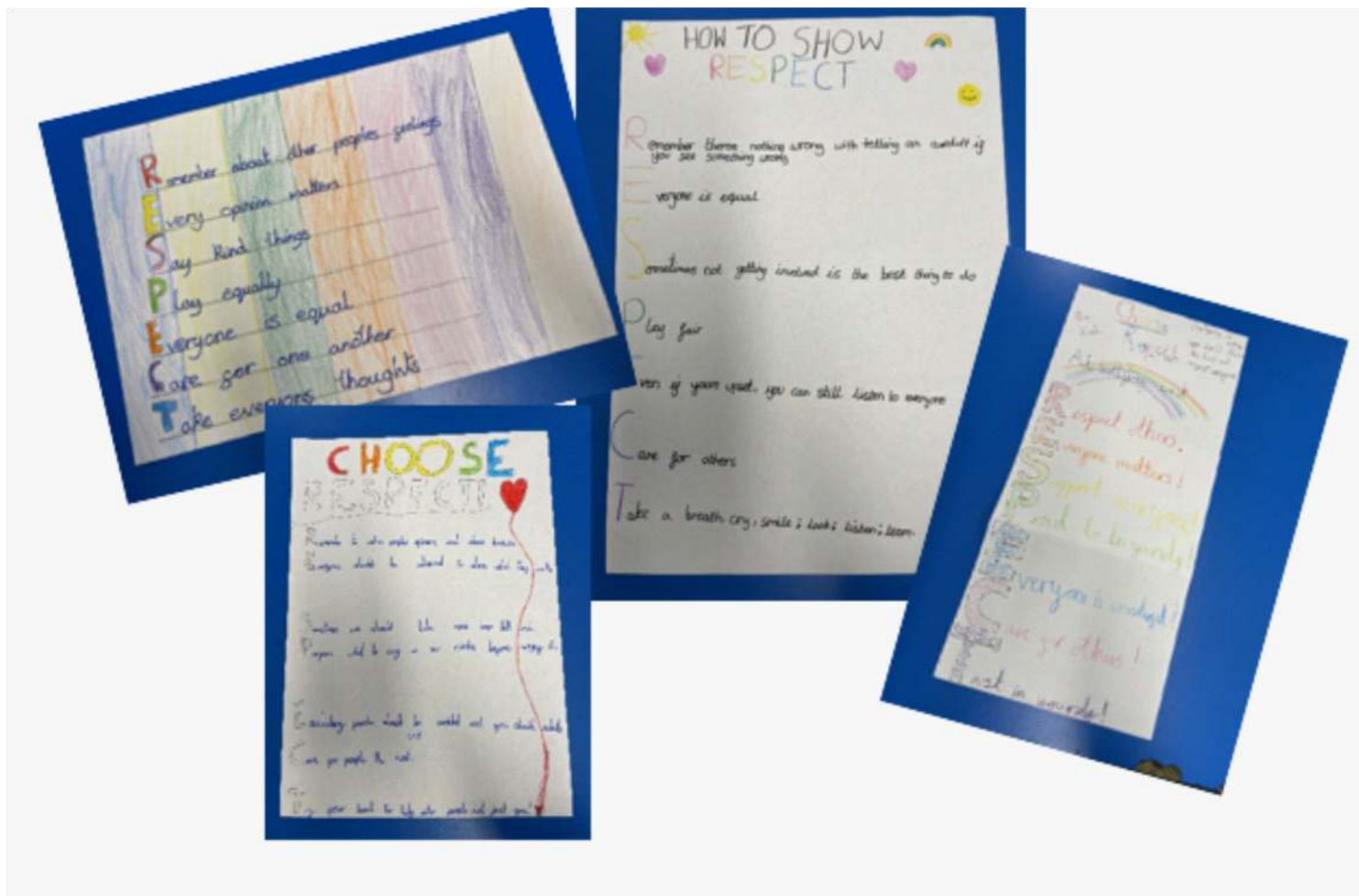


Discos:

Thank you to our amazing PTFA and all of the volunteers who gave up their time to make the discos happen. The children loved them, and we were very impressed with their dance moves!

Anti bullying Week:

The children showed great empathy and understanding during Anti-Bullying Week.



Reading breakfasts:

It was lovely to see so many of you at our reading and phonics breakfast this week and the children loved sharing their learning with you.



Reading shed:

We are pleased to tell you that the reading shed has arrived in school and we look forward to sharing this with children over the coming week.

Thank you again to our amazing PTFA for funding this.



Carol Service:

A poster for a Carol Service event. The background is a wooden surface. In the top left, there are two mince pies. In the top right, there is a branch of a Christmas tree. In the bottom left, there is another branch of a Christmas tree. In the bottom right, there is a sheet of music with a gold bow tie pinned to it. The text on the poster is as follows:

MINCE PIE
INCLUDED

Carol Service

ST JAMES PARK STADIUM
@7PM (DOORS OPEN 6.30PM)
MON 9TH DEC
FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR A
SINGALONG &
A CHRISTMAS
MESSAGE

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Public consultation:



PUBLIC CONSULTATION



School Admission Arrangements & Education Transport Policy & Admission Relevant Areas

9 November 2024 to

10 January 2025



**You are invited to review the proposed
2026-27 admission arrangements for
state-funded schools in Devon**
and the home-to-school transport policy for
Devon County Council for 2026-29 at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements**

****including several academies in the neighbouring LA
areas of Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole, Cornwall,
Dorset, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay**

St Michael's Alphington:

You're invited to church this Christmas! You are very welcome at our Advent and Christmas services and events – bring your family and friends or come along on your own. Whether it will be your first time at church or you have been before, we look forward to welcoming you!

- **All Age Nativity Service** on 1st December at 11am.
- **Christingle Activity Afternoon** on Saturday 14th December at 2pm.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/8682/service-and-events/advent-christmas/>

Please scan the QR code
for more information.



PTFA events:

Elfridges and Christmas wreath workshop

Elfridges closing date for tickets is the 8th December. This is completely final, I'm afraid as we need enough time to create all the labels and ensure we have enough gifts.

We apologise for being so strict but any money given after this date cannot be accepted and unfortunately children will not be able to participate.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/alphingtonprimaryptfa>



CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



Sunday 1 December 2024
3pm-5pm
Mince Pies, Hot Drinks and Festive Music
Alphington Primary School
£25.00 per person

Tickets are available for purchase online through our website
www.pta-events.co.uk/alphingtonprimaryptfa
From Thursday 7th November until Wednesday 27th November

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN ADULTS ONLY EVENT



Dates for your diary:

Week beginning 25th November: Year 6 mock SATs week

Wednesday 27th November: No Pens Day

Sunday 1st December: PTFA wreath making event

Monday 2nd December: Reindeer Run

Tuesday 3rd December: Year 1 trip to Lucerne House

Wednesday 4th December: Reception trip to Lucerne House

Wednesday 4th December: Rock Steady concert

Thursday 5th December: Year 2 trip to Lucerne House

Thursday 5th December: Pre-school Christmas performance @ 9.30am and 2.30pm

Friday 6th December: Year 3/4 trip to Lucerne House

Tuesday 10th December: Year 6 trip to Exeter Waste Facility

Wednesday 11th December: Year 6 trip to Exeter Waste Facility

Wednesday 11th December: Reception Christmas performance to parents @ 2.30pm

Thursday 12th December: Reception Christmas performance to parents @ 2.30pm

Friday 13th December: PTFA Elfridges event

Monday 16th December: Year 3 and 4 carols in the Court for parents @ 2.45pm

Tuesday 17th December: Foxes and Dragonflies Christmas performance to parents @ 2.45 and 5.45pm

Wednesday 18th December: Hedgehogs and Grasshoppers Christmas performance to parents @ 2.45 and 5.45pm

Thursday 19th December: Christmas jumper day

Thursday 19th December: Christmas lunch

Thursday 19th December: Year 5 Carol Concert in the church @ 6.00pm

Friday 20th December: Last day of term

