



# West Ham Church School

*With God all things are possible*

## Key Stage 1

Weekly News Page  
Autumn 2, Week 6  
10th December 2021



### Wonder, Harmony, Compassion, Strength

#### School Vision

Our vision is to enable children, with God's guidance, to know and appreciate the **wonder** of God's creation, to live in **harmony** embracing differences, to always act with **compassion** inspired by the example of Jesus, and to have the **strength** to follow their dreams and achieve their goals.

#### Prayer Space

*A prayer from the team at All Saints Church*

Lord God,

Thank you, that out of your love you shared your son Jesus with us.

In all the fun and excitement of Christmas time, may we remember the one that we celebrate.

Help us this Christmas to follow the example of Jesus, and to find ways to share with, and care for and to love one another.



Amen



### Key Stage 1 Staff

#### **Year 2:**

Squirrels Class ~ Mr. Dickey  
Phase Leader

Hedgehogs Class ~ Mrs. Jordan

#### **Year 1:**

Dragonflies Class ~ Miss Upson

Butterflies Class ~ Mrs. Baleka

#### **Teaching Assistants**

Mrs Adu-Gyamfi, Ms Nesbitt,  
Mrs Chowdhury and Mrs Dosti

Whilst we are available for any quick questions about your child at the end of the school day, please be mindful that we need to dismiss all the children safely. Please contact the school office if you have a question that requires more of our time.

### Value

Our school value this term is  
*joy*

### Collective Worship

This week in worship, we learnt about the Christmas story and the different versions of the nativity from both Christianity and Islam. Miss Holroyde taught us about the journey that Mary and Joseph had to take and why it was so important, and we spent time reflecting together on the true meaning of Christmas. Robin from All Saints Church reminded us about the importance of family at Christmas time and how we shouldn't rely on material things - make sure you tell someone how much you love and appreciate them over the holidays. On Thursday, our RE Ambassadors told us more about the story of the nativity, and the birth of Jesus. On Friday, we celebrated our achievements in celebration assembly - well done to all who received a certificate!





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## Nativity

The children have been working hard to practise for the nativity this year, and we are looking forward to performing our show for you all. This year the nativity will be performed in the hall on **Friday 17th December**, and there will be two performances, **one at 10am** and **one at 2pm**.  
*If you would like to come to the performance, please book via the school office.*

## Class Parties

The children will have their class parties on **December 20th**. Please note that we will not be accepting donations of party food this year, but will be providing food, including Halal options, ourselves.

## Year 1 Visit

On Friday, we visited Highway Vineyard Church. We had a great time following the Christmas story. Please find below some pictures from our day.



## Science Club

The children have really enjoyed taking part in Science Club this term. This week they got to taste a variety of different fruits around the world. We completed lots of investigations around the fruits including work on senses and sustainability.



## Christmas Presents

As we near the end of term and the festive season, we know that some of you will be thinking about 'thank you' gifts for staff.

Our staff **do not expect** presents, but if you do want to give something, staff appreciate cards, letters and emails more than anything – kind words mean a lot! We cannot accept cash gifts, or gifts over £10.

Please do not send in gifts if you or your child are self-isolating, have symptoms of coronavirus or have tested positive.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept homemade items including homemade food. We would like to request that any gifts are clearly marked with the staff member's name.

Wishing you and your families well over this festive season and thank you for your continued support.



## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 20th December**  
Christmas jumper day

Christmas lunch

Christmas parties (PM)

**Tuesday 21st December**  
Christingle service

End of term: **1:30pm** on 21st  
December



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## Key Stage 1 Curriculum Information



### English

In English this week the children have been writing their own innovated story. They have been creating individual stories with new characters and settings.

### Maths

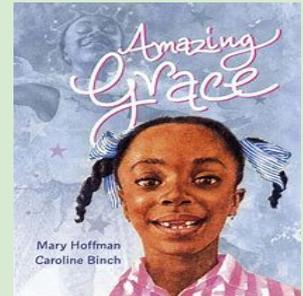
We have been looking at money this week. The children have been working out how much change they would have if they bought something in a shop, and how much money they would need to buy several items.

### Nativity

The children have been working hard in school learning the songs and words for the nativity. Please ensure your child continues to learn lines at home, reading loudly and clearly.

### Focus Text

We are reading, 'Amazing Grace' by Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch.



**Word of the Week:**  
dozen

### **Challenge Questions:**

1. When do you think Grace realised she was good at performing?
2. Do you feel like you can be anything you would like to be?

### Year 1 Spellings

lie  
tie  
pie  
cried  
tried  
dried  
chief  
field  
thief  
shield

### Year 2 Spellings

find  
mind  
behind  
old  
cold  
gold  
hold  
told  
every  
everybody

### Homework

#### **English**

1. Practise this week's spellings.
2. Read Big Cat book and library book (*please remember to bring back your reading books by Tuesday*).
3. Complete the activity in your homework books.

#### **Maths:**

Complete the worksheet provided, consolidating addition and subtraction skills.

#### **Nativity:**

Please practise reading your lines loudly, clearly, and with expression.



Mathletics

### Mathletics



Mathletics

We are trialling Mathletics in our school to boost confidence and develop maths skills. Children will be completing activities in class, but please encourage your child to use the program at home too.

<https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>



## Mathletics

### Bronze - 1000 points

Abubakar  
 Emily  
 Maria  
 Noah  
 Yasin  
 Georgiana  
 Egehan  
 Ana-Sofia

Please encourage your child to log onto Mathletics regularly and enjoy the different activities.

On this page, we celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school.

Parents, please do let us know if you are particularly pleased with something your child has achieved at home, we would like to recognise:

- ❖ Good behaviour
- ❖ Excellent attitude to learning
- ❖ Progress
- ❖ High quality work
- ❖ Awards



This week the award goes to: **Faiza** for always showing **wonder** in her learning.



**Squirrels: Bekir** for producing high quality learning.

**Hedgehogs: Maria** improvement in her creative writing

**Butterflies: Martha** has been developing her reading skills.

Children have been writing their own special books in KS1 and enjoyed creating a "Tree of Dreams" for Forest School.

### Our Work!

