



Year 2 Newsletter

Our newsletter is sent out fortnightly to keep you up to date.

Friday 28th November



As scientists, we have been testing different materials to compare how they can be changed—there was lots of bending, twisting, squashing and stretching as we tested each material thoroughly...having a great deal of fun as we did it!



This term in PE, we have been very fortunate to enjoy the support of two fantastic specialist coaches!

On Mondays, the children have been taking part in gymnastics with Gail. We have been so impressed—not only with their brilliant movements and balances, but also with their confidence as they try new ways of travelling across the equipment, even at different heights. They have all shown wonderful bravery and enthusiasm.

On Fridays, Nick has been helping us develop our football skills. The children have shown some excellent technique, and everyone has made fantastic progress already. Keep an eye out—you may just see some of our young players stepping out at St James' Park (or even the Stadium of Light!) in years to come!



We have been working very hard on our Christmas performance, *Busy, Busy Bethlehem*. The children are so excited to share all their wonderful singing and acting with you on **Thursday 11th December**.

There are lots of songs and lines to learn, so any support you can give your child at home with practising their words would be greatly appreciated.

If your child needs a costume from home, please could it be brought into school by **Friday 5th December**. Thank you so much for your help—we can't wait for you to see the final performance!



Year 2 Reading Challenge

It's time to fine tune your blanket den making skills, dust off your torch and get ready to snuggle up with a hot chocolate as next week sees the launch of our much anticipated Year 2 Reading Challenge. Ever wanted to read in a wardrobe or with your coat on back to front? Well, you may just be in luck! Watch out in bookbags next week for the first in a set of five reading challenges. Each challenge consists of a number of mini tasks for the children to complete with the aim of increasing reading miles and ultimately a love of reading.

The first award has nine tasks and will therefore take nine days to complete. Please initial and date tasks boxes as they are completed.

Lost Property

With winter setting in, it is good to see the children arriving at school wrapped up warmly in gloves, scarves and hats. We are encouraging the children to store their gloves in their coat pockets and hats in their coat sleeves but to help prevent clothing being misplaced, please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name.

Still to come this half term

Thursday 11th December—Year 2 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 17th December—Christmas Dinner

Thursday 18th December—KS1 Christmas Party

Friday 19th December—Last Day of Term

Tuesday 6th January—Children Back to School

Proud to make a positive impact.