



Website December 2025

Message from Mrs Norman

Thank you to those of you who took the time to support the children during their performances this week. All sorts of bugs are floating around at the moment and so the first performance saw a somewhat depleted cast singing their socks off. But as they say, the show must go on.....and indeed it did. They did so well to stand before their audiences. The photos of children in their costumes will remain on display if you haven't had a chance to view them. We will put the display in the reception area.

I hope that many of you will be able to celebrate our festivities with us as we near the end of term. From Wednesday 17th onwards children are welcome to wear Christmas clothing eg jumper/dress.....an opportunity to get uniform washed and tidied away before the Christmas holidays begin. There will be reminders on Dojo prior to events about timings etc. so please have a regular look at the school story on Dojo.

If you are unable to attend our Christmas fayre, raffle tickets can be purchased beforehand from the school office. We have some fabulous raffle prizes which include a folding scooter, tickets to watch POSH and a voucher for adventure golf at Play2Day. We are still looking for a few more prizes such as boxes of biscuits, chocolates, or gift sets.



It has been a very long term and I know children and staff are ready for a well-earned break. Thank you for your support this term and look forward to seeing many of you during the next week.

Happy Christmas to you and your family.

Reminder: We receive free fruit and vegetables for children in Reception, year 1 and year 2. Can I please remind all other year groups that children need to bring their own snack please (fruit, veg, cheese or plain bread sticks).



Calendar Reminders



Clubs starting week beginning 6th January 2026

Please register your child over the festive break

Tuesday - Dodgeball for KS2, Years 3,4,5 & 6

Thursday - Football Years 1 - 6

EVERY Friday - Whole school LEAF day - Remember to wear your green LEAF hoodies, black joggers, wellies and coats.

Menu for the last week of term.

Kinderley School Menu - Monday 15 th December to Friday 19 th December 2025				
Monday 15 th	Tuesday 16 th	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th	Friday 19 th
Magical Monday Beef burger (M) or Vegetable burger (V) sweetcorn and pasta salad. Or Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese Ice cream & toppings	'It's behind you!' Tuesday Packed lunches for ALL Pre order from school or bring one from home!	Christmas Jumpers Lunch Day Chicken roast (M) or Quorn fillet roast (V) with all the trimmings. Yule Log served with custard or squirty cream	Meat Free Thursday (V) Margarita Pizza or Cheesy Jacket Potato Served with garlic bread and salad. Jelly and biscuit	Fishy Fun Friday Fish fingers or Vegetable based fingers (V) Chips and peas. Biscoff crunchy cake
	School packed lunches MUST be preordered by Thursday 4 th December please.	Christmas lunch MUST be pre-ordered by Thursday 4 th December please		
Carol Concert outside P.M	'Rapunzel' Pantomime Years R – Yr 6	Christmas jumpers and tops	Christmas Fayre 1:30-3:30	Classroom Fun and Games

1 - Please note that this week is different to the usual menu.

Coming up next week...



Monday 15th December



*2 - Please join the children and staff outside at 1:30 for carols around the Christmas tree. A lovely way to start our festive week.
Entrance via the playground please.*

Tuesday 16th December

It's behind you!

Pantomime trip for Reception to year 6 children



3 - Please remember to bring your packed lunches today. The coach leaves straight after morning register, so set your alarms.

Wednesday 17th December Remember to wear your Christmas jumpers, tops or dress for the Christmas lunch today.



Thursday 18th December Christmas Fayre



Please join us in school for the Christmas Fayre from 1:30-3:30. We have crafts, Christmas stalls, hand made goodies, games, a raffle with lots of lovely prizes. After you've hit the stalls why not sit and enjoy a festive treat from the refreshments table too.

Please park responsibly.



4 - Entrance with a raffle ticket for 50p

Raffle tickets will be available on the door or in advance from the school office. £1 for a strip.

Acorn Class



WOW what a term. We have worked our socks off learning about space and light and dark. We have spent the last week with a Christmas focus and looked at the story of the snowman. Of course, we had to make marshmallow snowmen as well.

Miss Bains is working your washing machines hard with the muddy play. Some of Oak class have laid more wood chippings down for us to help with the amount of mud there is. However, the Acorn children LOVE the mud play, chasing Miss Bains being mud monsters and making recipes in the mud kitchen.

Reception children are working hard with their phonics and reading. We are practising our handwriting and remembering where to start the letters!

Nursery are enjoying their fine motor work and have enjoyed their maths session looking at how to use weighing scales, which is heavier and which is lighter

We were really proud of all the children performing the nativity and learning the songs. I think we have found some super stars destined for the stage! 😊

Have a wonderful Christmas, enjoy family time and have a rest.

Maple Class



The Adventures of Jimmy the Elf...



5 - On Monday, Jimmy arrived. He had wrapped himself up with a chocolate advent calendar for the class!



6 - On Tuesday, Jimmy was found playing Uno with other class toys. Somehow, they ended up playing 6 – 7!



7 - Wednesday morning, Jimmy was seen drinking under the class Christmas Tree

On Thursday, he spent the day hiding and we could not find him anywhere. Then the class got a letter that said he does not like being touched. Oops!

Friday, Jimmy was back to his old tricks and had taped himself to the wall where we could not touch him.

Maple Class have also been busy making beautiful felt flowers with Mrs Blyth. They really are amazing!

In Maths we are learning all about shapes - naming them, counting how many edges and faces they have and making patterns.

Rowan Class



What a busy few weeks it has been in Rowan! Christmas has officially arrived along with some lovely decorations made by the children. We have been learning how to write a News report in writing, all about the Viking attack on York. We had a visit from an Anglo-Saxon man, who looked suspiciously like Mr Fisher, and interviewed him like news reporters. In maths we have been learning strategies to solve difficult multiplication and division questions. Even though the maths was super hard, all the children showed tremendous dedication and worked really hard. Mr Fisher was very pleased.

In French we have been exploring the French artist Matisse and made a collage of French shapes in his style. Can you guess what the pictures are? In Music we have had a great time exploring the Glockenspiel and playing as a band.

In Science we have been exploring states of matter. We have held experiments to discover how solids turn to liquids by melting some butter and how liquids evaporate into gasses by observing the changes in a puddle.







Oak Class

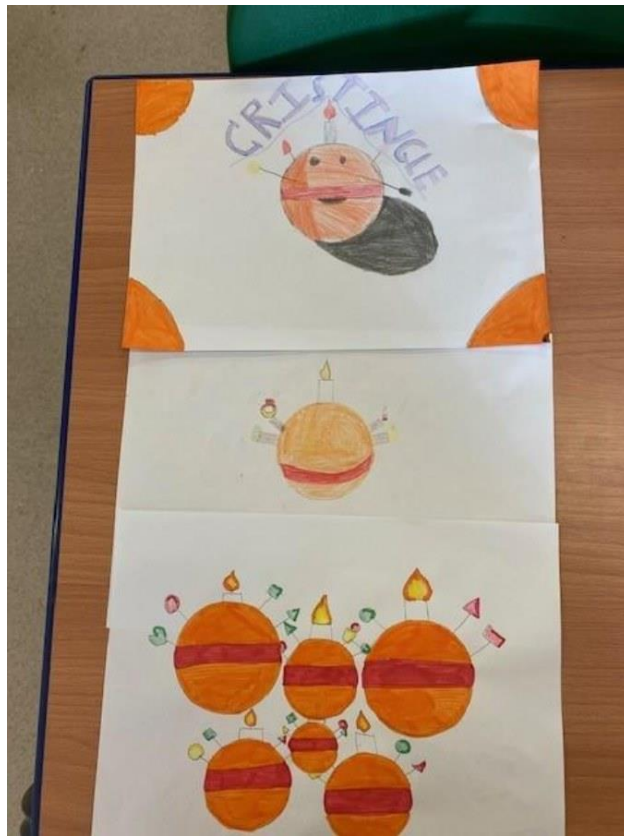


This has been a very long and busy term and we are all looking forward to the holiday. We have all been learning about fractions in maths – how to add, subtract and convert them using the common denominator. This has made our brains ache but Miss Radford is very happy that we

have kept trying, even when faced with a challenge. In Geography we have been learning how mountains are formed. We were surprised to find out that Mount Everest is still growing – by about 4 mm a year.

Art inspired by our weekly wander on LEAF days and some artwork for the Christingle service.







Recycling Tips




Be a Christmas Recycling Hero

Each year, the UK throws away approximately 642 million of unwanted presents, most of which end up in landfill.

You can make beautiful Christmas gifts at home. Jams, chutneys, baked goods or even a knitted scarf or hat give a personal touch and are relatively low cost. If DIY is not for you, try gifting an experience or membership – perhaps for an organisation that supports the environment or nature.

It is also estimated that the UK uses 227,000 miles of wrapping paper each year ([source: www.gwp.co.uk/gwp/Christmas-packaging-facts](http://www.gwp.co.uk/gwp/Christmas-packaging-facts)).

So, when it comes to wrapping gifts this year, consider what you can do to reduce the amount of new wrapping paper used. You could re-use fabric or recycled wrapping paper.

And if you're thinking of buying new wrapping materials, avoid wrapping paper with glitter or that is laminated because these aren't recyclable. Instead, look for the FSC sign or make sure it is 100% recycled, and save wrapping paper to re-use next year.

Christmas is a time to spend with friends and family, but it's also the time when we over-indulge and create the most waste. Whether it's lots of packaging from our Christmas parcels, the amount of wrapping paper we use, or what's left behind after a house full of visitors, the waste can be endless! We give the run down on all the things you can recycle this festive season.

Rescue five commonly binned items

This year Recycle Now have been encouraging the recycling of five commonly binned items:

- Perfume/after-shave bottles
- Aerosols
- Toilet roll tubes
- Plastic trigger spray bottles
- Yoghurt pots

These items should still be recycled at Christmas along with the many other items we use over the festive period. Become a recycling hero and make sure that every recyclable item in your home avoids the rubbish bin and gets recycled the right way!




Eau de parfum or eau de toilette?
Recycle glass fragrance bottles

You've been smelling great throughout the festive season and now you've used up all your perfume or aftershave. So, remember to recycle the empty fragrance bottles, leave the lids on and place them in your blue recycling bin.

Smelling fresh and looking good: deodorants can be recycled

Everyone wants to stay fresh and look good during the party season. Once the partying is over, remember to recycle those empty deodorants, hairspray and shaving foam aerosols. Ensure your aerosol is empty and don't pierce or crush them.

The Christmas clean up: rescue those trigger spray bottles!

All that cleaning up after your Christmas parties, and you'll run out of kitchen cleaner before you know it!

When recycling your empty plastic trigger spray bottles leave the trigger on and recycle alongside your other plastic bottles.

Recycle paper and card: from loo rolls to online shopping packaging

Your visitors have left after Christmas, and the toilet paper has all gone! Not just that, all your online Christmas shopping has left you with a mountain of cardboard boxes. If you've got loads of empty toilet roll tubes and cardboard boxes, your local authority will collect these at home.

Remember to remove any plastic or polystyrene inserts and excess sticky tape from cardboard boxes. It's also a good idea to keep toilet roll tubes and cardboard boxes dry before recycling.

Recycle those yoghurt pots

Yoghurt is a great ingredient to add to your festive desserts, but once empty, make sure the yoghurt pot gets recycled along with your other pots, tubs and trays.

Filmmy lids should be removed but plastic lids can remain for recycling – visit the Recycling Locator for more details: www.recycle-now.com/recycle-an-item

Wrapping paper

This depends on the material: you can recycle your wrapping paper provided it passes the 'scrunch test': <https://youtu.be/8PBsdccvKc>

If it scrunches into a ball and stays crumpled, it's likely recyclable. You must remove any tape, ribbons, or glitter before recycling. Foil or glittery paper and paper laminated with plastic are not recyclable and should go in the general waste.

Greener Christmas greetings cards

We all love receiving a Christmas card from family and friends, but what do you do with all those cards once the festive season is over?

Christmas cards and their envelopes can be recycled from home unless they have foil, glitter, ribbons or bows on them. Just remember to remove any of these decorations before you recycle.

You could also keep this year's cards to create your own gift tags for next year!

Recycle those Christmas trees!

When it's time to take down your Christmas tree, be sure to dispose of it responsibly. Real trees are 100% recyclable and can be turned into chippings for parks. They can be put into your garden waste kerbside bin, but make sure they are cut into small pieces first. Alternatively there are local charities such as Arthur Rank which will collect them and dispose of them for a small donation: www.arhc.org.uk/fundraising/fundraise-your-way/community-initiative/christmas-tree-recycling/

Artificial trees can't be recycled, but they can be reused! Charities and care homes will often take artificial trees, and if they're in good condition, they could also be donated to charity shops.

How to recycle old electrical items

Christmas brings lots of electrical items as gifts. If you need to replace an electrical item with a new one, remember that any items that have a plug, use batteries, need charging or have a picture of a crossed-out wheeled bin on, are known as Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and whilst these can be recycled they must NOT be placed in any bin as they are a fire hazard. They should be recycled at recycling centres in the WEEE skips or via electrical retailers.

What to do with batteries?

With Christmas comes lots of toys and gadgets that need batteries!

 **Used batteries can be recycled but must NOT be placed in any bin as they can cause a fire!**

South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Council can collect them if they are placed in a bag on top of your blue recycling bin.

You can also drop them off at your local recycling points in many shops and supermarkets, or even your nearest household recycling centre.

Use the postcode finder to find convenient battery recycling points near where you live: www.recycle-now.com/recycle-an-item/batteries



Have yourself a waste free Christmas

Research shows that annual food waste costs a four-person household in the UK around £1,000 per year in food bought but not eaten. More than 6 million tonnes of food and drink was thrown away at home each year.

It is easy to go overboard when doing the Christmas food shop but here are a few top tips for preventing food waste this Christmas:

Turkey

Poultry is seventh in the top 10 most wasted foods in the UK.

The main reason for poultry waste is prepared, cooked, served too much and most of the waste is made up from meat from whole birds. Most poultry waste is chicken but at Christmas it's all about turkey, and the problem is the same. So, it's important to use up those leftovers.

Any kind of leftovers (apart from rice, which is strictly one day) can be stored in the fridge for up to two days. The chances are there's going to be a lot more left over from a Christmas turkey than from a usual Sunday roast, so freezing leftover cooked meat is useful – and perfectly safe. If you're going to freeze your leftover cooked turkey, it should be done as soon as possible.

You can even make stock from the carcass of the turkey – see: bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-to-make-turkey-stock

Whether cooked from frozen or fresh, you can use the leftovers to make a new meal, for example, a curry, which can then be frozen.

There are only two safe ways to defrost raw or cooked meat/poultry in the fridge or using the microwave on the defrost setting directly before cooking/heating.

The rule to remember is to only re-heat once.

Potatoes

The humble potato is the UK's most wasted food. Potatoes should be stored in the fridge (Food Standards Agency (FSA) advice). They can be cut into cubes and frozen to get ahead of the Christmas rush. It's best to 'open freeze' on a tray and then transfer to an airtight container. This is so they don't all stick together, and you can take out as many as you need when you come to roast them – straight from the freezer. Alternatively you can buy frozen roasties, all ready to go.

Frozen veg - Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots

There are a few options for veg. You can buy fresh, starch and freeze or buy frozen. Swapping fresh foods for frozen options will reduce food waste, because it lasts for months and you can use as much as you need when you need it. Frozen vegetables can be cooked from frozen.

Mince pies

Did you know that the UK consumes approximately 175 million mince pies at Christmas, with around 75 million being wasted during the Christmas season in the UK.

Wasted mince pies contribute to a significant amount of packaging waste, including 175 tonnes of aluminium foil.

"More than 6 million tonnes of food and drink was thrown away at home each year"

If you've some leftovers here are two recipes to use them up!



Braised Sprouts and Chicken Soup

Ingredients:

- 25g butter
- 1 bag rapeseed oil
- 1 red onion, peeled and sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 cm root ginger, finely sliced
- 700g Brussels Sprouts, trimmed
- 700ml vegetable stock
- A handful thyme
- 100g chicken, skinned
- Salt and pepper
- Sourd cream

Instructions:

1. Melt the butter in a saucepan with the oil. Add the onion, garlic and ginger. Fry for 5 minutes on a medium heat or until the onion is softening.
2. Add the sprouts. Fry for a few minutes, stirring well.
3. Add the stock and thyme. Simmer, with a lid on for 20 minutes.
4. Blitz with a hand-held blender or food processor.
5. Add in the chicken. Stir well until melted.
6. Add the cream and season to taste. Adjust with a little salt if needed.



Stuffed Bread

Ingredients:

- 225g white bread flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 10g fresh yeast
- 110ml water
- 1 tsp olive oil

Filling:

- 40g soft cheese (cheddar or cheddar)
- 25g cheddar, 25g cheddar or other soft cheese
- 2 rashers cooked soft cheese (bacon)

Instructions:

1. Grease a baking sheet.
2. In a bowl mix together the flour and salt. In a jug mix together the yeast, water and oil. Pour into the flour and form a dough.
3. Knead on a floured surface for 10 minutes. Place a little oil into the bowl. Place the dough into the bowl and cover, leave to rise for 1 hour.
4. Knock back and flatten the dough into a rough rectangle. Sprinkle with the cheddar and bacon. Fold two to three times and roll again, roll and roll again.
5. Cut three diagonal slashes and gently stretch the dough. Place on the baking sheet and leave to rise for 30 minutes.
6. Preheat the oven to 220°C Gas 7. Brush the bread with a little oil and bake for 20 minutes or until golden.

Ferry Project



The recipes above are written by Alison Crouch from the Ferry Project Cookery School. To see more of their videos recipes with video guides scan the QR code.

www.ferryproject.org.uk/cookery-school

Want more recipe ideas?

A new menu inspired recipe sheet from Chef, Alison Crouch. Scan the QR code to view the recipe sheet.

www.westlandcrown.co.uk



Christmas at your local Household Recycling Centre

Waste in the UK rises by over 30% during the festive season, and much of it ends up at Household Recycling Centres.

Before visiting your local recycling centre please: **Sort your waste!** Flatten your cardboard! And remember that Christmas trees will be recycled into soil improver.

Recycle your fairy lights and other waste electricals, including batteries



*We are **open every day** except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Sites close at 1pm on Christmas Eve and 4pm on New Years Eve.

*Please check the website below for opening times



www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/recycling_centres



SECOND CHANCE
UNIFORM SHOP

A vibrant community hub
and big island from Gilbert
RBT Art Centre CIC

GIVE SCHOOL UNIFORM A SECOND CHANCE!

SWAP: Swap school uniform for different sizes/items	DONATE: Donate good quality spare school uniforms	TAKE: Need school uniform - take what you need
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Monday - Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-4pm

Root and Rise, Queensgate Upper Level
(Between New Look/Primark)

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE - ONE UNIFORM AT A TIME!

8 - We will be launching our very own 'Preloved Plaza' (new shed) on the school playground in the new term. We would encourage you all to use this when your children are growing out of their uniform clothes. Why not 'swap' a preloved top for the next size up! If you have any unwanted uniform please drop it into the school office at anytime.



Monday 5th January 2026 is a staff training day.

Term starts for ALL children on Tuesday 6th January 2026



9 - This is the last official newsletter of 2025, but there will be other bits of information sent out via Dojo next week, so please check in regularly for any last minute updates.

Thankyou