

Newsletter

08.12.23



Year 5 and Year 6 meet a real author

On Tuesday morning, Year 6 had an exciting visitor. The author, Safiya Ahmed, came in to talk to us about reading and she loves the subject History! She gave us our own signed copy of her book (called Rosie Raja - Churchill's Spy), a book mark and some challenges to solve! She talked to us about how she used to be a Member of Parliament and how she became an author. Safiya taught us some interesting facts and some top tips for writing. Safiya answered all of our questions. We really enjoyed having her in our school. We are very grateful to Booktrust for organising this visit.



Dates for your diary

Tickets for all Christmas performances will be available from next Monday. See page 4

Tue 12th Dec

KS1 children deliver Christmas cards to local key workers & businesses

Thu 14th Dec

Christmas Fair starts at 2pm

Fri 15th Dec

Y6 last swimming session

w/c Mon 18th Dec

Christmas performances: please check page 3 for details

Thu 21st Dec

Wear your Christmas jumper—it's time for Christmas party and Christmas dinner

Fri 22nd Dec

School finishes at 1.30pm for Christmas holidays



School Dinners

This is the menu for school lunches next week. We are unable to provide alternative meals.

Monday

Burger/Sausage in bap or Tomato mascarpone pasta

Tuesday

Curry & rice or Tando Pizza

Wednesday

Roast Dinner or Macaroni Cheese

Thursday

Chicken pot pie or Tomato pasta

Friday

Pizza or Fish

The cost of school dinners is:

£2.40 per day OR £12.00 per week

Parents who pay for their child's school dinners should pay directly to the office staff. Payments can be made either by cash or cheque.

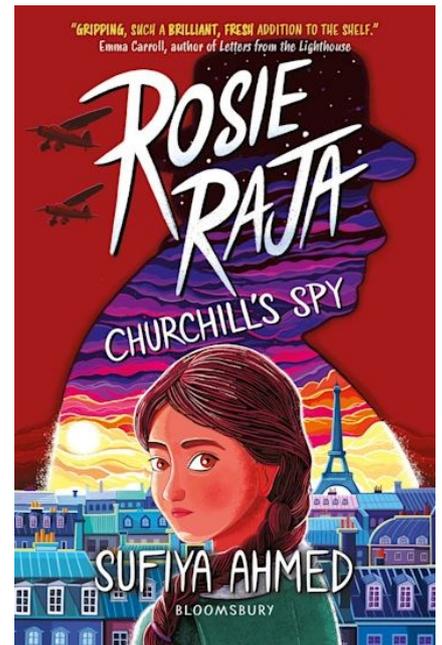


On Tuesday afternoon, Safiya visited Year 5.

This is a review of Safiya's book.

A thrilling and empowering WWII adventure about the French resistance and their British allies, with a determined, Muslim heroine. Perfect for fans of Michael Morpurgo and Emma Carroll, and those looking for diverse historical fiction.

July, 1941. Rosina Raja is half-Indian and half-English. She has always lived in India, so when her mother passes away and she moves to England (where it rains all the time) she is miserable and doesn't have any friends. Life changes dramatically for Rosie when she discovers that her army captain father is actually a spy for the British government. She can't bear to be left behind so she stows away in his plane. Finding herself in occupied France, Rosie is soon drawn into the struggle against the Nazis. With new allies and new enemies at every turn, she must help her father complete his mission, and more importantly, make sure they both get home alive.

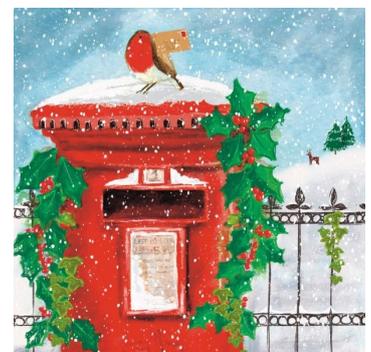


CHRISTMAS POST BOX OPENING

for Christmas card deliveries from Monday 4th Dec

Remember to write first name, surname and year group of person you want to send your card to on the envelope.

The postbox will be in the hall.



SAVE THESE DATES!

NON-UNIFORM DAY for CHRISTMAS FAIR

on Friday 8th December
bring items for tombola!



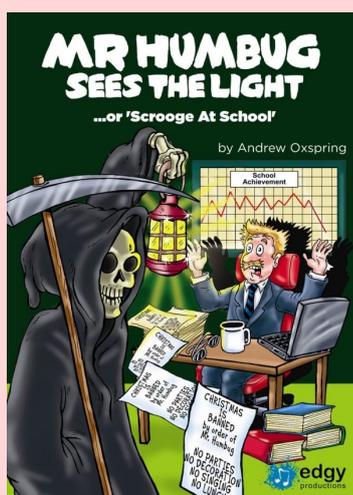
CHRISTMAS FAIR

starts 2pm on
Thursday 14th December

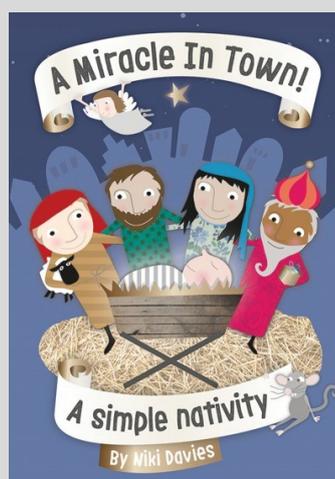
Christmas Fair



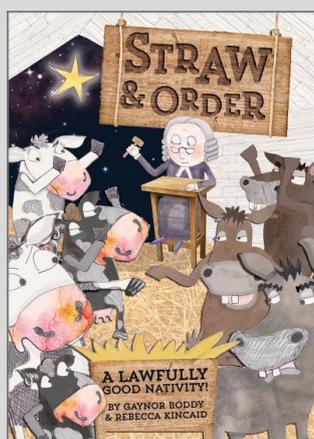
Key Stage 2 Performances
on Tuesday 19th December at 2pm
and 6pm



Reception and Nursery Christmas
Performance on Wednesday 20th
December at 2pm



Key Stage 1 Performance on
Wednesday 20th December at 6pm



Wear your Christmas jumper for
Christmas party & Christmas dinner
on Thursday 21st December



Deck the Hall!

Thanks to the Craft Club and staff for decorating the Christmas tree and then decking the hall yesterday after school. The hall looks amazing!

Christmas Fair Update

Thanks for all the decorated jam jars that have already been made and for your tombola donations today. We are busy getting ready for next Thursday afternoon's Christmas Fair. This starts at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there!



Get your Christmas Performance Tickets!

Christmas performance tickets will be available from Monday! Tickets cost £1 each. Initially, each family will be allocated 2 tickets for each performance their child/children are part of.

Tickets will be sold from EYFS, KS1 and KS2 entrances at both the start and end of the school day when parents pick up and drop off. Remember to buy your tickets then!



On Wednesday Y5 took part in three zoom sessions about World War 2 with Mr. Mackenzie. The children learnt about life in Britain. They learnt about why everyone had gas masks, the bombing raids across the country and where people sheltered during the raids. The children were surprised that even now about 5 unexploded bombs from World War 2 are discovered every week. There were about 100 times more bombs dropped over Britain than in Germany.

The children explained that the Germans bombed ships that were bringing food to Britain in order to starve the British people so they would surrender. They knew that the port of Liverpool was very heavily bombed because of this. Ration books were introduced to make sure that everyone could buy some food. Even sweets were rationed!

Mr. Mackenzie's Mum was German. When she was 8 years old, the air raid siren went off and all her class had to leave their classroom and go in to the air raid shelter. The air raid shelter was hit by a bomb. All the children were killed except for Mr. Mackenzie's Mum. When she was older, Mr Mackenzie's Mum and her brother joined the Hitler Youth. They did lots of activities like swimming and football. When they were in the Hitler Youth they were brainwashed to believe in the things that Hitler believed. His uncle became a German soldier. He ended up in a prisoner of war camp in England and did not return home to Germany until 3 years after the war had ended.

Year 5 were really engaged with Mr. Mackenzie's sessions. They learnt both about certain aspects of life during the war both in Britain and Germany. This really made them think about the impact of war in both countries.

Absence Procedure

When you know your child is off school ill please call and leave us a message. Then we know why your child is not in school.

When your child is not in school, the office staff will:

- send a text message to remind parents that school needs to know why your child is absent.
- make a phone call when they have not yet heard back from you.
- ask Mrs. Peake to make a home visit.

When you receive a text from school you can either reply to the text we have sent you OR just give us a ring.

Contacting School

The school office is open from 8.30am.
Please leave a message on the answer phone before 8.30am. A member of staff will phone you back when

Are you a parent looking for a Reception place for your child to start school in September 2024?

Come and take a look around our school and see what we can offer you and your child.



You can contact us by email or phone to organise a mutually convenient time & date to come for a tour.

We are looking forward to meeting you!

head@weststreet.lancs.sch.uk
01282 865840

IMPORTANT for Nursery parents

ONLY 1 MONTH LEFT.....

Primary school admissions for 2024 are now open: If your child is in their last year of nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do. You will receive an email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 15 January 2024.



A massive well done and congratulations to our learners and readers of the week!!

GREAT JOB - You have earned 10 Dojo points!

THANK YOU to all those parents who joined us for this morning's Celebration Assembly to see your child receive an award.



Readers of the Week

- Year R** **Ethan** for improved concentration and excellent progress with his writing and phonics
- Year 1** **Victor** for being very confident when reading his lines in the Nativity play
- Year 2** **Jaxson** for his improved retrieval skills
- Year 3** **Skyla** for beautiful expressive reading in our English lessons and a growing confidence in
- Year 4** **Macey** for learning her lines for the Christmas play and using good expression when practising
- Year 5** **Katie** for starting to read more regularly at home and becoming a more enthusiastic reader
- Year 6** **Hamza** for stepping up to have a main part in the Christmas play

Learners of the Week

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| Year R Stanley for being a super role model in class and always trying his best | Cleo for great enthusiasm when learning our Christmas play songs |
| Year 1 Theo for staying focused and ready to learn | Brody for working really hard with his letter formation |
| Year 2 Shania for becoming increasingly independent with her work | Sansa for being an excellent role model for behaviour |
| Year 3 Jacob for growing in confidence, always contributing his ideas and being a superstar in science | Novagh for another FANTASTIC week, producing amazing work, contributing fantastic ideas and always smiling |
| Year 4 Ryan for always having a positive attitude and making everyone smile | Finley for writing a great diary entry and inferring the characters' thoughts and feelings |
| Year 5 Lily R for challenging herself in every lesson | Lottie for her amazing diary entry with lots of emotion and brilliant vocabulary |
| Year 6 Abdullah for making so much progress in his assessments | Charlie for putting 100% effort in to his assessments |

