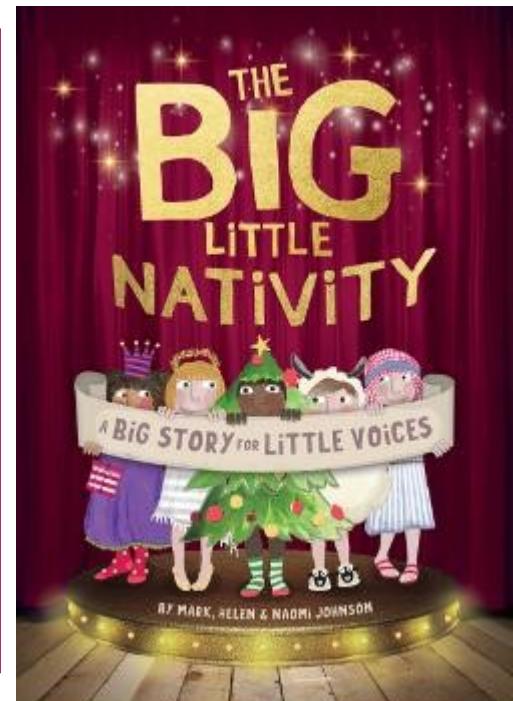


## The BIG Little Nativity!

What a wonderful performance we enjoyed this week! Our Reception and Year 1 pupils brought the Christmas story to life with such enthusiasm and joy, whilst our Year 2 children beautifully guided us through the narrative as our talented narrators.

The magic was truly amplified by our KS2 choir, whose voices filled the school hall with the spirit of the season. Behind the scenes, Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Allen, Miss Richardson and Mrs Dowding worked tirelessly in the wings, ensuring every child shone in their moment, whilst Mrs Clark's expert choreography and musical direction brought the whole production together seamlessly. We were also fortunate to have had Mr Brundritt lending his technical expertise to create the perfect lighting for our little stars.

The BIG, Little Nativity was indeed a truly magical show - a wonderful reminder of what makes our school community so special. Well done to all our performers and a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made it possible!



## CHOIR CONCERTS – A WONDERFUL WEEK OF PERFORMANCES

Our choir has had a truly busy and successful week, performing at two fantastic Christmas concerts!

### **Spirit of Christmas Concert – St Mary's Church**

On Saturday 6th December, our children performed beautifully at the Spirit of Christmas concert at St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden. The children sang wonderfully, particularly impressing the audience with their performances of 'The Cat and Mouse Carol' and 'A Christmas Blessing', which they delivered confidently from memory. Mrs Clark and Mrs Johnson were in attendance and were incredibly proud of how well the children represented the school. Thank you to all the parents and chaperones who supported the event.

### **SWCHS Concert – Saffron Hall**

On Thursday 11th December, the choir took to the stage at Saffron Hall for the Saffron Walden Choral Society's Christmas concert. Mrs Clark and Mrs Allen accompanied the children and were delighted with their professional approach to rehearsal and their enthusiastic, skilful performances. It was a wonderful experience for them to perform in such a prestigious venue alongside the adult choir.

A huge well done to all our choir members for their hard work, dedication, and outstanding performances. You have made us all very proud! Thank you also to all the parents for ensuring the children arrived on time, in full uniform, and well-prepared for both events. Finally, a big thank you to all the staff who helped organise, attended, and supported these wonderful concerts – your dedication and support made both events a great success.



## Santa Dash

We were delighted to welcome Carron from the USSP this week, who led our pupils in a festive Santa Dash activity. The children had a brilliant time getting active whilst embracing the Christmas spirit, and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and energy throughout the session. A big thank you to Carron for organising such an enjoyable experience for our pupils!



## Christmas Lunch

What a wonderful celebration we had at this year's Christmas lunch! Mrs Henry worked tirelessly in the kitchen, preparing a magnificent feast that delighted everyone. The hall looked absolutely spectacular, thanks to Mr O'Sullivan's creative decorating skills, which truly brought the festive spirit to life.

Our honoured guests were treated to a memorable afternoon, made possible by the dedication of our entire staff team, who all pitched in to help serve and ensure everything ran smoothly. It was heartwarming to see everyone come together to create such a special occasion.

A huge thank you to Mrs Henry, Mr O'Sullivan, and all our staff for their hard work and generosity of spirit. This is what our community is all about!



## Attendance Winners of the Autumn Term!



Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in your child's academic success and personal development. Each day at school offers unique learning opportunities, social interactions and experiences that cannot be replicated at home. When children attend consistently, they build strong relationships with teachers and peers, develop essential life skills and maintain the momentum needed to master complex concepts.

Missing school, even occasionally, can create gaps in learning that compound over time. Children who attend regularly achieve better grades, develop confidence and stay engaged with their education. Beyond academics, school provides a structured environment where children learn vital social skills and teamwork abilities.

**Congratulations to Saturn Class for having the highest attendance last week!** As our attendance winners, they will enjoy an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a reward for their excellent commitment to being in school every day.

We encourage all families to prioritise school attendance and to contact us early if challenges arise. Together, we can ensure every child has the best possible chance to thrive and reach their full potential.

**Jupiter Class: 93.4%**

**Saturn Class: 97.1%**

**Mercury Class: 91.3%**

**Mars Class: 93%**

**Dog of the Year!**

**Please Vote!**

### Ways to vote:

- ✓ Scan the QR Code
- ✓ Click on the link below
- ✓ Click on Jaffle's photo on the homepage of our school website!

**THANKS SO MUCH!!**

[Dog of the Year 2025 - Su Kaye Photography](#)



## RECEPTION APPLICATIONS OPEN!!



**Apply from 10th November 2025—15th January 2026**

**Please spread the news to parents with children starting reception September 2026**

**Link to apply:**

[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

## Cheerleader Success!!!



We are thrilled to announce that our Year 2 children have been crowned Cheerleading Winners against many other schools across the area – an incredible achievement for their very first competition!

We are equally proud of our Year 5 and 6 team, who also competed for the first time this year against fierce competitors who have been taking part since KS1. Both teams faced stiff competition and showed tremendous courage, dedication, and skill.

Well done to all our cheerleaders – you've made us immensely proud! Watch them in action: [Ashdon Primary School](#) | [Ashdon Primary](#) | [Ashdon, Saffron Walden CB10 2HB, UK](#)

## Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

- \* **Monday 5th January 2026 - Start of Spring Term 1**
- \* **Thursday 12th February - End of Spring Term 1**
- \* **Friday 13th February - Non-pupil Day**

### Welcome Back Mrs Collins!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Collins will be returning to school on **Monday, 12th January** following her maternity leave. Mrs Collins will be teaching Mars class every Monday, and we couldn't be happier to have her back with us. She has been greatly missed by staff and pupils alike, and we know the children will be thrilled to see her again. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Collins back and wish her well as she settles back into school life. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Mrs Reynecke-Raybould

### Playground Christmas Magic in Ashdon

This week, the children at Ashdon have shown us that Christmas spirit needs little more than imagination and teamwork. With nothing but sticks from the playground and a traffic cone, our pupils created their very own Christmas tree – a wonderful example of resourcefulness and creativity in action.

What started as a simple idea quickly blossomed as children gathered materials and worked together to build their festive creation. The real magic came when several pupils brought decorations from home – shiny bits and bobs that transformed their makeshift tree into something truly special.

It's moments like these that remind us why we do what we do. When children take initiative, collaborate spontaneously, and create something meaningful from the simplest of materials, they're learning far more than any lesson plan could teach.

Well done to all the children involved – you've brought a touch of homemade Christmas joy to the playground, and inspired us all in the process.



### **Jupiter Class getting ready for Christmas Time!!!!**



# Uniform for 2025-2026

Trousers	Navy Blue
Shorts	Navy Blue (Smart)
Skirts	Navy Blue
Pinafore	Navy Blue
Polo Shirt	Light Blue
Jumpers	Navy Blue
Cardi-gans	Navy Blue
Sweat-shirt	Navy Blue
Summer Dress	Blue & White Check
School Shoes	Black (No Trainers/no boots)
P.E Kit Winter	Navy Sweatshirt & Tracksuit Bottoms
P.E Kit Summer	Navy Polo Shirt and Navy Blue Shorts
P.E Shoes	Black Plimsolls or Black trainers
Swim-ming Kit	Swimsuit (girls) Swimming Trunks (boy) Swimming hat Pool will not allow boys wearing long swimming trunks Towel
Hair Accessorie s	Blue, white or black only
Jewel- lery	Earrings: small studs only Watch



A huge thank you to parents and carers who have made sure that our lovely pupils are wearing the correct uniform. They look lovely and so smart! Please make sure that your children also have the correct P.E. kit as we will be doing lots of exercises! Also make sure that you take out earrings on P.E. days. Jupiter Class parents and carers, please make sure that your child has a P.E. kit as well as a swimming kit ready. Thanks :-)