



Yaxham Church of England (VA) Primary School  
Clint Green, Yaxham, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1RU  
Tel. 01362 692033

e-mail: [office@yaxham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@yaxham.norfolk.sch.uk)  
[www.yaxhamprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.yaxhamprimaryschool.co.uk)

Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Müller  
Chair of Governors: Mrs Michelle Parnell

20th December 2021

Dear Parents,

Apologies for the delayed newsletter, with such a hectic week of celebrations time ran away with me! It has been a wonderful end to term. I finally managed to sit down and enjoy the recording of Whoops-A-Daisy, Angel, I think you will agree, they are all stars! Thank you so much to Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Saunders for their hard work.



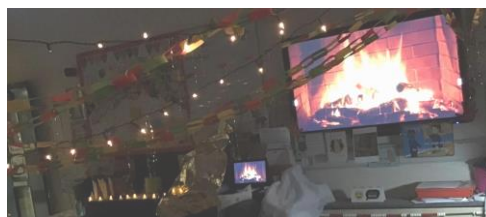
We were lucky enough to enjoy two pantomimes in school this week! The Norfolk Institute of Performing Arts kindly came to us and performed Cinderella. Then we enjoyed a live streaming of the Norfolk Music Hub Pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk. We are really lucky to be able to enjoy these shows without leaving school!



Thanks to the Friends, we enjoyed the disco and then the Christmas party where we had a very special visitor! We really appreciate the work the Friends put in to ensure events like this can go ahead for our children. Through family members working for local supermarkets we were also lucky enough to have donations of food for these events. So a very special

thank you to Tesco, Dereham and to Waitrose, Swaffham for the goodies!

If we weren't in the Christmas spirit already, Book at Bedtime really took us to a whole new



level! It was magical and I know the staff enjoyed it just as much as the children!

We had a very special Carol Service at St Peter's Church, if you haven't seen, there are recordings on Tapestry, the children performed beautifully. Yesterday a small but perfectly formed group of children read at the Village Carol Service, they made me very proud.

I would like to say a very special thank you to all of the staff for their dedication ensuring that children continue to have the very best opportunities in school. It always takes a lot of work but recent times have made everything more challenging, they have been determined throughout to ensure children don't miss out and yet again this Christmas they have managed to make it really special!

Finally, may we thank you all for your ongoing support, kind wishes, cards and gifts. We know how difficult restrictions in schools have been on families, especially at this time of year, but you continue to support all we do and we really appreciate that.

Throughout all of this, the children have continued to work incredibly hard so we couldn't miss out on our final awards before Christmas.

*Special Awards this week:*

### ***Hedgehog Class***

*Jack for being a good friend and always doing the right thing*

*All of Hedgehogs for their hard work and wonderful performance in the Nativity*

### ***Badger Class***

*Mabel for always contributing and being such a hard worker*

### ***Fox Class***

*Indigo for making exceptional progress in her reading*





### ***Book of the Week***

*Saskia managed to pick another of my favourites this week, The Owl who was afraid of the dark. If you haven't read this, we really recommend it! George has been picked out for next time but we will have to wait until the new year for his recommendation!*

### ***Writer of the Week***

*Harriett for her lovely Snowman story and Ellie-Mai for her fabulous poetry.*



I cannot finish without reference to the current situation! We expect there to be some form of update to school guidance ready for the new term. I will update you on any changes to the risk assessments before children return to school on Thursday 6th January. Until then, we wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy new year!

Jennie Müller

Headteacher

### **Dates for your Diary:**

Children return to school Thursday 6th January 2022 (Please note this includes an additional day in lieu of the bank holiday in June 2022)

End of half term 11th February 2022

Children return to school 21st February 2022

End of Spring term 1st April 2022

Children return to school 20th April 2022

School Closed Bank holiday 2nd May 2022

End of half term 27th May 2022

Children return to school 6th June 2022

End of Summer term 22nd July 2022