



**Polesden Lacey  
Infant School**

# Newsletter – No. 11 22nd November 2024

## Message from Ms. Mole

This half term we have a couple of themes for assembly. The first is the music of The Beatles and the second is having a Growth Mind-set with a focus on being resilient. So far the children have enjoyed many of The Beatles most famous hits, soon we will be learning more about the people who made up the band and how they changed the music scene back in the 1960s. This week we introduced the idea of having a Growth Mind-set and how it differs to a fixed mind-set. Next week we will be thinking about the power of 'Yet'. The idea that we all learn things and although we can't do something at the moment, doesn't mean we can't do it in the future, we just can't do it 'yet'. Try adding the word to something you are learning and see how it changes your perception of the challenge ahead of you.

Can I also draw your attention to the Forest School research that one of our parents is undertaking, see article on page 2 of the Newsletter. If you haven't already done so, can we please ask you to take a few minutes to complete the survey and share your views. The link for this can be found below.

Have a lovely weekend, Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

## Star of Week

**Rabbits:** **Jessica Cody** for continuously working to improve her blending skills—super reading Jess!!

**Squirrels:** **Ava S** for working so hard in maths this week when exploring subtraction fact families.

**Badgers:** **Evie** for always trying your best and being a wonderful role-model for others!



## Values Star of the week

**Rabbits:** **Rafe** for demonstrating a curious attitude towards our light and dark topic—great questions!

**Squirrels:** **Finn** for being curious in his learning when he found a book in the library linked to our RE topic.

**Badgers:** **Ralph** for being courageous and taking on challenges in your maths learning!

## Forest School Star of the Week

**Rabbits:** **Stanley** for being brilliantly enthusiastic and remembering all our animal facts!

**Squirrels:** **Seth** for showing excitement and curiosity during our animal facts hunt and good team work!

**Badgers:** **Ben** for always putting in your best effort and attention to all our Forest School activities.

## NUMBOTS Star of the Week

Rabbits: Lettice

Squirrels: Rory

Badgers: Mia



**Attendance Cup: Badgers**

## Social Media

Don't forget to look at our school facebook page for more photo's and information about things going on at school.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PolesdenLaceyInfantSchool>



Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/polesdenlaceyinfant>



## Reminder—An exciting opportunity to be help with research into the impact of Forest School

One of our parents is undertaking research around Forest School, as part of her studies and she would like to invite the families of Polesden Lacey Infant School to complete a survey to help her with the research. Any adult members of the family, who spend time with their Polesden Lacey Infant School child (grandchild, niece or nephew, child minder child) on a regular basis can complete the questionnaire. The questionnaire should take approximately 7 minutes to complete and relates to the school's Forest School sessions and nature connection. Closing date is 30th November 2024.

The questionnaire can be accessed either on a laptop/desktop or mobile phone.

The following link will take you to the live survey which will record your responses: [https://qualtricsxmdwcz4smjk.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cBdq5MzDZ0Ry59Q](https://qualtricsxmdwcz4smjk.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cBdq5MzDZ0Ry59Q)

The more data that she is able to collect the greater insight she will have on the themes she is exploring, so please do click on the link and complete the survey.

## Reminder— Book Recommendations

We would like to feature a book recommendation in the Newsletter each week. If your child has a favourite book, fiction, non-fiction or poetry, please let us know and share a short message about why they like it so much. We will then pick a recommendation for each week that you might like to read.

Please send book recommendations to the office email address;

[office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey,sch.uk](mailto:office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey,sch.uk).



## Christmas Performances

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas performances.

This year there are three dates, one for Reception and two for KS1. We are aware that some parents will wish to attend more than one show as they have children in different classes, this is absolutely fine. NB. The show for KS1 will be exactly the same on both dates but has been split to allow more room for parents at each show. We will not be issuing tickets this year but are restricting numbers to no more than 2 people per family per performance. **We request that you do not bring siblings, unless they are one of your two tickets.**

The Reception's Nativity will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 9.00 am to 9.30 am (approximately).

The Year 1 show (which includes the Year 2 children) will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 9.00am to 9.45am approximately.

The Year 2 show (which includes Year 1 children) will take place on Thursday 19th December starting at 9.00am to 9.45am approximately.



If Year 1 & 2 parents are not able to attend on the date allocated for your child's class performance there is capacity for you to attend on the alternative date. All we ask is that you let the school office know so that we can put out the correct number of chairs. (The show for both dates is exactly the same)

*Please keep an eye inside your child's book bag for letters providing costume details, song lists and words to learn. (Costumes for year 1 & 2 will simply consist of a specific coloured t-shirt along with PE tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls). These will be coming home over the course of the next couple of weeks.*



## Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day – 18th December

On the 18th December the school catering team will be serving up a delicious festive Christmas lunch. We've also chosen this day as our Christmas Jumper day, where children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper, full Christmas outfit, or their own weekend clothes. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 per child, which will be collected on the day.



## Message from the Friends

The most wonderful time of the year is just around the corner, and we're bursting with excitement to spill the festive beans on the Christmas plans!

### Friday 6th December – Santa's Grotto and Christmas Crafts in the classroom

Santa's gearing up for a grand entrance on the 6th! He'll be strolling down the school driveway, spreading cheer and joy to our little ones before retreating to his super-secret Library Grotto! During the morning, the children will visit Father Christmas in small groups with their classmates and receive a special gift. When not popping into the Grotto the children will be making Christmas decorations and crafts with parent volunteers and their classmates in the Festive Making Morning.

Thank you so much to those who have already volunteered to help with these events, we really couldn't do it without you! There are still a couple of spots left if you're able to spare any time on the afternoon of the 5<sup>th</sup> December to set up the grotto, or in Badger class for Movie night (10<sup>th</sup> December) - you can sign up here if you're able to help - <https://volunteersignup.org/3DYA9>

### Tuesday 10th December – Christmas Movie Night

The children can stay after school to enjoy a festive film in the classroom with popcorn and a drink. Rabbits should be picked up at 4pm and Squirrels and Badgers should be collected at 4.15pm. If your child usually does after school club on a Tuesday, they can either go into after school club once the film has finished or they can be picked up.

### What you need to do please - Signing up for the Christmas activities

To provide as magical an experience as possible for the children, and to continue our fundraising, we do ask for your financial donations towards these events, please. We have kept these as low as we possibly can in order to cover costs and continue to try to meet our fundraising targets. Tickets for each event is £5 and you can pay through our online platform - just click "buy tickets" and then select how many tickets you'd like for each:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/christmas-at-polesden-lacey-infants-2024>

By making your donation through the payment link above you are giving permission for your child to take part in the activities on 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December. As children will be staying after school and we will offer them popcorn and a drink, your permission for this is essential. As such, please ensure the permission form below is also completed:

<https://forms.gle/ppNZcMqWKwR3AT4f7>

If you prefer not to make online payments, please leave cash in an envelope with the school office and write the name of your child, their class and what it's for on the front.

We understand that the suggested donation could be a stretch at this time of year for some families, if this is the case for you, please speak to the office, Ms Mole, or your child's class teacher. We're here to make the season merry for everyone, and if you'd like your child to be involved, no child will ever be excluded from taking part in any Friends' activity.

### Easyfundraising

And finally... we wanted to remind you about easyfundraising, a free and easy way that you can support the fundraising efforts for our school. Over 7,500 brands will donate to Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School at no extra cost to you, allowing you to raise donations when you shop online. Please see the link below for more details:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?>

[char=206787&invite=52j5ox&referral-campaign=s2s&utm\\_campaign=refCROtest](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=206787&invite=52j5ox&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest)



## Dates For Your Diary

### School Events:

6th December—Christmas Making Morning & Santa's Grotto

11th December—Reception Class Christmas Performance—after drop off

12th December—Rock Steady Concert—10am—for parents and carers of children that attend Rock Steady

17th December—KS1 Christmas Performance—after drop off

18th December—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

19th December—KS1 Christmas Performance—after drop off

20th December—Last day of term—school finishes at 1pm.



### Spring Term 1

6th January 25—Inset Day

7th January — Children return

22nd January—Puppet Show—all classes (pm)

27th January— Bird Watching Week

28th January— Year 2 trip to Woking Mosque—more information to follow

11th February—Year 1 trip to North West Surrey Synagogue

13th February—Little City visiting Reception (am)

17th February—21st February—Half Term—school closed

24th February—all children return to school

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### Friends Events:

Santa's Grotto – Friday 6 December 2024

Making Morning – Friday 6 December 2024

Christmas Movie Night – Tuesday 10 December 2024

Christmas jumper day – Wednesday 18th December

**Vineries Christmas Tree Voucher**

Once again, the Vineries Garden Centre are offering 10% off Christmas Trees purchased from them with this voucher, plus a 50p donation, per tree bought, to our school. A mobile phone downloaded image of the voucher will be accepted.

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**THE VINERIES GARDEN CENTRE. LOWER ROAD. EFFINGHAM. KT24 5JP**

**CHRISTMAS TREE VOUCHER  
ON PRODUCTION OF THIS VOUCHER 2024**

**50p WILL BE DONATED TO .....Polesden Lacey Infant School ..... SCHOOL FUND**



**10% OFF**



**YOUR CUT CHRISTMAS TREE WITH THIS  
VOUCHER**

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