

# CHURCH LAWTON

## December 2021

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Schools are a wonderful place to be at Christmas time and Church Lawton is definitely in the Christmas spirit. We began our festivities at the start of December with our Christmas Fair. We were over-whelmed by the generous donations you all sent in towards the raffle and stalls. We were able to offer some amazing prizes which added to the Christmassy atmosphere. We had such a great turn out for the fair. It was fantastic to see so many of you joining us for the occasion and enjoying time to chat and meet with other families. Thank you so much for all your support. We will be planning more events in the New Year to give us chance to safely come together.

We continued with the Christmas theme on our Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day. In the morning we had some very special visitors to school, Jesus the donkey and Willow the owl, bringing gifts for the students. It was a lovely calm experience for the students and staff, meeting the animals and having a cuddle! At lunchtime each key stage of the school came together in the hall and dining room to enjoy socialising, pulling crackers, telling jokes and having their Christmas lunch. Mrs Castle worked her way round filming groups of students and staff, dancing and singing along to 'Rocking around the Christmas Tree,' Mrs Castle has used her skills in photography to edit it all together to produce this year's Christmas video which we will share with the students in assembly. Next time we have an event in school we will see if we can have it on show for parents as well.

Other highlights from this term have been the increase in trips and visits out of school that we have been able to facilitate for the students. Primary and Middle School students have continued their weekly swimming lessons at our local leisure centres. Students have made fantastic progress towards swimming 25 metres and keeping themselves safe in the water. We have had Art trips to the canal and to a local garden centre's aquatic department to inspire sketching and water colours. Our QOL Life Skills groups have also been out and about in the local area. Some groups have been out walking to learn about road safety and as part of their travel training. Other groups have been to local shops and a café to practise ordering items, using money and learning valuable independent living skills. We will be continuing with these activities next term. Many of our families have been asked to apply for a bus pass so that we can extend the travel training and use local buses and learn to read bus timetables.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, one of my favourite times of the day is walking round school in the morning and seeing all the pupils in their classes. So many smiling faces and children happy to be in school enjoying learning with their friends. We have welcomed a number of new students to Church Lawton recently and will have more new friends joining us in the New Year. Sadly, one of our longest standing members of staff, Miss Stark, will be moving on to pastures new in the New Year. We bid her a fond farewell and wish her all the very best in her new role.

It has been an absolute pleasure to lead the school alongside Mrs Clegg whilst Mr Scales has been working with other schools and the Education Directorate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Clegg for all her hard work and to all the staff for supporting us this term. As we move into the New Year, Mrs Clegg and I will look forward to continuing to progress and improve Church Lawton School in our roles as Deputy Principals. Hopefully we will continue to be in school, safe and achieving the very best that we all can.

Please all have a fantastic Christmas holiday and we wish you a peaceful and happy 2022.

**Karen Woodall**  
Interim Principal





Here are some of the topics for classes and subjects for the first half term after Christmas so you can begin some preparations, research or reading if you wish over the holidays.

Karen Woodall, Interim Principal

Class	Subject and topic area.
Churchill Primary	Maths - Measure, time / time words Science - Everyday materials History - Significant people including Florence Nightingale/Mary Seacole Art therapy and winter songs in music
Franklin Primary	Maths- Fractions, time and data, shape space and measurements English- Poetry, playscripts, recounts Science- Rocks and Plants Humanities- Significant people, London, Easter.
Thompson and Darwin Middle School	English: Theme park project, Maths: Measures, core skills, data handling Geography: Coasts RE: Sikhism Art: Matisse Science: Reproduction
English	Gamma: Non- Fiction, Leaflets & leisure texts Delta: Non-Fiction - Entry Level Music topic & writing skills Epsilon: 'Taking a Stand' Viewpoint, argument and persuasive reading & writing Omega: Sport & Music: Non-Fiction Sigma: 'Taking a Stand' Viewpoint, argument and persuasive reading & writing Theta: Crime Genre Pi: 'Taking a Stand' Viewpoint, argument and persuasive reading & writing
Science	Delta and Omega – Electricity, Magnetism & Waves. Gamma – Chemical energy & types of reactions, Climate, Earth's resources, Evolution. Epsilon and Sigma - Cell Biology, Organisation, Quantitative Chemistry, Chemical changes, Energy, Electricity. Theta - Changes to the Earth, Tectonic plates, Rock cycle, Carbon cycle, Greenhouse effect, Weathering, Materials from the Earth, Human choices and solutions, Radiation, Nuclear Fusion and Fission, Generating Electricity. Pi - Energy changes, The rate and extent of chemical change, Organic Chemistry, Chemical analysis, Homeostasis and response, Inheritance, Variation and Evolution.
Maths	Pi – Pythagoras and Trigonometry Theta – Functional Mathematics Omega - Calendars and Time, Units of Measure, STEM race cars Sigma – Sequences, Perimeter and Area Epsilon – Sequences, Linear Graphs Gamma- Measures, Functions and Graphs Delta - Sequences, Basic percentages, area and perimeter
Food Tech	L1 BTEC Food – Home Cooked Comforts L2 BTEC Food – Home Made or Take away ASDAN – Module 3 – Food preparation and presentation.
Life skills	My environment, green issues and household skills.



Topics continued.

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<b>Class</b>	<b>Subject and topic area.</b>
Media Studies	Group 1 (Mrs Sercombe's group) Personal Progression Plan Group 2 (Mrs Hext's group) Audio Production
KS3 Geography Delta, Epsilon & Gamma	Earthquakes, Tsunamis, Volcanoes. Water, Soil and energy resources, Ecosystem Cycles and the Human Effect Acid rain and Global warming, Pollution, Farming and Soil erosion, National Parks
KS4 Geography	Rivers and Human Geography
History	KS3 - Women's suffrage. GCSE - Power and the people: c1170 to the present day
RE	Poverty and Wealth topic across religions and world views.
Computer Science	Programming project- making a game using Scratch programming.
Careers	Job applications and interviews.
PE	Secondary PE – Net and wall games. Middle PE – Net and wall games. Primary – Multi sports – hand-eye co-ordination
Art and Design	Aquatic themed work. Year 2 students - externally set assessed piece.
PSHE Day	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January – Relationships and Sex Education and will be tying in with the Tuesday weekly Quality of Life (QOL) form time sessions.
Adventure Learn- ing	Middle and Primary – Dry Slope Skiing at Festival Park. Secondary Adventure Learning, week beg 14 <sup>th</sup> February – activity to be confirmed.

### **My progress parent meetings**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**





**WOW, what can we say! Thanks to your generous support we raised more money than any other school fundraiser!! The total amount raised was £913.61!**

**Thank you!**

**Thank you to all the parents and carers who baked or purchased cakes and treats for Children in Need. We raised £171.49**

**Thank you!**



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# Further Information

## Free School Meals



Even if you're not sure whether you are eligible or not, we urge you to check, as not only will it benefit your child, it also benefits school.

Whichever local authority you reside in, you can check your eligibility by contacting Cheshire East Local Authority:



Email:

[freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk)



Telephone: 0300 123 5012

## School Calendar - Term Dates 2021-2022

**Spring Term, 1st term** Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Friday 18th February 2022

**Spring Term, 2nd term** Monday 28th February 2022 - Friday 1st April 2022

**My Progress Parent Meetings** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022



**IMPORTANT**

### School Lunches

A polite reminder to please pay for all lunches at the start of the week or on a daily basis. Please do not run up arrears. Lunches currently cost £2.25 a day and can be paid for in cash or cheque (payable to Mellor's Catering Ltd).

Thank you for your support in this.



### Bringing medication into school?

Students needing medication during school hours both Prescribed and Non-Prescribed need to have a permission slip completed by a parent or guardian. Including pain relief.

Please contact your child's key worker or the school office for the consent form.

Medication needs to be handed in to an adult on arrival at school. If your child arrives by taxi please could you ring or email the school to notify us of medication coming into school.

### Attendance

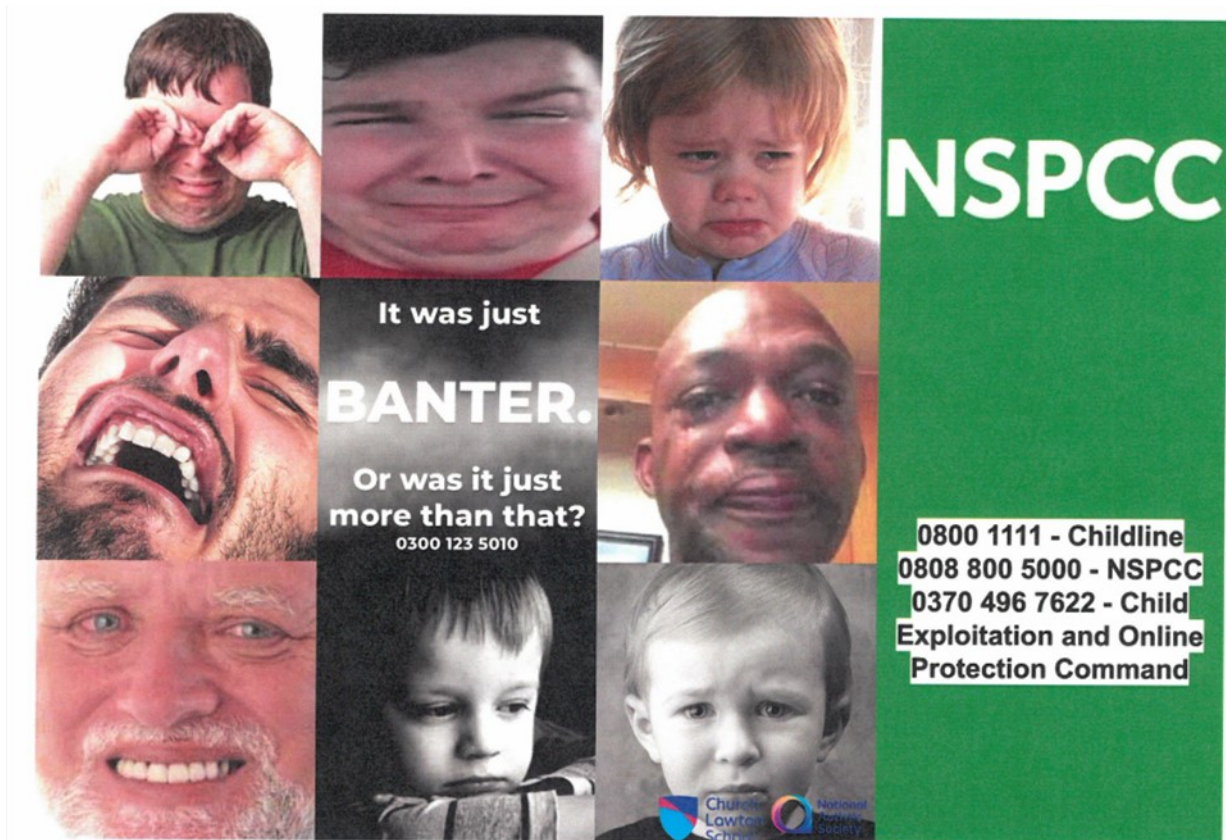
Please telephone school by 8.30 a.m. **every morning** your child is absent, and state the reason for the absence. Where possible, please make any Doctor, Dentist or Medical appointments either before or after school hours. If appointments are during the school day please hand in a copy of your appointment card or letter to the school office, thank you.



# Safeguarding



## Safeguarding - It's everyone's responsibility



by Reece in KS4

This poster was one of the winning entries in our Safeguarding competition.

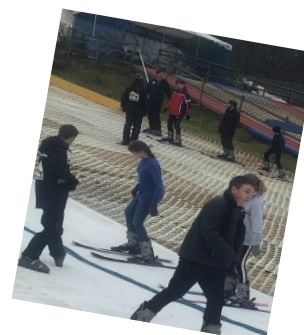
The winners were George in KS2; Aiden in KS3 and Reece in KS4.

# Adventure Learning

We have been continuing our Adventure Learning with Middle and Primary swimming at Knutsford and Crewe Lifestyle Centre. The children have enjoyed this activity and have gained so much confidence in the water.



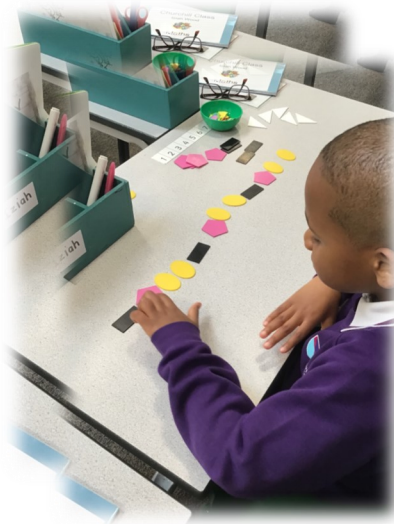
Our secondary KS3 and KS4/5 pupils have enjoyed going to Stoke Ski Centre this half term for our Adventure Learning activity. The children have been taking part in skiing and also tubing. We've had so much fun doing this.....



**Wishing you and your families MERRY CHRISTMAS and see you in 2022**

# Churchill class

In Churchill class we have been learning about the great fire of London and have creating some spectacular artwork. In English we have been learning about nouns and adjectives in our sentences and in Maths we have started to look at shapes.



We have used different methods of creating the fiery scenes of London in 1666, using paint and silhouettes.

Students have enjoyed making representations of 2D and 3D shapes with Knex. Can you spot the shapes in our pictures?



In English we have been looking at nouns and the names of 'things' and adjectives that describe them. We have been reading lots of Michael Rosen books!

As Christmas draws closer we will no doubt be making cards and decorations in class. Our glitter is ready!





# Franklin

Franklin class have been working extremely hard this term.

In English, our students followed instructions on how to complete autumn crafts. They also wrote their own instructions for the 'World's Most Disgusting Sandwich'. Pupils also received their own letters and wrote a letter to Santa.



In Maths, students have been learning how to measure. They measured items using a ruler and even measured the lengths of dinosaurs. Students have been using scales to weigh and have made some excellent salt dough decorations.



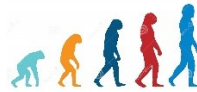
In Science, Franklin have been investigating States of Matter. Students have been learning about particles and the different states of water.



Franklin have also been learning about the different religious festivals, special dates and celebrations at this time of year. Students have been following and giving instructions in Lego Therapy and in Spanish have been learning to count and sing a Spanish Christmas song. They are quite the performers!



# Darwin and Thompson



## History

We have continued our topic The Tudors focussing particularly on Elizabeth I, one of our most famous monarchs.

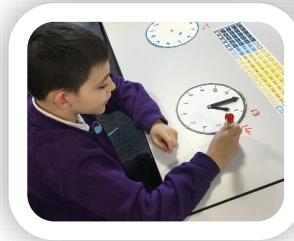
But did you know, she had a terrible temper? In March 1586, Elizabeth threw a slipper at Sir Francis Walsingham, her secretary and spymaster.



## Maths

There have been lots of hands-on, practical measuring tasks in Maths. We made a paper model of Mr Asprey. We also measured (to scale) the size of different dinosaurs and investigated Leonardo Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man. Is your arm span the same as your height?

Some of us have been learning about money and time, important life skills that we will need as we mature.



We are enjoying face to face assemblies again this term, and lots of us have been awarded Star or Achiever of the Week. This is in recognition of things that we have done through the week.

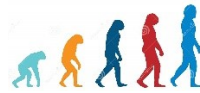


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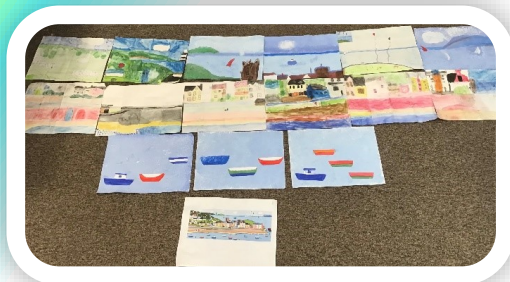
We've been reading poems and writing them too. We even worked with a professional poet, Paul Cookson, for a day.



# Darwin and Thompson



We looked at some paintings by local artist, Janet Bell. Here is her panoramic view of Beaumaris Bay re-created in sections.



## Science

DNA. Are identical twins really identical? We have discovered that identical twins have the same genetic code - they are always the same gender, eye colour, hair colour etc. What separates them are environmental influences - the clothes they wear, the tattoos they choose, the scars they pick up along the way. Are there any twins in your family? What about IDENTICAL twins?



## Adventure Learning

Swimming this term has proved easier for some than others. But everyone has gone with the intention of getting in the pool and, just like in PE, there has been good teamwork and kindness supporting each other.

Next term we are looking forward to learning how to ski.



We have explored the structure of DNA and have made a model of the double helix using sweets - this was one of the more popular lessons!



It's been an amazing start to the year. Well done Thompson and Darwin Team! Let's keep adding to the Ball of Knowledge! We are joining together to make a great combined group and are looking forward to 2022 and the fun that it brings.





# Attenborough

As you can see from the pictures, Attenborough have been very busy this half term. They have been enjoying the activities that the Quality of Life Lessons offer. Unfortunately, some of the Attenborough chefs have been taking on the personas of our famous celebrity chefs. Zach (Gordon Ramsey) gives a verbal tirade if the carrots are not perfect julienne and Charlie is forever trying to deconstruct his food or stick it in a Sous Vide (Blumenthal style). It's difficult when it gets hot in the kitchen but we don't have many kitchen nightmares (pun intended).



Another activity that students have undertaken is litter picking in the community. It was embraced by all, but it took me a long time to scatter my recycling bins' contents throughout the estate to ensure they had something to collect. This may be an answer to a two week household waste cycle!

We have had a great half term and all are progressing well both academically and socially but we are really looking forward to our Christmas Break.

Have a great Christmas everyone!

From the Attenborough pupils,  
Mrs Moran, Mrs Lovelock, Mrs Travis  
and Mr Shaw.



# Cadbury Form

Cadbury have been getting into the festive spirit by decorating our form room. Everyone got involved and lots of fun was had, but not as much as opening the advent calendar each day!



In our Quality of Life lessons, Gamma and Delta have been improving on their culinary skills and have made lots of delicious dishes such as Cottage Pie, Apple Crumble and Mini Christmas cakes. We also helped to decorate for the Children in Need cake sale.



In Maths we have been focussing on area, standard form and angles.

In English we have been reading the 12<sup>th</sup> Night and getting ready for an in class performance.

In Science we have been learning more about elements and the periodic table.

In PE we have been strengthening our skills in badminton.

**Cadbury Class would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.**

**See you in 2022!**



# Matthews

Ready Steady...Cook!  
Mathews Class makes  
marvellous food.



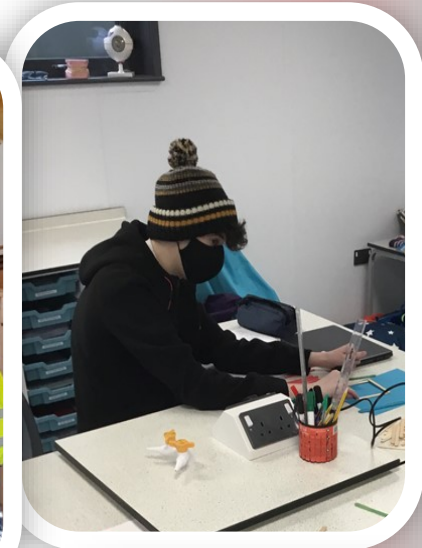


# Nightingale

The students of Nightingale have been working hard this term completing assessments and assignments for all their subjects. Highlights of the term have been the Christmas fair, a visit from Jesus the donkey and, of course, a day out skiing at Stoke Ski Centre.

Students are still enjoying their experiences at Reaseheath, studying equine, building and construction and catering. In equine, the students have been mucking out, grooming and tacking up. In construction, Adam has done really well at woodwork and Evie has cooked up some wonderful recipes on her catering course.

In school, some pupils have been producing a movie trailer from initial script, filming, editing and adding a sound track. We're looking forward to seeing them soon!

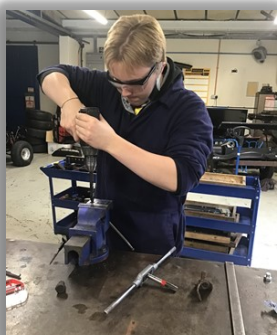


# BRANSON

Branson Form took part in our Christmas fayre last week, enjoying quality time together beyond the form room, playing games and having fun.

Reece won our KS4 safeguarding poster competition! His design is displayed around our school with lots of other important information. Congratulations Reece.

A wonderful term was had by all.

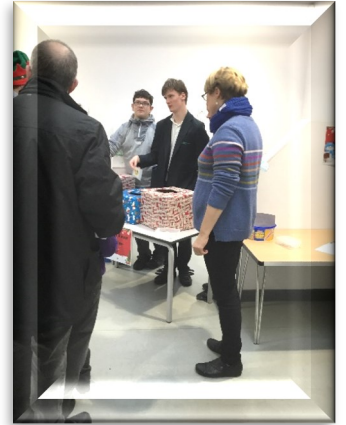






# Newton

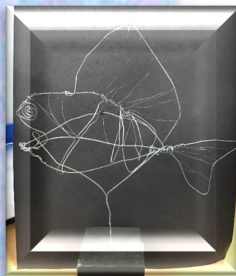
Newton class had lots of fun at the Christmas Fair. The students enjoyed helping to run the Human Fruit Machine stall.



On PSHE day we worked together as a form group to create a collage on being a healthy teenager.



Students should be very proud of the fantastic work they have produced this term.



The students have continued to enjoy lessons at Reaseheath. As the photos show they have been working hard.



*From everyone in Newton*



# AUSTEN!

This term Sixth Form pupils have been busy working on their BTEC subjects such as food tech, gardening, etc. A few of our pupils are also attending work experience in placements such as Oxfam, Kia Garage and Barnado's, plus we have a pupil attending a catering course at South Cheshire College.

Some of our Sixth Form students have been attending a boxing group every week. We have also been involved in some community work by carrying out litter picking. We are looking forward to starting our travel training in 2022.



BTEC Group L1 would like to share their Mini Christmas Cake recipe with you.

# Mini-Christmas cakes

**INGREDIENTS**  
38g stork margarine  
25g soft brown sugar  
100g mixed dried fruit  
50g self-raising flour  
½ teaspoon mixed spice  
1 egg

Pre-heat oven to 150C/gas 3.

Grease and double line two small baked bean tins.



Beat the margarine and butter together



Add the fruit and spice, mix well.



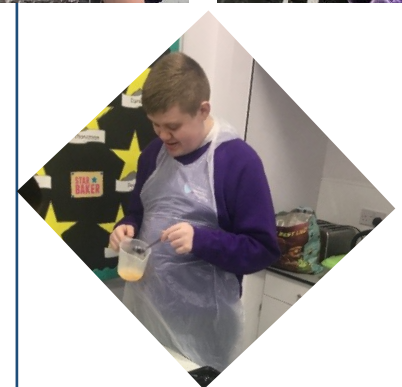
Add half the egg and half the flour, mix well, then repeat.



Divide the mixture evenly between the two tins.



Bake in the centre of the oven for 50 minutes.



Merry  
Christmas