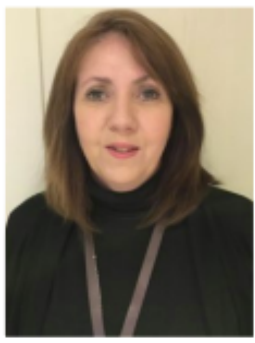




December 2024

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

We hope you've enjoyed joining in with our Christmas events over the last few weeks! It really has been a great term of community work and we are blessed to have such a strong community around us. Do take a look at all the photos in this newsletter where children have worked with many different community members.

Community involvement benefits us all and allows us to form important relationships and connections with a wide variety of people. The School undoubtedly benefits from these links and we hope that our community also feels well supported by us too. Our vision and values are all about the whole community flourishing and doing what we can in school, to be of service to others.



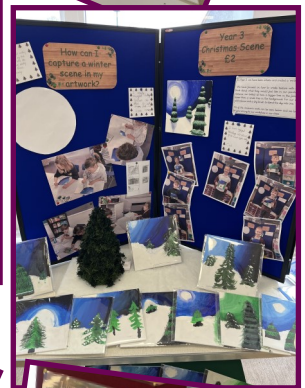
Community is important at Christmas time because it's a season of giving, sharing, and caring for others. This term the children have been able to experience working and learning with, amongst others, the WI, Three Corners Care Home, Galampton FROGS, our Galampton resident neighbours, our secondary schools, Rotary Clubs and very importantly, our Church. It's been wonderful having our new Vicar, Rev. Dr Philippa Bellows join us in so many Christmas events this year. We look forward to working closely with her and the Brixham Mission Community as we continue to develop our Church School links.

Thank you for your engagement and the time you give to the School. We know how lucky we are to have such positive and supportive parents!

I do hope you all manage to have a lovely Christmas with your families and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Spring term on Tuesday 7th January 25.



Galmpton Christmas Art Exhibition



We ended the term with all classes completing an art learning enquiry. The children were challenged to create a piece of art work that could be given as a wonderful present for a family member! We hope you enjoyed the exhibition and the accompanying workshops for parents. Lovely to see so many parents sewing, painting and making, with children being expert advisors.

Thank you for your great support!

Three Corners

This half term some of our Community Champions went to Three Corners Care Home to visit some of our elderly community. We talked to them about our school, what we have been learning and taking some time to do some colouring in with them.

We really enjoyed the experience and can't wait to go again.



Welcome Rev. Philippa

We are so pleased to be welcoming Rev. Dr Philippa Bellows as our new Vicar at St Mary the Virgin Churston.

On 18th November Philippa was welcomed into the Brixham Mission Community to undertake her new role. Rev. Philippa has worked previously as a Teacher and has also worked closely with schools in her previous Parishes. We know you'd like to welcome her to the Galampton School Community too, so we'll let you know when that will be!





Many thanks for all the generous donations received on the day. These have been added to last years donations and a total of £560 will be donated to Bristol Children's Hospital "The Grand Appeal".

Lunches

It is imperative that any child wishing to receive a School lunch has orders placed in advance.

We are finding that on a Monday morning orders haven't been placed, which in turn causes issues and delays in the kitchen. Lunches can be pre-ordered up to 6 weeks in advance.



Brixham Football League

The Year 5/6 boys, girls and Year 3/4 teams made a fantastic start to the school football season. All the children showed great character and sportsmanship throughout their opening matches. There were wins, there were losses but everyone had fun. Even those who had never played a football match before. We look forward to the Spring term matches.



THANK YOU



RevComps have done it again! They are super supporters of Christmas and raise money with their "gift drive" for families in the Bay. They contact all local Schools and selected families receive a gift bag donated by them. This year the gift bags contained Asda vouchers, toy vouchers and play items for the children. Thank you so very much RevComps!

Huge thanks to Evans Family Foods of Galmpton who very kindly funded some beautiful mindfulness books for the School. The books are supporting our Y6 Wellbeing Warriors in their role around School.

A massive thank you to Churston Grammar School for inviting Y5 & Y6 to their wonderful performance of Matilda on 11th December. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

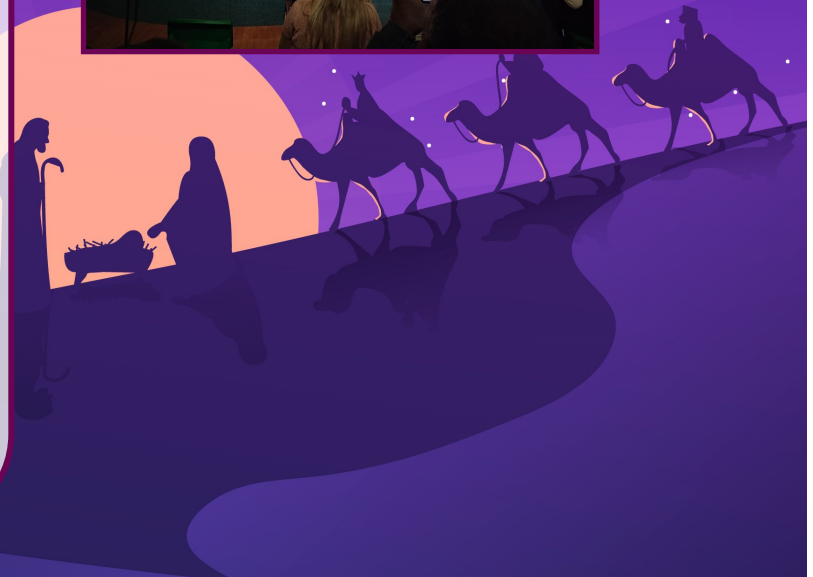
We would also like to give a huge thanks to David's Fish & Chip Shop in Brixham for hosting a cake sale arranged by Tracey Thomas and Sam Kinghorn to raise money for the School. They raised a whopping £130.



KS1 Nativity

Our KS1 children performed a fantastic Nativity Extravaganza! The children were all amazing, showed incredible confidence and we are all so proud of you.

Thank you so much to all the parents/carers for the amazing costumes and support.



Carols Around the Village

Thank you to all who came along to our fabulous Village Christmas Carols event on Monday 9th Dec. We were overwhelmed by the community support we received and by how many attended. We think there were about 130 people who enjoyed singing with us. Harriet Oakley led the singing and did a marvellous job keeping us in key! FROGs and Anne, we thank you and well done for providing all the children with lovely hot chocolates and the parents with a drop of fizz and nibbles.



KS2 Carol Service

Our KS2 Christmas Carol Concert was a hit this year. It was such a joyful celebration, featuring a creative re-telling of the Christmas story in the style of a chat show! The children confidently sang a variety of carols and Christmas themed songs, filling the hall with festive cheer. There were also some superb acting skills, too!



Attendance data for the period 9/9/24 - 16/12/24
(Target is 97%)

Whole School	96.1%
Reception	92.51%
Year 1	95.83%
Year 2	95.56%
Year 3	<u>98.28%</u>
Year 4	96.26%
Year 5	96.95%
Year 6	96.81%

Well done Year 3 you are our half term attendance superstars, keep it up!

Christingle Service



Our Christingle Service took place in School again this year and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. Rev'd Philippa Bellows led the Service and the children were wonderful and sang beautifully (along with the parents who attended!).



Thank you to everybody who came along and enjoyed the Service.





All the children had a fantastic Christmas Celebration Day on Friday 13th December. Santa managed to slot in two separate visits to school to deliver presents to the children. The children had a delicious Christmas dinner served up by parent volunteers (huge thanks to all who came in to help out). Massive thanks to FROGs and Brixham Rotary Club for all their help and support & to our local residents who joined us for lunch.

Y6 had a great trip to the Zoo last month. The class were all brilliant ambassadors for the School while conducting geography fieldwork: investigating the impact of human activity and climate change on habitats and species across the globe. We also used the visit to launch our science learning enquiry about adaptation and evolution and we specifically researched how different animals have adapted to live where they live. Below, is a photograph of our fantastic session led by Kay, an Education Officer at the Zoo. We learnt about why giraffes have purple tongues...do you know why?



**Y6
Zoo
Trip**



Following numerous complaints received to the office, we would ask you to kindly park with due care and consideration.

- Please do not park around the tree at the back of the school. This makes it very difficult when using the tree as a “roundabout” and residents are unable to exit their driveways.
- When parked, please consider whether there is enough room for emergency vehicles to pass your vehicle.
- Do not park on double yellows – these are no parking areas for safety reasons.

Some of the residents are very angry when contacting the school office due to parking issues. Please help us to ease this situation.



On Friday 6th December the Year 5's headed to the Village Hall to sing to the Women's institute. We were the star guests and started their meeting in style by singing 3 Christmas songs (we even did an encore)! The children were lively and full of enthusiasm showing great confidence. The Women's Institute were highly complimentary of the children's courage and stage presence. Another wonderful Galampton Community event.



Three Corners Carol Singing

In the last week of term, 20 members of Y6 walked up to Three Corners Nursing & Residential Home to sing carols to the residents and share their recent learning with them - they read their World War 1 Christmas Truce stories. They were also treated to a visit from Father Christmas and enjoyed some very generous refreshments.



Galampton Primary School

Calendar Dates

Mon 23rd Dec—Mon 6th Jan	Christmas holidays & Non pupil day
Tues 24th December	Crib Service @ Churston Church 3pm
Tues 7th January	Children return to School
Mon 13th January	Y3 trip to Kents Cavern
Wed 15th January	Y3 swimming starts for 5 weeks
Thurs 16th January	Census Day
Fri 17th January	Family Worship led by Mrs Fisher 2.45pm
Fri 24th January	Fire Brigade workshops in School
Fri 24th January	Y6 Worship 2.45pm
Fri 31st January	Y5 Worship 2.45pm
Fri 7th February	Y4 Worship 2.45pm
Tues 11th February	SEND Parent Forum 9-10.30am
Fri 14th February	Y3 Worship 2.45pm

Monday 17th—Friday 21st February Half Term Holiday