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OUR VISION IS TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOUR, ENABLING EVERYONE TO FLOURISH AND REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. John Chapter 10 Verse 27

Date: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

Our Newsletter comes out every Friday with updates about what the children have been up to during the week, information, things to celebrate, important dates for the diary. Please take the time to read through and if you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Cave or Mrs Wood in the office.



## This Week's Achievements



### Sparrows Star of the Week



For being respectful and listening attentively when others are talking.

### Skylarks Stars of the Week

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### Swifts Stars of the Week



For writing creatively about the Polar Express!

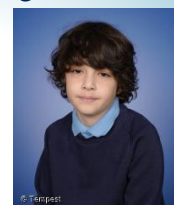


For writing in role about the Polar Express!

### Swallows Stars of the Week



For being his best when using his creative flair – for designing a poster for our working wall (maths) & the front cover of our carol concert programme.



For trying his best and persevering in maths when finding a topic challenging.



## Swallows

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Hayden – 6,565

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – James – 1,966

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Aubrey – 944

## Swifts

1<sup>st</sup> Place – William G – 2,556

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Emma – 1,691

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Daisy – 1,424

## Skylarks

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Arthur A – 590

## Rock Star Status

**Busker** – Mai

## House Points

Stephen Hawkings - 6507

Beatrix Potter - 5428

Benjamin Britten - 6918

Kelly Holmes - 5793



## Class Attendance

Sparrows – 90%

Skylarks – 88.4%

**Swifts – 97.24%**

Swallows – 90.77%



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## News & Dates



### PTA Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who visited the Christmas fair last Friday. The PTA raised just under £900! That is a huge amount of money, which will go towards lovely things for the school. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organizing the fair and for all your hard work.

### Reflective and Prayer Space

Another big thank you to our PTA for providing our new outdoor area. This will be a new reflective/prayer space for the children. Our school council and collective worship crew are helping Mrs Thomas to decide what the inside should look like, and then we will have a grand opening.



### Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day - Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

Don't forget your Christmas Jumpers next Wednesday. If you are able to support Save the Children. Details of our JustGiving page is here

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/ellingham-vc-and-woodton-primary-school-federation-1732198729715>





## Important Message from Mrs Thomas

### Attendance

If you are taking your children out of school, you need to fill out a leave of absence form. These can be found on our website or picked up from the school office. Please do not inform us that your child is sick if that isn't the case. Children often come back from an absence and tell us all about the holiday or trip they have been on. **In these instances, the child's authorised sick absence will be changed to an unauthorised absence.**

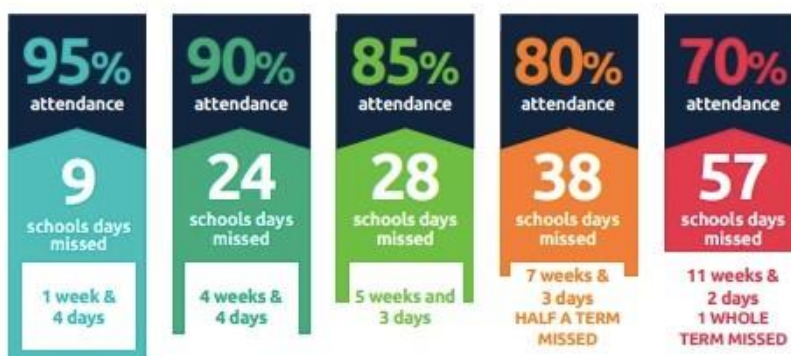
### Lateness - Drop Off and Collection

A reminder that learning starts in school at 08.40 as soon as the children enter the classroom. As well as absences, lateness also affects learning. Please be prompt when bringing your child into school, and if there are special circumstances which are making you late, please make sure we know about them.

Collecting your child late from school also has an impact. Quite often there are meetings which the staff need to attend, or it may be that they need to collect their own children. As from January, if you are late to collect your child, they will be sent to Busy Bees, and you will be charged £1.



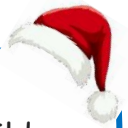
## Every day in school counts...



## and every minute counts...







## Whole School Trip to the Hippodrome, Great Yarmouth

On Thursday the whole school went to the Hippodrome Circus in Great Yarmouth. The children had an amazing time and were mesmerised by all the different acts. To top it off, Santa even made an appearance at the end!

Thanks to our PTA for being very generous in paying for all the tickets. Thank you to Jodi Bromley from Three Rivers Pitch and Paddle ([www.threeriverscamping.co.uk](http://www.threeriverscamping.co.uk)) for kindly paying for one of the coaches. Lastly thanks to all our staff and helpers who came along. These treats are so important for the children, and it was so nice for the whole school to take part in such a lovely trip.





## Sparrows Nativity

Well done to all our Sparrows for putting on a wonderful Nativity. They were all stars and sang so beautifully. We hope that those who came along enjoyed their show.



## Keeping Children Safe Over the Festive Period

Many children may receive mobile phones or other devices that can access the internet, CEOP Education are running a #SaferByChristmas campaign, offering advice on internet safety. Their 12 day countdown started on Monday and each day for the following 12 days, they are posting snippets of practical advice for parents and carers about keeping children safe online.

Please follow CEOP Education on Twitter (@CEOPEducation) and Facebook (search and follow "CEOP Education").



## Dates for the Diary

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - 14.00 Skylarks Winter Performance - All Welcome

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** - Christmas Holidays

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** - Back to School

Website - <http://www.ellinghamandwoodton.co.uk/>



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