

I can't believe it is now the end of term and 5 days until Christmas! I want to say a big thank you to all parents, grand parents and carers who support us during events like our Nativities, School Disco and of course our Christmas Fayre. We want to have lots of events where you get to come into school and feel a part of the Bingham Primary School Community. One idea suggested was an Easter hunt. Watch this space! I have looked through the responses from the parent survey. The majority of responses were overwhelmingly positive which is good. Your thoughts and opinions are important to us and we will always listen to feedback.

After Christmas, Mr Blankley- Woods will be our Deputy Headteacher and Miss Pritchard will be Assistant Headteacher. Please speak to us if you have concerns or worries- even if they seem small.

On behalf of all the staff, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We return to school on Monday 6th January 2025.

Mrs Pask- 20.12.24

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you so much for the supporting the Christmas Fayre. We raised £574! The money raised will help us buy new reading for pleasure books in the library and playground equipment. It was lovely to see so many of you and it was lots of fun. Don't worry! We are thinking about an Easter Fayre!



CHRISTMAS DISCO

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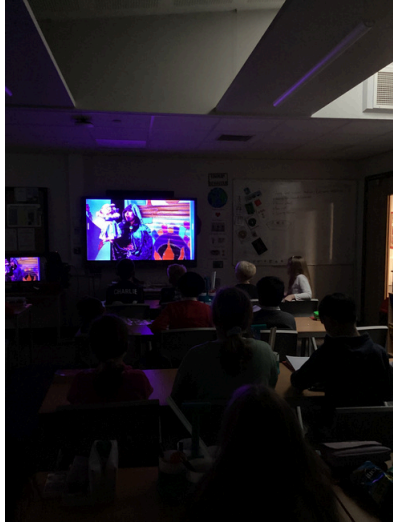
The Christmas Disco was a huge success. A popular DJ, crisps and a drink for £2! It was lovely to see the children dancing and having fun.



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PANTOMIME

This year we have paid for the pupils to watch a pantomime in school and they enjoyed their class parties.



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EYFS (ROBIN CLASS)



The children have enjoyed being active this week in EYFS.

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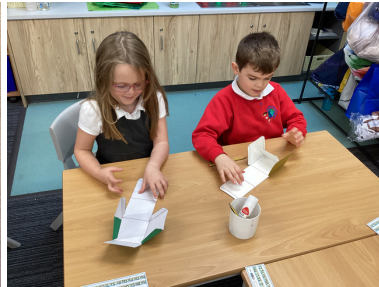
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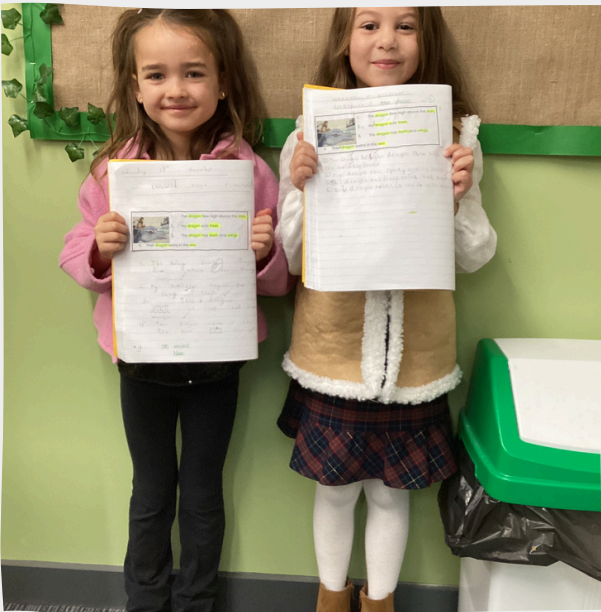
SWAN CLASS (YEAR 1)



In Year 1 they have been focusing on making treasure boxes from scratch and decorating them and they have made a Christmas Wreath.

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BARN OWL (YEAR 2)



Year 2 have been busy writing Expanded Noun Phrases based on the book 'Tell me a Dragon'.

They have also been focusing on their handwriting each day and this has improved greatly.

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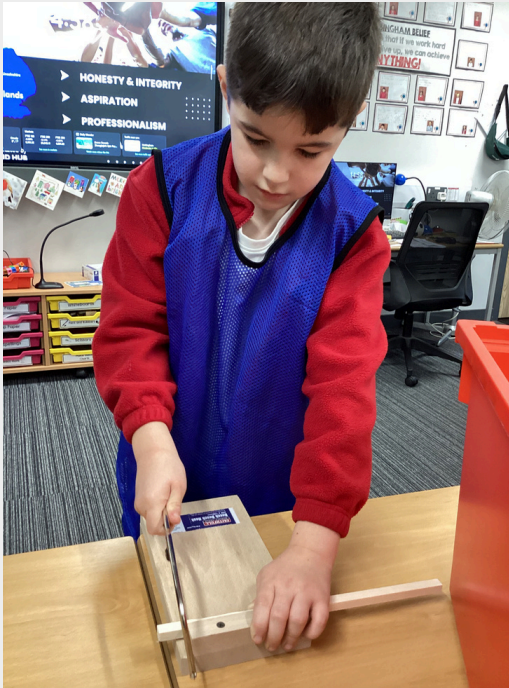
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KINGFISHER CLASS (YEAR 3&4)

Year 3 & 4 have been making their own photo frames in DT this term. They look amazing!!!



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FIRST AID TRAINING FOR Y5&6



Inspire+ came in to deliver first aid training sessions for Y5&6 pupils. Hopefully they will never need to use the skills but they now know the basics needed.



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STAR OF THE WEEK AND HEADTEACHER AWARD

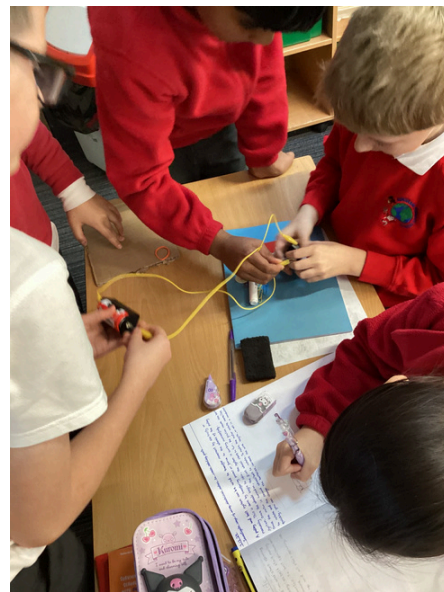
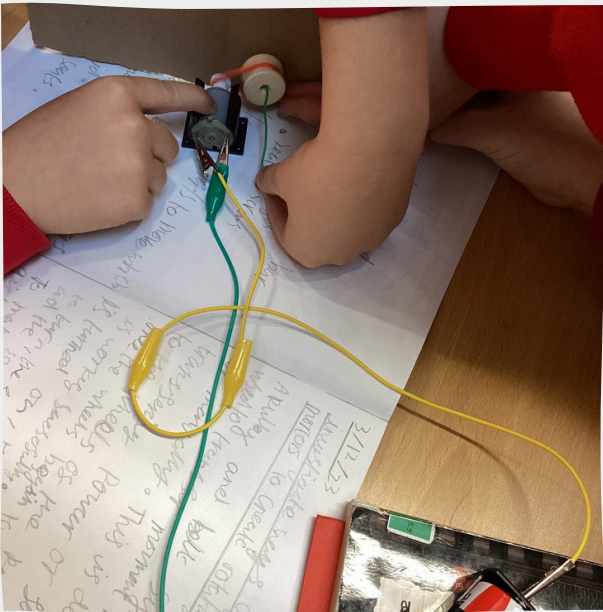
Each week your child's class teacher chooses a star pupil of the week to be presented in assembly. I choose a pupil who has stood out in school for abiding by the Bingham Behaviours and our values.



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STARLING CLASS (YEAR 5&6)

Year 5 and 6 have been working with pulleys, motors and belts in DT this term.



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CHOIR AT BINGHAM ARENA

Our Choir, lead by Miss Allenby, performed at Bingham Arena last week. The sang with an orchestra to a live audience. The feedback was phenomenal. Well done!



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DECEMBER



Mr Blankley-Woods has been organising a maths competition with questions involving the Bar model method. Lots of children have been taking part in this. We are very impressed with the entries.

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Miss Hart (Y1 teacher and Assistant Headteacher) begins her maternity leave. We wish her good luck and a rest- hopefully before baby arrives. Mrs Cope will be taking over and Mrs Murphy will continue to teach on a Thursday and Friday.

Mr Fisher (Y5&6) is leaving us and will start on his new adventure after Christmas. We wish him all the luck for the future. Miss Pritchard will be the new Y5&6 teacher and Assistant Headteacher when we return.

Sadly for us, Mrs Shipman has been given a well deserved promotion. This means she will also be leaving us. She has been amazing in her short time with us. Good luck Mrs Shipman!!

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON.

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert

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