



Autumn Term: December 2024

Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the autumn term comes to a close, we are proud to share our news of some of the brilliant learning opportunities our classes have enjoyed this half term.

From a historical visit to the Richard III Centre to the exciting Warning Zone, our pupils have enjoyed memorable experiences on our own doorstep.

Our fantastic Christmas performances are always a festive highlight and this year the tradition continues. Our

pupils entertained and delighted audiences for their first on-stage appearance in 'A Wriggly Nativity', complete with wonderful singing and dancing.

Likewise, Year 1 and 2 presented an amazing performance of 'A King is Born', demonstrating their creative talents with a highly impressive show.

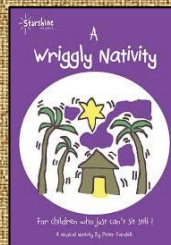
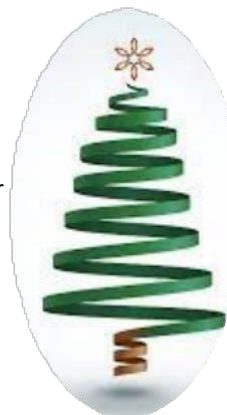
Thank you to everyone involved with the performances this year

and a particular thank you parents for your support with providing costumes and helping children learn their lines and songs.

On behalf of all staff at Elizabeth Woodville, I would like to thank you for all your support this year.

We wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

**Andrew Pridmore,
Headteacher**



Foundation

This week, our Foundation children have been hard at work rehearsing for their much-anticipated **Nativity** play.



The classroom has been filled with the joyful sounds of festive **songs**, cheerful **giggles**, and the rustling of costumes as the children bring the story of Christmas to life.



From learning their lines to perfecting their angelic poses, each child has embraced their role with enthusiasm and creativity. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the children are looking forward to sharing this **magical performance** with their families and friends.

Year 1

Year 1 have really enjoyed their topic about '**Toys Through Time**' this half term. We have been learning about what toys are made of and how they have changed over the years. We even had a trip to the **Toy Museum**, where we got to play with lots of different toys. Some of the toys we looked at were really old!



In English, we have been reading a book called '**Lost in the Toy Museum**', where a very serious bear called **Bunting** gets lost. In the end, he finds his friends and has enjoyed the adventure. We had to use some of the characters from the story to create our own story about the Toy Museum. We even made a '**missing**' poster to help find Bunting.



Year 2



The children in Year 2 began their learning this half term with an exciting trip to both **Leicester Cathedral** and The **King Richard III Visitor Centre** to enhance their knowledge and understanding of **Kings and Queens** in British history.

The children have also enjoyed finding out about hereditary monarchies and researching who **Elizabeth Woodville** and **Lady Jane Grey** were and how they became British monarchs.

In Art, the children have been using different skills and techniques to draw **portraits** and **self-portraits** and have looked at facial proportions to help them create their own portrait of our current monarch, **King Charles III**. We think they look amazing!



Year 3



In Year 3, students thoroughly enjoyed the process of creating **mechanical Christmas cards** featuring **linkages** and **levers**. After studying the function and mechanics of these systems, they applied their understanding to design and construct their own unique Christmas cards, ensuring the inclusion of **functional lever and linkage mechanisms**. The children demonstrated exceptional creativity and produced very impressive cards, which were ready to take home just in time for **Santa's** visit!



Year 4

Year 4 have been working on an exciting art project focused on creating **dragon eyes**. We have learned how to sketch, shade, and add intricate details to our designs. Using **watercolours**, we practiced blending techniques to bring our sketches to life.



Our next step is to design our dragon eyes, and then we'll bring them to life using **clay**—we are super excited to get started!



Year 5

This term, Year 5 have embarked on an unforgettable journey back in time to the **Viking Age**. Our young historians have explored the daring world of fearless Norse warriors, skilled seafarers, and brilliant traders, uncovering the fascinating legacy of the Vikings in Britain.

From **investigating** how the Vikings lived, worked, and voyaged across the seas, to **debating** whether they were ruthless raiders or clever settlers, the children have been captivated by the dramatic stories of this era. They've uncovered treasures as they examined Viking artifacts and practiced interpreting historical evidence like true archaeologists.

Highlights of our learning included:

- Designing Viking **longships** and imagining what life was like aboard these iconic vessels.
- Mapping Viking **raids** and settlements, imagining the thrill of exploration.



Year 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the church for **'The Journey to Bethlehem'**. They learned about the nativity story in an engaging and meaningful way, bringing the events leading up to Jesus' birth to life.

The children behaved exceptionally well throughout the visit and represented the school with pride.



Year 6



Year 6 had a brilliant day at **Warning Zone** in Leicester. They learnt important life messages from personal to online **safety** engaging in stimulating, memorable and vital experiences helping them to prepare for the **future**.



The children were amazing and participated in the activities maturely, particularly when learning about the possible risks for young people throughout their teenage life. What super stars, Year 6!



Throughout the year, the whole school is treated to an entertaining Bible story through the wonderful acting of our friends at Open the Book.



We look forward to these assemblies every month and December's story even had a special guest! A very big **THANK YOU** to Open the Book.

Thank you to everyone who supported 'Save the Children' by wearing a Christmas jumper.

We raised ..
£95.00



At this time of year, we welcome our friends from **In Any Order** to entertain the whole school with their fantastic repertoire of Christmas music.

In Any Order have been visiting Elizabeth Woodville for **over 20 years** and our pupils, past and present, thoroughly enjoy this festive tradition. This year, they have announced their 'retirement', however we hope we can persuade them to visit us for at least one more year in 2025!



Thank you to **In Any Order** for many years of Christmas entertainment and joy!



Thank you very much to everyone who supported our **CHILDREN IN NEED** day. Pupils made a great effort to take part in this worthwhile cause and we raised a fantastic sum of **£208.70**.



NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland have issued some useful advice on staying safe this winter.

This guidance can be found via the school website within the **School Nurse** section.

<https://www.elizabethwoodvilleprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Nurse&pid=54>

PTA

On behalf of the PTA, we would like to extend a huge thank you to every member of our school community that has supported all our fundraising efforts since the start of the school year. In the last four months, we have secured grant funding, received match donations from a number of employers, secured free coats for those that need them most, come second in the **Groby Scarecrow Festival** and raised funds through a range of different events held within the school. This all culminated in our **Christmas Fair** which was held a few weeks ago. We have been overwhelmed by the kind and positive feedback we have received from children, parents and the wider community. We are in the process of finalizing the total raised which we will be able to share in the New Year. We would also like to give a heartfelt thanks to the **students** of the **Brookvale Groby Learning Campus** who volunteered their time to help us run the Christmas Fair by manning stalls so that we didn't need to cancel any of the activities on the day – their support was invaluable.

To end this term on a high, the PTA have been working with **Santa** to gift each class some money to purchase items that would benefit the children in their day-to-day learning and enjoyment at school. The children are currently putting their wish lists together with their teachers and the PTA will fund and gift items from their wish lists to each class on behalf of Santa.

Finally, please remember that we value all the support you are able to offer. If you have any time to help us to organise and run events, even **30 minutes** of your time is gratefully appreciated and invaluable to us. You can also help us while you are out doing your Christmas gift shopping or grabbing a bargain in the January sales. By registering with **Easy Fundraising**, you can donate money to our charity every time you shop – importantly, this is at no cost to you, so please sign up and support us (see the attached graphic for joining instructions).

We wish you a joyful and festive season and a wonderful break.

The Elizabeth Woodville PTA

Well done to all those children who participated in the games at the Christmas Fair to gain House Points. These points will be added to those gained throughout the half term. The house with the most points will win their non-uniform day in the first Spring half term.



Bradgate 35
Cropston 46
Ferrers 51
Swithland 55

Our school is now registered with #EasyFundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will donate to us for FREE every time you shop online with them (whoop).

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us, it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

Simply scan the QR code below and once you're registered you will be prompted by whichever website you're on, click yes and they will automatically donate to us - at no cost to you!

Scan here to register.
It takes 2 minutes!



Monday 6th January
Teacher day



Tuesday 7th January School Opens

**February 17th – 21st Spring
HALF TERM**

