



SACRISTON
ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

15th December 2023

As we come to the close of another exciting term, it's a joy to reflect on the achievements and shared experiences that have made this term so special.

Our pupils have truly excelled in their learning, showcasing unwavering dedication and resilience in mastering challenging concepts, and participating in thought-provoking discussions. The love of learning at Sacriston Academy is a true testament to their commitment to being a Sacriston Star! The remarkable efforts of our pupils in all lessons have cultivated an inspiring atmosphere of achievement within our school walls. Their commitment to personal and academic growth has been truly commendable.

We have extended a warm welcome to the new faces, both staff and pupils, who have joined our school family this term. Their enthusiasm for learning has injected a refreshing energy into our school environment. In Reception and Nursery, have settled into routines well, laying a solid foundation for the educational journey that lies ahead.

As the holiday season approaches, our school is abuzz with festive spirit. From the mischievous escapades of Buddy the Elf to the heart-warming melodies of our School Choir at the Christmas lights switch-on, the joy of the season is palpable throughout Sacriston Academy

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to our dedicated pupils, supportive parents, and exceptional staff for making this term a resounding success. Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a well-deserved break!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Parks (HT)

Staffing Changes

In January there will be some staffing changes.

Mrs Maw in Y4 is leaving us and will be replaced by a teacher from another NELT school called Miss Jackson. We thank Mrs Maw for her valuable contribution to our school and wish her the very best!

Mr Golding (DHT) will be moving into Y6 to cover Miss Paul who will be going off on maternity leave soon.

Miss Burton will continue to teach in Y3 and we are delighted to have Miss Muaghan joining us to teach nursery.

Christmas Fayre

Can we please say a MASSIVE thank you to everyone who came and support us at our Christmas Fayre last Friday. We managed to raise over £1300 due to your generosity. We can't thank you enough for your ongoing support.



Christmas Door Competition Winner!

Well done to Year 2 who won the Christmas Door Competition with 38 votes!



Christmas Sacristo-nory

Don't forget to check out our website to enjoy festive Christmas stories our staff have read for our children to enjoy. On our home page click 'Our Academy' and go to 'Sacristo-ory', then enjoy the online recorded stories at home.



Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day!

On Wednesday all the children and staff enjoyed a festive day wearing their Christmas jumpers and tucked in to a tasty Christmas dinner. The school hall was filled with festive music, yummy food and the pop of Christmas crackers.



Nursery Bring Maths to Christmas Crafts

Nursery bring Maths to Christmas crafts! This week we have been making some Christmas cards to take home to families. The children were given green strips of paper in various sizes and were able to find the biggest strip to pace on their tree and then add the rest in size order. They especially enjoyed adding the glitter to make their trees sparkle when we had finished.



Early Year's Nativity!

This week our youngest children in school, Nursery and Reception, performed their nativity story for their families, and what a show they put on. The children sang a selection of songs and showed true Christmas spirit in their performance.

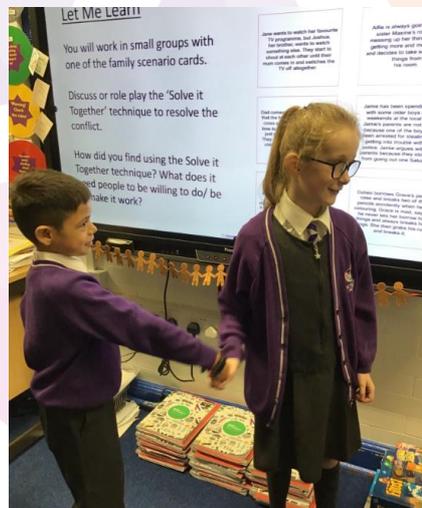
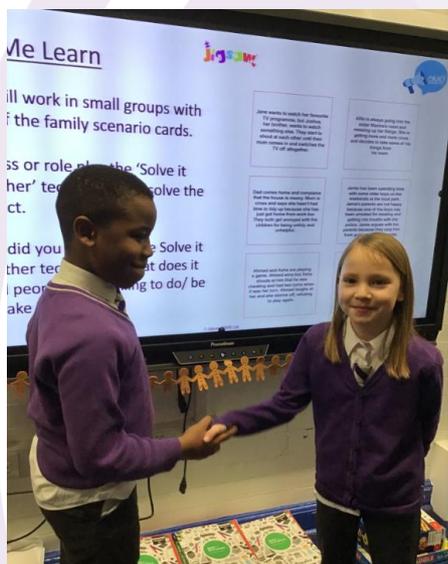
Year 1 and 2 'The Angel Express'

This week, it was Year 1 and 2's chance to shine as they performed their Nativity to their families! The children spent weeks practicing and learning all of their songs and lines. Their hard work paid off with a brilliant performance of 'The Angel Express', and everyone was very proud of them. Great work KS1!



Year 3 How to Resolve Conflict

This week in our PSHE lesson, the class discussed how to resolve conflict. This can sometimes be a barrier for children so the class discussed this in a mature manner and came up with some amazing ideas on how we can resolve issues between each other if they pop up. Well done year 3!



Year 4 Learn About William Morris

This week Year 4 have been learning about the influential artist and designer William Morris. We have discussed motifs and colour palettes and tried to copy some of his most famous designs. We found this required very careful observation skills and an attention to detail!



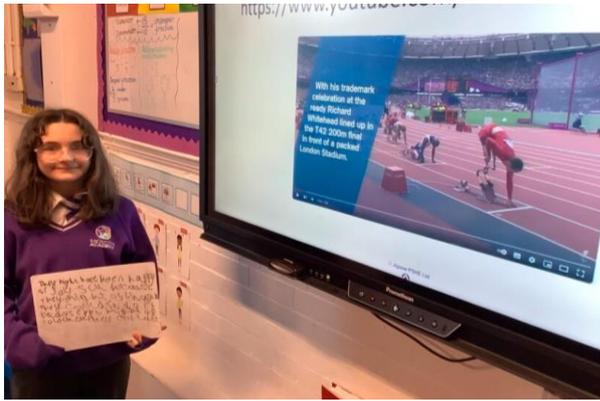
Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party

This week, Year 5 and 6 took part in their Christmas party. The children had lots of fun playing lots of games and winning prizes. We played games such as pass the parcel, pin the nose on Rudolph and musical statues. The children had so much fun!



Year 6 'Celebrating Differences'

In PSHE, Year 6 have been learning all about 'celebrating differences'. This week in particular, we learnt about famous Paralympians and researched about their lives and backgrounds. We discussed the amount of resilience the Paralympians gave and how they would have felt with their achievements of winning medals. We then recapped 'The Equality Act' and discussed what the act includes and how you cannot discriminate against our protected characteristics.



The menu for week beginning 4th January is Week 2. School dinners are £12.50 per week, paid online by Monday please. Our school menu can now be found on our website. If you would like to look at the options with your child, please use the following link.

<http://www.sacristonacademy.co.uk/school-information/lunch-menu>

Class Attendance



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.33%	92.41%	98.08%	90.50%	97.40%	94.40%	90.50%	80.26%

The government expectation is 96% attendance for individual pupils and school. Attendance and punctuality really matter to your child's education - every day counts! When your child's attendance drops below 95% school will begin monitoring. Referrals to the local authority may also be made if there is no improvement seen.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th December

Tuesday 19th December

Wednesday 3rd January

Thursday 4th January

Tuesday 9th January

Tuesday 16th January

Monday 22nd January

Wednesday 14th February

Friday 16th February

Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 3 / Year 4 Christmas Party

Nursery / Reception Christmas Party

BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS

INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Children return to school

Y3 Multi Skills Festival

Y4 Sports Trip

Uniform Swap Shop 3pm

EY Stay and Play 10:30am

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Awards were presented today to the following children who have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Riley- Mae Pinkney
Reception: Alivia Stanley
Year 1: Esmae Bradford
Year 2: Layla Potts
Year 3: Lexus Mendy
Year 4: Alfie Fawthrop
Year 5: Jack Elliott
Year 6: Sophia Wingfield

Well
done!

Always Awards

Nursery: Tommy Donnelly
Reception: Casey Stark
Year 1: Crystal Omar
Year 2: Willow Renshaw
Year 3: Caleb Bunyan
Year 4: Georgia Ovington
Year 5: Grace Loan
Year 6: Abbi Scott- Hamilton



Mathematician of the Month

Reception: Jamie Pearson
Year 1: George Underwood
Year 2: Willow Embleton
Year 3: Casey Saunders
Year 4: Lexie Walker
Year 5: Ernie Coates
Year 6: Alfie Erskine



Author of the Month

Reception: Sam Hubble
Year 1: David Oluitan
Year 2: Amelia Foster
Year 3: Myla Ward
Year 4: Austin Pinkney
Year 5: Thomas Shaw
Year 6: Jemima Smith



Reader of the month

Reception: Hunter Johnson

Year 1: Eleanor Barker- Lawton

Year 2: Ruby Dawson

Year 3: Lucas Charlton

Year 4: Roland Adamson

Year 5: Hollie Parker

Year 6: Sophie Stephenson



Class Awards this week were presented to **Reception** in Key Stage 1 and **Year 3** in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at playtime and lunchtime! Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!



We have been made aware of cases of headlice in school. Can we please remind parents/carers to keep a regular check on your child's hair and apply treatment if needed. Thank you