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## ALTS Gazette



# Welcome to Autumn 2 edition of the ALTS Gazette

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy term has flown by for all our classes and we are now all in the Christmas spirit. Thank you to everyone for supporting our events this term, it has been great to see so many parents and carers coming along.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and I look forward to sharing more experiences with you in 2025!

Mrs K O'Connor

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### Christmas at ALTS





## Advent at ALTS

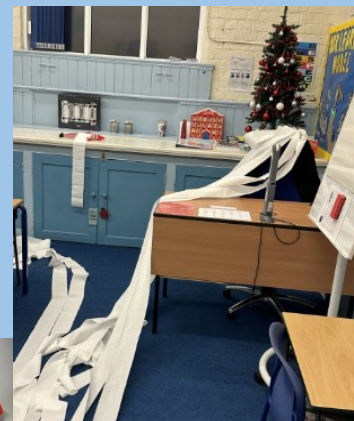
We love a good old tradition, and this year was no different. This week, children have been busy making Christmas cards and calendars. We have also had a visit from the 'ALTS Elf—Mr Jingles' and Miss Camp and Mrs Kingsbury made one of the biggest KS2 Advent calendars you've ever seen! With the help of the Y5 children, they created our fabulous 2024 calendar, which this year featured a festive Christmas tree. Each day, children took turns to reveal a new picture.



Mr Jingles aka

The Naughty Elf!

He came back again with a few more tricks up his sleeve!



## Christmas Lunch





# A Sad Farewell



Sadly, we bid a sad farewell to a much valued member of our ALTS Team. Mr Hall is moving on to pastures new, she will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.

Mrs Hall has an amazing relationship with our children and led Early Morning Club as well as Lunch Club which has benefited a number of our children. She will now get to spend more time with her family and two cockapoos. We all wish her well and hope she will pop back and see us all.



## Generous Donations

Lovell Homes, who have been modernising a number of homes around the Tennyson Road area this year, kindly donated a selection box to each of our children last week. A huge thank you from all of our children to everyone associated with Lovell Homes.

**LOVELL  
HOMES**





# Panto visit to ALTS



On Friday 6th December, the children all enjoyed a Christmas Pantomime in our school hall as Cinderella, Prince Charming and the ugly sisters visited ALTS. Laughter and shouts of joy could be heard across the school as the children watched the show. It was a wonderful performance and the children loved every minute.





# KS1 Christmas Production - Born in a Barn





# KS2 Christmas Production

## 'A Christmas Quarrel'

Our KS2 production started with the quarrelling elves who can't decide what the most important part of *Christmas* is! Then they took us on a musical adventure exploring the history of some of our most famous Christmas traditions. Well done to our Year 5 children who learned their lines and spoke loudly and confidently - we were all very proud of them. Well done also, to the rest of the children in KS2 for singing so amazingly! Everyone agreed this.





# Fundraising

Children in Need - £97.80

Save the Children - £108.50

**This term, the children have raised money for a number of charities, and their families have been very generous. Poppies were sold to raise money for the British Legion. Money was also raised for Children in Need. Food was generously donated for local food banks at harvest time, and during Advent, the children wore Christmas Jumpers to raise money for Save the Children.**



**Save the Children**  
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



## Christmas Disco

Our Christmas Discos were such fun. Mr Butler, aka DJ Butler, was in charge of the music. He selected some great tunes and we danced the night away! Cakes, sweets, crisps and drinks were on offer which were delicious. We thank Mrs O'Connor for organising and running this wonderful event and all the volunteers who supported on the night.



## Christmas Carol Service

Our fabulous Christmas Carol Service and raffle, which was arranged in just 2 weeks, was also another great fundraising event and all proceeds will benefit the children of Alfred Lord Tennyson. We are extremely grateful for the help and support of you all. Special thanks go to Mrs Kirby and all those who donated so generously to the event.

## Christmas Parties





# Donaldson Class

Wow! What a busy term! Nursery and Reception started the term off by learning all about Fireworks Night and how Guy Fawkes is significant. They also learnt about the religious festival Diwali and how it is celebrated.



We also celebrated Poppy Day by remembering the brave soldiers that fought for our country during the wars.



We have also been getting ready for Christmas! The children have been writing their letters to Santa ready to post, creating Santa sleighs from large construction, learning all about the "Christmas Story" and practising our Nativity play ready to show our grown ups!

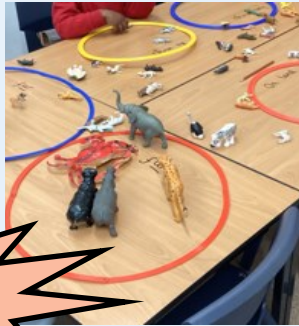


Thank you so much to the parents who came to our "Christmas Stay and Play Session". The children loved spending time with you in school and showing you all the wonderful things that they do. MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

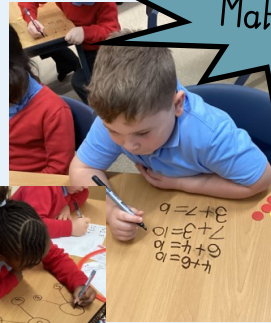


# Y1 Ahlberg Class

Scientists



Mathematicians



Historians



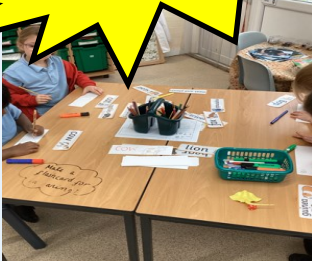
Another half a term has flown by...

Year 1 have adopted more routines this half term and built on their knowledge and skills from the previous term.

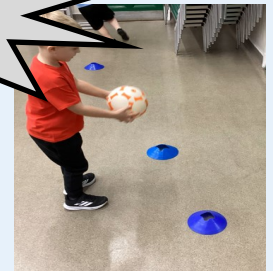
Geographers



Writers



Team building



This half term children have learnt about famous explorers such as Captain James Cook and his work on finding treatment for scurvy in history, as well as Helen Sharman who was the first British woman in space. In Geography, children have learnt about islands and focused on the Galapagos islands. In Science, children have learnt about animals and their needs including some hands on experience in our vets role play area. Finally, they have also been developing their ability to blend sounds to read words more fluently. Please continue to help us by reading to and with your child. We wish you all a great Christmas and new year from the Year 1 team.





# Y2 Rosen Class

In Art we have been learning about art in Ancient Egypt. We have used oil pastels to develop blending and stippling techniques to create different effects.

We then used these techniques to fill in an outline of Anubis.



In PE we have been doing team building activities. Here the children are having to work together to create different shapes using a skipping rope. We made it harder by saying that when they touched the rope their hands were stuck to it.

In RE we continued to learn about how we show thanks. We made clay poppies, had a visit from the Royal British Legion and got to see one of the poppies laid in the Tower of London.





# Y3 Blyton Class

This term has been action packed full of learning! The children have all been amazing and definitely deserve a break. They have worked hard to develop our values and show them each day. One value in particular which I have noticed them develop is empathy. Every member of Blyton Class is kind and caring. They all support each other willingly and often without any prompting, which is fantastic.



## Art

This term, we have looked at the Art of Asia. We have looked at the famous painting of The Great Wave and also Sakura Trees, commonly known as cherry blossom. The children have developed their skills of proportions, sketching and using mixed media to create striking effects.

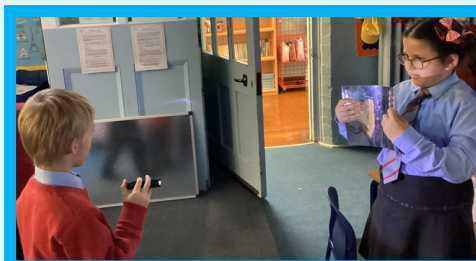


Christmas Jumper Day 2024 was combined with Christmas dinner and our Christmas party! A wonderful day filled with memories.



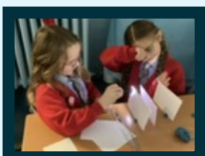
## DT

Our DT project required us to use computer assisted design software to develop a net to create a gift box. These gift boxes took a lot of resilience to complete but everyone was successful!



## Science

Our topic of light allows for many investigations. Here we are investigating how light travels and also how we can redirect light to allow us to see around corners.



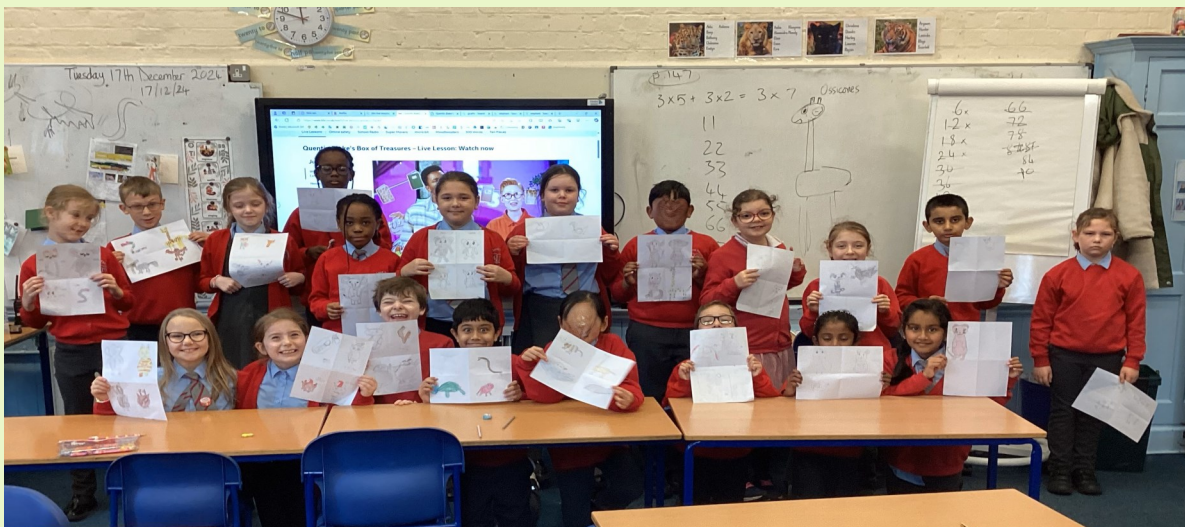


# Dahl Class



In RE we have been learning about why some people consider religious scriptures to be important. Ezra brought in her copy of The Bible in Malayalam.

In PE we have been working on our dance moves and developing our ball skills in football.



In English we have learnt all about instructions and explanations. Recently we took part in a BBC Live Lesson on the famous illustrator Quentin Blake.



# Y5 Blackman Class



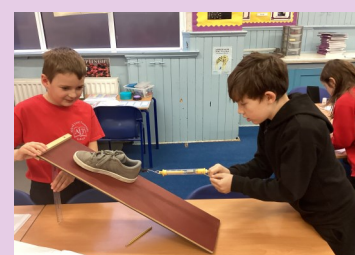
In DT, we designed stationery holders and then we built them. We used hot glue to make sure they were secure and could hold the stationery. Some people used paint to decorate theirs and other people used paper. Finally, we tested our stationery holders to see if they worked.

By Paige



In Science, we have been learning about forces. We learnt about water resistance, air resistance and gravity. If you were sky diving, air resistance would slow you down. Gravity would pull you down towards the centre of the Earth.

By Josh





# Year 6 - Shakespeare Class

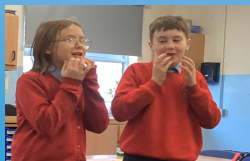
## Science

In Science, Shakespeare class have been learning about circuits and circuit diagrams. We made a bulb light up and found out about the limitation of bulbs a cell can handle. We tested batteries to see which brands gave the brightest light. We added buzzers, motors and switches to our circuits and built on our learning in Y4

By Martha and Layla



## Drama

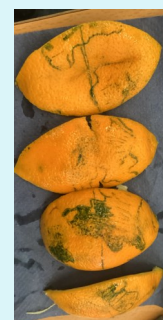


## P.E



## Geography

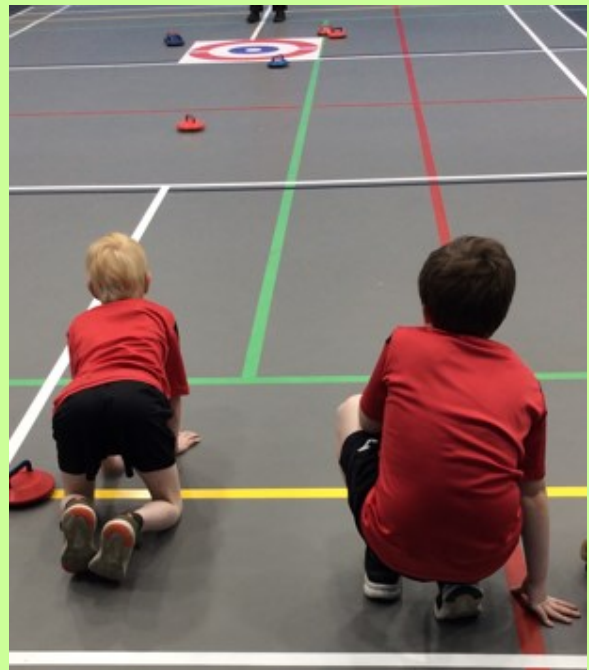
Our topic this term was Spatial Sense. We improved our map reading skills and learned how difficult it is for a cartographer (map maker) to turn the Earth (which is a sphere) into a flat 2D map. We used an orange to attempt to do this and learned that there is always distortion to the shape or size of countries.





# Sport at ALTS

## New Age Kurling





# ALTS Ambassadors

## Eco Ambassadors



Elhan, Martha, Evony and Bronwen

Our Eco Ambassadors are responsible for the promotion of looking after the school environment and our role in looking after the world. The ambassadors will oversee the need to save energy in the class, will implement (with the support of their peers) ways in which they can reuse or recycle. They will ensure waste is kept to a minimum and that electricity/water is used wisely. They have an important job in promoting ways to save our world.

Our wellbeing Ambassadors work with Mrs Appleby our Senior Mental Health Lead to champion positive mental health and well-being across the school. The Ambassadors lead and promote wellbeing throughout school, they drive the message forward and release the stigma around talking about challenging feelings and encourage people to talk.

## Wellbeing Ambassadors



Jaxon, Eloise, Marley, Elsie and Alia

## Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



Robin, Viky & Olivia

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are passionate children who will stand up to bullying behaviour and believe they can change things for the better. Anti-Bullying Ambassadors believe that bullying behaviour is not acceptable and should not be part of everyday life at school. They support others and are upstanders against bullying behaviour and a support network for their peers.

A range of children from Year 6, 5 and 4 have been chosen to be part of the Sports Crew. They have been trained by Northamptonshire Sports Partnership and take responsibility for leading sporting activities for children at lunchtimes in order to help get more of our children active.

## Sports Ambassadors



Harrison, Bronwen, Elhan, Keelan, Olivia, Marley, Freddie, Sonia, Elhan, Joseph, Oscar, Layla, Avni, Iwan, Numa, Evony, Esme, Travis, Chloe, Viky, Shae, Ellie, Ruby, Cassandra, Zed and Josh



# Alfo Puzzle Page

## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Five presents were bought for Christmas



The **red** and **purple** presents together cost £29,

The **purple** and **blue** presents together cost £19,

The **blue** and **gold** presents together cost £24,

The **gold** and **green** presents together cost £30,

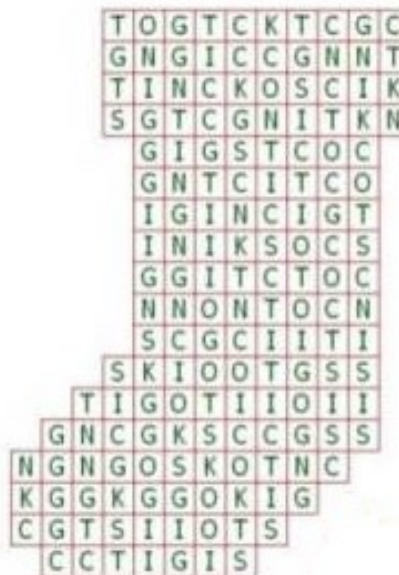
The **green** and **red** presents together cost £32

What is the total cost of all five presents?




### Christmas Word Search Puzzle I

Can you find the word STOCKING in this stocking?  
It appears just three times.





# Team Points

			
50	25	15	40

**Tigers won the team point challenge.**

**They will be awarded a mufti – day to celebrate their victory.**

## Weekly Awards

On a Friday, we hold our weekly achievement assembly. During the assembly, the Fab Friday Winners receive their certificates and have the opportunity to showcase their work. The class with the highest attendance for that week receive the Attendance Cup. The tidiest class receives the 'Tidy Broom' award and Team Points are also announced.

Our **'Fab Friday'** winners for this term were:

**Donaldson Class:** Antonio, Denis, Jayden, Lucy, Sarah, Teddy, Abel

**Alhberg Class:** Antonia, Jayden, Jedidiah, Michael, Michelle & Teddy

**Rosen Class:** Aashif, Blake, Kaya, Kiki, Sofia & Iris

**Blyton Class:** Khynna, Alexandra, Christina, Evan, Scarlett

**Dahl Class :** Antonia, Evan, Lauren, Alexandra, Rafan & Aryaan

**Blackman Class :** Chloe, Harry, Josh, Oscar, Paige & Ruby

**Shakespeare Class:** Bronwen, Evony, Freddie, Layla, Mollie-Mai, Tawshik & Thomas

**This term's ALTS Awards were awarded for showing one of our R.E.S.P.E.C.T values**



## ALTS Awards



Donaldson EYFS	Alhberg Y1	Rosen Y2	Blyton Y3	Dahl Y4	Blackman Y5	Shakespeare Y6
Excellence	Excellence & Passion	Excellence	Excellence	Empathy	Excellence	Excellence
Zayn	Michelle	Dora	Mila	Rhys	Travis	Martha



# Important Dates

## January

Monday 6th—Return to school

Wednesday 8th—Year 4 start swimming every Wednesday this term

Monday 13th—Year 6 SATs information Evening (letter to follow)

Wednesday 15th—KS2 Athletics competition (selected children)

Monday 20th—World Religion Day (information to follow)

Tuesday 21st— Inclusive Boccia competition (selected children)

Thursday 30th—KS2 Boccia competition (selected children)

## February

Tuesday 4th – KS2 Dodgeball Competition (selected children)

Thursday 6th—Online Safety Day (information to follow)

Monday 10th—ALTS Awards (invitation only)

Monday 10th—KS1 and KS2 Come and See Parent Event, after school

Tuesday 11th—KS1 and KS2 Come and See Parent Event, 8.45am

Friday 14th—Last day of term

### Extra Curriculum Clubs - Spring Term 1

Here are the clubs on offer for Spring Term 1 which will run until the end of the half term.  
All clubs are free, except choir (£1) and you can sign up via Reach more Parents.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>12-1 Sports Activities</b>	<b>12-1 Sports Activities</b> <b>12-1 Craft Club</b>	<b>12-1 Sports Activities</b>	<b>12-1 Sports Activities</b> <b>12-1 Language Club</b>	<b>12-1 Sports Activities</b> <b>12.30 TT Rock-stars &amp; Maths Games</b>
<b>3.35 -4:30</b>	<b>KS2 Gymnastics</b>	<b>KS1 Dance</b>	<b>KS2 Table Tennis</b>	<b>KS1 Multi Skills</b> <b>KS2 Choir</b>	<b>KS2 Basketball</b>