



# Frodsham Primary Academy

## Newsletter 14

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

This week, our children performed their Christmas performance 4 times! We were all so proud of their confidence on stage and their beautiful singing. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children. I have had some lovely comments over the course of the week about the children's voices and how lovely they sounded when singing together.

I would also like to share some lovely news; Mrs Price is expecting her second child. She will be starting maternity leave in March and hopes to be back with us before the end of academic year. I will inform you as soon as we have the name of the teacher who will be stepping in to work alongside Mrs Atherton. I am sure you will join me in offering HUGE congratulations to Mrs Price and her family.

Thank you to everyone who came along to join our Christmas Fair last night. It was lovely to see so many families.

Children will finish at 1.20pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please collect children from the main playground as usual and staff will dismiss from here.

This will be the final newsletter of this year, so I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support this year, and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024. I have added this year's term dates at the back of the newsletter and term dates for the following academic year for information.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Callaghan



## Attendance News

Rec: 92.71%  
Year 1: 91.45%  
Year 2: 87.88%  
Year 3: 92.47%  
Year 4: 96.36%  
Year 5: 96.43%  
Year 6: 90%

Overall school attendance this week  
is **93.8%**.

Please remember, holidays in  
term time **are not permitted** and  
will have a negative impact on  
your child's attainment in school.

**EVERY DAY  
COUNTS**

### Stars of the week

N: Jaxon  
R: Kacper  
1: Suzannah  
2: Ayden  
3: Izzy  
4: Vinney  
5: Honor  
6: Lucas  
RP: Louis

### Dojo Champions

Reception: Charlie  
Year 1: Lexy  
Year 2: Evie-May  
Year 3: Zac  
Year 4: Teddy  
Year 5: Matthew  
Year 6: Alex  
RP: Noah



Casey(5) Esmail (10)

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**



## Learning this week...

This week Snowy Owls have been creating a poster for their lost items. They have been thinking about asking questions and using descriptive words. In Maths Reception have been comparing numbers and working on recognising their numbers up to 10 too! In Year 1 children have been practising their fluency skills by completing different independent questions based on previous learning. This week we have been using our beebots to create sequences using the direction buttons. We made predictions about the directions, tested it and then evaluated too. In Geography this week we were using our fieldwork skills to go and find human and physical features on our school grounds. The children have loved taking part in the Christmas performances this week, getting into their costumes and singing their hearts out! Well done everybody! 3 more days to go!

Miss Sands

This week we have completed our final write up on explaining how we would trap the Iron Man, ensuring that we organised our ideas in paragraphs with subheadings. In Maths we have looked at the method of formal addition and subtraction, ensuring the numbers are in the correct columns and partitioning them. In Science we have looked at how the length of day changes as the Earth orbits the sun and how the tilt of the Earth on its axis affects this. I'm sure you will agree, the children excelled themselves in our Christmas Nativity, saving their best performance for their final one! All staff were very proud of them. The children have been hard at work this Friday to create their own Christmas themed peg dolls to sell at our Christmas fair on Monday after school. Please ensure you bring lots of 20p's to support us, we will also be making some reindeer themed cakes to sell too.

Miss Curtis

We have had a great week this week in Desert Owls! On Tuesday we were invited to Helsby High School to watch their dress rehearsal of The School of Rock. The children represented the school well and enjoyed the visit. We have been in full flow with also doing 4 performances for parents of our own Christmas performance of The Christmas Recipe. Some of the children had a lot of lines and they did a great job remembering them and they have enjoyed learning all the songs. In maths, we have tackled long multiplication with determination and resilience! The class are making fantastic progress with their arithmetic and are retaining the learning we have done this year and are applying the different strategies. In science, we have been looking at how the Earth orbits the sun and how planets rotate on an axis. We have also looked at the phases of the moon

Mrs Price

This week, Tawny Owls have had a Christmassy week! We started off on Monday with our Christmas performance where the majority of the class dressed up in their outfits and performed on stage in front of their parents. On Tuesday children had their reward trip to green gate park. They had such a good time! On Wednesday the KS2 children went to the leisure centre to take part in the inclusive Christmas festival and they all received a present from Santa! On Thursday, children spent the day doing different pieces of art work ready to sell them at the Christmas fair next week. On Friday, we had a special visitor in the classroom! He wore a big red suit and had a white beard, can you guess who it was?

Miss Pemberton





“Following the success of Ready, Set, Read Summer Reading Challenge, the theme has been extended into the Winter Mini Challenge. With the holidays approaching, now is the time to encourage your children to tackle the holiday reading ‘dip’. Join in at [wintermini.org.uk](http://wintermini.org.uk) from 1 December 2023. More information on the Challenge can be found on the website.”

### Facebook

“The #WinterMiniChallenge is here! @readingagency have teamed up with @YouthSportTrust this year, to encourage children to unleash the power of play, sport and physical activity through reading. Children can sign up online at [wintermini.org.uk](http://wintermini.org.uk). #ReadySetRead!”



# Frodsham Library events

**Christmas colouring sheets will be available throughout December, for all ages.**

**Saturday 2, 9, 16 and 23 December, 10am - 12pm: Children's Christmas crafts**

Join us every Saturday throughout December, for a different Christmas craft. Drop in.

**Wednesday 6 December, 10am - 12pm: Crafting Memories for National Grief Awareness Week.**

Join us to decorate a star or heart in memory of your loved one, to go on your Christmas tree. You don't need to be good at crafts to take part. It's more about the chance to chat and share memories. Free, drop in.

**Monday 18 December, 10am - 12pm: Christmas colouring**

Colour in some lovely Christmas themed pictures or cards. For all ages. Drop in.

**Monday 18 December, 2.30pm: Board games & Christmas bingo**

Fun for all the family, playing board games and even a spot of Christmas bingo. Drop in.

**Tuesday 19 December, 2pm: Christmas Rhyme time (U5s)**

Seasonal rhymes with some festive treats. Drop in.

**Wednesday 20 December, 10.30am - 12pm: Festive coffee morning and book folding**

Join us for a brew and a mince pie and have a go at book folding. Make a festive tree or even a Christmas angel. For all ages. Drop in.

**Thursday 21 December, 2pm: Christmas Rhyme time (U5s)**

Seasonal rhymes with some festive treats. Drop in.

**Friday 22 December, 4pm: Christmas story time and craft**

Come and listen to a special Christmas story, followed by a simple craft. Drop in.

**Wednesday 27 - Friday 29 December, 10am - 4pm: Games, colouring and Lego**

Come and play some board games, create a Lego masterpiece or do s



## Applying for a Primary School place in **September 2024**



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Cheshire West  
and Chester

Important  
information for  
parents or carers

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Applications received after this deadline will be  
processed after all on time applications



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Nursery parents, please call the school office if  
you would like help to apply for a reception place  
for September 2024



### Diary of events for Autumn Term

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Stay and Play
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30-4.30	Christmas fair in school- Children's class stalls only. Classes will each set up their own stall. Please come along! Teddy Tombola Children's lucky dip Reindeer food Make a Christmas biscuit Christmas decorations Hot chocolate cones and much more!
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Own clothes day- Party wear or Christmas Jumpers Christmas Party day in school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas at 1.20pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Children return to school





## Urgent Winter Water Safety Message

RLSS UK offer safety advice for winter water safety, with simple steps to keep safe during the winter:

1. Never go onto the ice to play, to retrieve an object, or a pet
2. Never enter the ice to rescue somebody, call 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service

### *What to do if you fall through the ice:*

- Keep calm and shout for 'help'
- Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you
- If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice
- Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank
- If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank-breaking the ice in front of you anyway
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Press your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water
- Once you are safe, go to hospital immediately for a check up

### *What to do if you see someone fall through the ice:*

- Shout for assistance and phone the emergency services – call 999 or 112
- Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue
- Shout to the casualty to 'keep still' and offer reassurance to keep them calm
- Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach
- When reaching from the bank, lie down to avoid being pulled onto the ice
- If you cannot reach them, slide something which floats, such as a plastic bottle or football, across the ice for them to hold onto to stay afloat whilst help is on the way
- If the casualty is too far away, do not attempt to rescue them. Wait for the emergency services while calming and reassuring the casualty

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety>





**Frodsham Primary Academy**  
**School Term Dates 2023-2024**



**Autumn Term 2023**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
33 days		33 days	

**Spring Term 2024**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
28 days		29 days	

**Summer term 2024**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May May	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
34 days		33 days	

TEACHER TRAINING DAYS: SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Tuesday

5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024





## School Term Dates for Frodsham Primary Academy September 2024 - July 2025

	School Opens	School Closes
<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>October Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 2</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas Break</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	
<b>Spring Term 1</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>February Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	
<b>Spring Term 2</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Easter Break</b>	<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	
<b>Summer Term 1</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
<b>Whit Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>Summer Term 2</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July

### **INSET TRAINING DAYS (staff only – children are not in school)**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

# 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like ping-pong notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

## NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

## CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

## WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

## TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Dot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

## WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

## WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

## BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

## ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

## SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

## GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

## GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

## Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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#WakeUpWednesday