

Be the best you can be.

'Let your light shine before others; that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.' - Matthew 5:16

School Newsletter

December 2025

What we've been up to in classes

Squirrels have had a very busy December! Alongside rehearsing for their nativity, they have been writing letters to Father Christmas and learning all about shapes.

Acorns have been learning how to write newspaper articles inspired by the story *The Lonely Beast*. In Art, they have also been exploring printmaking techniques and creating some fantastic designs.

Oaks Class have been enjoying their Antarctica topic, writing diary entries in role as crew members on Shackleton's expedition and bringing their learning to life through drama. They also joined a live assembly from Antarctica with explorer Robert Swan. In maths, they have been tackling multiplication and division, while in science they continued investigating shadows and how they change.

Woodlands have been reaching the exciting conclusion of *Brightstorm*- what a fantastic book it has been! In PE, they have been developing their teamwork and communication skills and applying them across a range of activities.



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Nativity

Our Nativity was truly something special this year, each performance filled with joy, heart and wonderful talent. Pupils performed in front of the school, family members and to Alde Valley Lunch Club. We couldn't be prouder of everyone involved.



Ipswich Panto

The children were absolutely delighted to visit the Ipswich Regent theatre to watch the pantomime Thank you to the PTA who helped make this unforgettable outing possible with their generous contribution.



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Cross Country Finals

We were thrilled to have four pupils compete in the cross-country finals at Hartismere, with two finishing in the top five. An amazing effort from every one of them!



Christingle

Our Christingle service was absolutely beautiful. Such a special moment to come together and it was wonderful to be joined by so many of our families.



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Books for Christmas!

This year, we have gifted every child in the school a book for Christmas. Each book was selected by the class teacher because they believed that they would enjoy it. A massive thank you to Miss Jeni in supporting us with this initiative.



Fa La La Fest

What an amazing morning with the St. Catharine's College Choir! Beautiful live music, festive sing-alongs and heartfelt readings made it truly special.



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Alde Valley Panto

KS2 had a brilliant time at the panto at Alde Valley- full of laughs, music and magic. Extra special to see some former Benhall students shining on stage!



RNLI Visit

KS1 had an exciting visit from a member of the RNLI! They learned all about water safety and even got to try on the real rescue gear.



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PTA Christmas Crafts

Huge thank you to our amazing PTA for coming in to make Christmas crafts with all of our pupils this month!



Social Media

We want to keep families and the local community more in the know of what we are getting up to in school. We now have active Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky and X accounts. Please ensure that you are following the accounts for regular updates of what we are getting up to.



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On behalf of the staff at Benhall, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 6th January.



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