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QPIA NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The final day of term arrives and it leaves me with just enough time to say thank you (before singing the Twelve Days of Christmas yet again with all the children and staff!) for the generosity that you have shown to the school over this term and specifically the last couple of weeks. As I have stood at the main entrance talking with parents/carers and at the recent Carols event; I have been reminded of how important our school is to you and that relationships based on respect and honesty matter. I have been humbled by your giving and the words of appreciation for the many ways in which our PFA and school team work together with you to build our children's' confidence, independence, and add fun and excitement to their success. All important as young children grow and learn. Thank you for all your care, support and kindness which is truly at the heart of this holiday season.

I also know and cannot ignore that we all often carry worries and concerns. As a team, we remain committed to listening and supporting everyone in our community in these moments. There have sadly been a few occasions over this last term where staff have not been spoken to respectfully. I am saddened by this on behalf of all the school team. I do know how much our school is loved and I do thank every family that shows us this each and every day. I wish for a 2026 where we remember to always show respect, kindness and thought for one another.

For now enjoy the photographs below that highlight the fun, care , kindness and learning that QPIA values for the children.

I sincerely hope that over the coming holiday you manage to spend time with family and friends staying safe and well. See you all on Wednesday 7th January 2026!

Kind regards,

Mrs T. Edwards.

A 'THANK YOU' MESSAGE FROM YOUR PFA

With the end of term in sight, we wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on the fantastic events we have had so far this year, which have managed to raise a fabulous total of **£2450.00**, a significant step toward our fundraising target for the year. Our project this year is to raise the funds to enhance the school's outdoor spaces with new furniture including shelters so that these spaces can be enjoyed even more by our children.

The first event held was an after school cake sale with very generous donations of bakes from the school community, raising £315. This is fabulous for a speedy event that is usually done and dusted within 30 minutes.

We then kicked off our double-header of winter events with the Winter Bazaar which was held in the school hall in the morning.

It really was heart-warming to see so many happy children leaving the hall with their bag of toys, for a £1 donation.

The beauty of this event is it costs very little in terms of funding, with all the toys being kindly donated by you and your families, so every penny raised goes back into supporting the school. In the background, the lovely PFA volunteers work their magic to sort, clean, store and arrange all of the toys ahead of, and during, the event so we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of those who donated toys and their time to make this event as wonderful as ever.

Carols with the Band was next up, held in the evening and it was so lucky to catch a break in the weather, so it could be held outside where it truly belongs. A splendid addition this year was the **Story Time with Santa**, a ticketed event, which saw our little ones undertake a candlelit journey through the wild garden accompanied by some very helpful elves, to meet Santa in the outdoor classroom which had magically transformed into Santa's Woodland Grotto! Here the children got to hear the story, Stick Man, read by Santa and then receive a gift from the elves. This was a sellout event which the children really enjoyed.

Our raffle and tombola were well supported once again this year and we would like to express our gratitude to those companies and individuals that donated prizes to make these both possible. We would also like to thank the arts and crafts providers that had stalls selling their lovely wares to help raise funds.

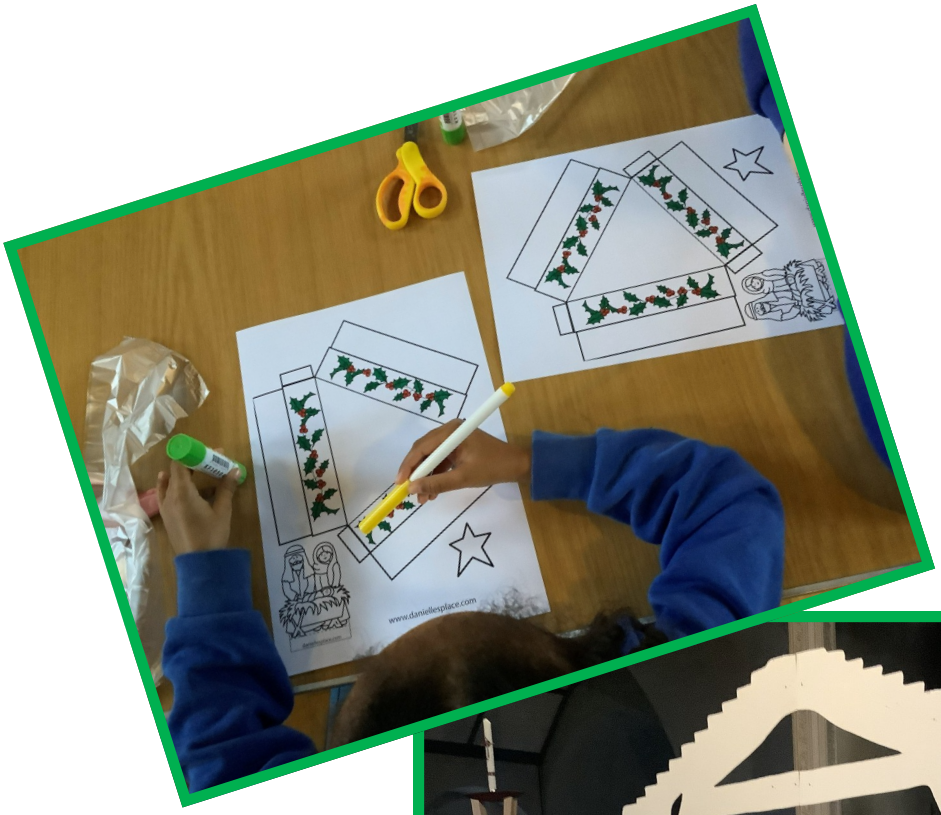
Of course, none of these events would be a success without the support that we receive from you and your families. Whether you have donated money, baked something for the cake stall, helped to organise or run a stall, donated toys for the Winter Bazaar or come along with your friends and family to enjoy and support our events, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported our events and our school over these first few months of the academic year.

If you are interested in joining the PFA in any capacity, please get in touch at qpia.pfa@gmail.com. We can always do with more help, whether it's a little bit of your time, your creative ideas, baking, or anything else you can think of, you would be very welcome.

The PFA Team

YEAR 1 WALK TO THE CHURCH

Earlier this week the Year One children visited St Francis Church to listen to the story of the First Christmas and to make a craft activity. The visit brings together this half term's work in RE, and is a lovely opportunity for the children to share their thoughts on universal values such as kindness, respect, sharing and caring for each other.



Our thanks go to all of the volunteers at the church who give their time and help to make our visits memorable.

Mrs Richie—R.E. Lead

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Treehouse Theatre Company entertained us all with the pantomime last week.

OUR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

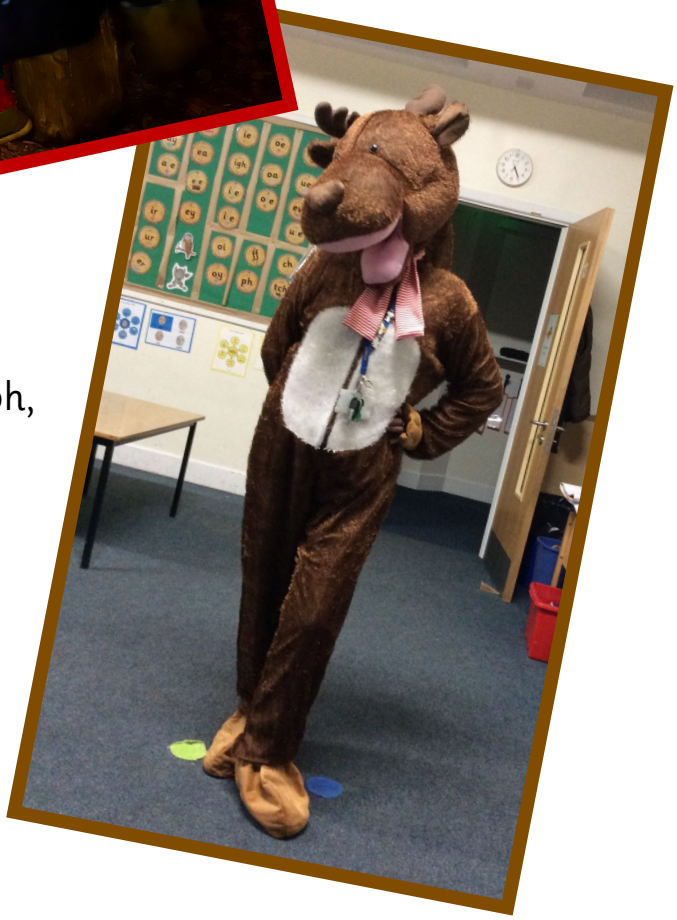
What a wonderful success our Christmas Bazaar was last week.

The children loved visiting the hall in their Christmas jumpers to choose lots of exciting new toys, and games.

Thank you to our PFA for organising such a fun event for our children!

CAROLS WITH THE BAND

Magical Stories with Santa in his transformed woodland grotto.



It can't be Rudolph, because his nose isn't red, but who was this special visitor at Carols with the Band?..

Carols with the Band included the first performance by our school choir, led by Miss Webber. We were so proud of them. They sounded FABULOUS!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Barn Owls class enjoyed eating their Christmas lunch together.

The long lunch tables looked so bright and colourful.

Sebastian and Joey enjoyed being joined by Mrs Wills for lunch!

Karen and Sarah worked extra hard in the school kitchen to cook us a scrummy Christmas Lunch on Wednesday!

THANK YOU Karen and Sarah!

FABULOUS FOUNDATION SPORTS

We love working with Foundation Sports. Every lunchtime their coaches come in and work with our children, and many of them enjoy their After School Clubs too.

All of our coaches are fab, but we were delighted when Josh visited us to present Steve with the **Foundation Sports Coach of the Year** Award.

This is voted for by the other coaches, so is a mark of their respect for him!

Josh presenting Steve with the Foundation Sports Coach of the Year Award 2025!

CONGRATULATIONS STEVE!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Spring Term 2026</u>

Monday and Tuesday 5th and 6th January: Staff Training
(SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)

Wednesday 7th January: Children Back to School

Monday 12th January: Year 1 OTTERS Trip to Etches Collection

Tuesday 13th January: Year 1 HEDGEHOGS Trip to Etches Collection

Wednesday 14th January: Year 1 BADGERS Trip to Etches Collection

Thursday 15th January: Year 1 FOXES Trip to Etches Collection

Monday 16th—Friday 20th February: Half Term

Monday 23rd February: Back to School