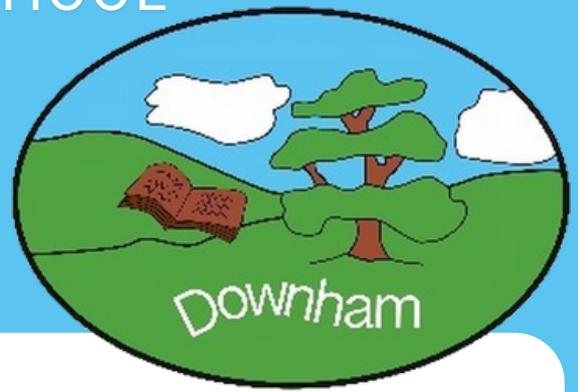


NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



Edition 13: 5th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Christmas festivities are now well and truly underway! On Monday afternoon, we had a beautiful service in the hall, where every pupil hung their decoration on our Christmas tree, and Rev Jacqui blessed it, so that this Christmas season, our classrooms, school and homes may be filled with hope, happiness, and peace. On Tuesday, our Christmas choir performed for the first time this festive period at the Ramsden Coffee Club. Miss Proctor then received the following email:

"On their first 'gig' your children did you proud. The choir come along to the Community Cuppa and Cake Christmas afternoon every year and they never disappoint. It puts everyone in the Christmas Spirit and the children seemed very pleased to be involved. We managed to raise over £200 for Children in Need in just a couple of hours. May we take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their hard work and to the children for being a credit to their school."

On Wednesday, we had a fabulous time at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre, watching Aladdin. We all agreed that this was the best panto we had seen in a very long time - we are not sure who enjoyed it more: the staff or the children! In the afternoon, the PTA came in to provide the children with a great afternoon of Christmas craft. We also learnt that our Christmas fete raised over £1800.00, which is incredible for such a small school! Thank you to you all. With next week filled with several performances, we wish you all a safe and restful weekend.

Ms Walker, Executive Headteacher & Miss Bailey, Executive Deputy Headteacher



Having fun
at the PTA
Christmas
crafts
afternoon!



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Nags Head Pub has a Santa's grotto this weekend and next, 1-4pm. They also have Christmas workshops on 22nd and 23rd December. Please contact the pub to make a booking!

ATTENDANCE:

Here is the attendance for each class for this week:

Ducklings - 98.2%

Robins - 90.5%

Nightingales - 88.7%

Woodpeckers - 93.7%

Kingfishers - 92.9%

Owls - 95.0%

Eagles - 89.6%

Whole School - 92.7%



Well done Ducklings!

OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

Year 1 - Evie for courage

Year 2 - Harry O. for challenge

Year 3 - Varena for challenge

Year 4 - Albert for critical thinking

Year 5 - Oliver P. for creativity

Year 6 - Christiana for creativity and collaboration



IMPORTANT NEWS!

Please note that surface water drainage improvements are being carried out in Downham Road, Ramsden Heath, from Monday 5th January for four weeks.

This is likely to cause disruption to your journey so please allow more time for drop-off and collection and please remember to park responsibly.

IMPORTANT DATES:

8 Dec: 9.30-10.30am EYFS Nativity

9 Dec: 9.30-10.30am KS1 Nativity

9 Dec: Worship Group to go to Belfry Care Home

10 Dec: 9.30-10.30am KS1 Nativity

11 Dec: 10.00am Tour for EYFS intake for Sept. 26

12 Dec: 3.15-5.15pm PTA Christmas Magical Movie Night **NO CLUBS**

14 Dec: 4.00pm Choir singing at Baptist Church

15 Dec: 5.00pm Y6 Christingle Service at St Margaret's Church

16 Dec: 11.00am Year 6 singing at The Belfry

16 Dec: 2.30pm Choir singing in Village Hall

16 Dec: 4.30-5.30pm KS2 Christmas Concert

17 Dec: 4.30-5.30pm KS2 Christmas Concert

17 Dec: Christmas Jumper Day

17 Dec: Christmas Dinner Day

17 Dec: 2.15pm Front Row Music performance to parents

19 Dec: Last day of term

5 Jan: First day of Spring 1



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for this special time of year, when we celebrate the joy of Christmas.

Thank you for the fun we have with our friends, for the games, the singing, and the excitement that Christmas brings. Help us to share our happiness and to make sure no one feels left out.

Bless our school, our teachers, our families, and our friends as we celebrate. Fill our hearts with kindness, our days with laughter, and our memories with happy times.

We ask this in the spirit of Christmas, full of peace and good cheer.

Amen.