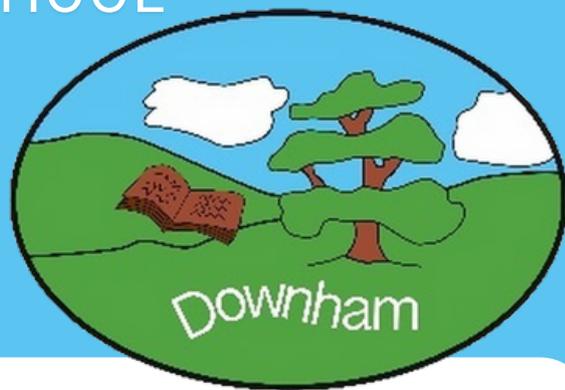


NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We were delighted to receive our SIAMS inspection this week, and are proud that our strengths include **'a deeply caring and respectful ethos ensures that pupils and adults are known, valued and well supported.'** They also recognised that our pupils have **'a rich range of opportunities and responsibilities has been inspired by the vision. This broadens pupils' experiences, enabling them to 'soar to new heights'.** This has certainly been true this week with outstanding performances by both EYFS and KS1. Our Worship Group also brought joy and happiness to the residents of The Belfry Care Home. Next week, it is the turn of KS2 to take to the stage and treat us to some Christmas magic! We also have our Christmas lunch to look forward to. We would also like to thank our very kind and generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, for the gift of fifteen Downham teddy bears. They will be raffled on the last day of term. If you get a spare moment, please do write a comment in our Comments Book in reception, we love to read them! Please also remember to complete our online survey. With the end of term fast approaching, we wish you all a safe and restful weekend.

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



ATTENDANCE:

Here is the attendance for each class for this week:

Ducklings - 88.2%

Robins - 86.4%

Nightingales - 92.6%

Woodpeckers - 84.3%

Kingfishers - 95.0%

Owls - 88.9%

Eagles - 83.6%

Whole School - 88.3%

WELL DONE KINGFISHERS!



OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

Year 1 - All of Robins for courage, collaboration and creativity

Year 2 - All of Nightingales for courage, collaboration and creativity

Year 3 - Victoria for critical thinking

Year 4 - Isabelle for challenge and critical thinking

Year 5 - Xander for creativity

Year 6 - Kyan for courage and creativity



IMPORTANT DATES:

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: Final Celebration Worship and presentation of Reading Certificates and Attendance Certificates

19 Dec: Last day of term

5 Jan: First day of Spring 1



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

This week the Headteacher's award goes to Arthur in Year 2. Arthur really impressed me in the KS1 nativity for singing so enthusiastically and really trying his best!

Well done, Arthur!



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

We have now completed all of our EYFS tours. Please remember to apply online for your child's primary (reception) school place via Admissions at Essex County Council. Your online application must be submitted by 15 January 2026.

All applications received after 15 January will be treated as late and will only be processed after all on-time applications. You are less likely to get a place at your preferred schools if you apply later.