

# Northam St George's Weekly News

Friday 1st December 2023

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## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the children have continued to learn the songs for their Christmas performances. It is lovely to walk around the school and listen to the children singing. On Monday I sent out the forms needed to book tickets for each performance. Please note that due to space in the hall, you must book a ticket and record the names of people attending.

For the Woodlands' performance [click here](#) to book tickets.

For Cherry, Sycamore and Juniper Class [click here](#) to book tickets.

This Saturday is the Northam Town Council Christmas Service at St Margaret's Church. My thanks to the families who have signed up to come and participate in this service. Please can the children wear their school jumpers or cardigans to the service.

Today is the first day that the children could wear their Christmas jumpers to school. It was lovely to see the array of festive cheer across the school. Remember that the children can wear a Christmas jumper throughout December.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of the families who have donated toys for the toy sale and for the small army of volunteers who have helped sort through the toys and sell them. Today we gave each child a toy token to spend on one toy or book from the sale. I hope that they were well spent!

Have a restful weekend,

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



## School Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 7th December	Woodlands Performance 2.30pm and 5pm
Tuesday 12th December	Cherry, Sycamore & Juniper Christmas Performance 2.30pm
Wednesday 13th December	Cherry, Sycamore & Juniper Christmas Performance 5pm
Friday 15th December	Christingle Service 10.30am St Margaret's Church

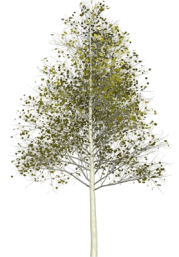
<b>Autumn Term</b>	6th Sept —15th Dec 2023
<b>Non Pupil Day</b>	20th Oct 2023
<b>October Half Term</b>	23rd —27th Oct 2023
<b>Spring Term</b>	2nd Jan—28th Mar 2024
<b>February Half Term</b>	12th—16th Feb 2024
<b>Non Pupil Day</b>	19th Feb 2024
<b>Summer Term</b>	15th Apr—23rd Jul 2024
<b>May Half Term</b>	27th —31st May 2024

# Around The Classes



## The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)

This week in the Woodlands we have been busy practising for our Christmas Nativity play. The children have been amazing at learning the words of the songs and knowing when to come onto the stage! In Drawing Club, we have been watching the cartoon Wacky Races. Everyone has drawn great pictures and written secret codes. The children have enjoyed exploring the Wilderness in the cold weather and this has given them a good understanding of our seasonal work.



## Cherry Class

This week in Cherry class we had a wonderful day out at the Atlantic Racquet Centre on Tuesday. The children were polite and took part in all the activities with real enthusiasm. We were very proud of them, and we hope everyone enjoyed their day! Phonics is a very important part of our learning in year 1. We do phonics every morning. Please click the link to watch a useful video 'How to say phase 5 sounds' . We hope that this will help you support your child with the sounds currently being taught in Cherry class - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> Have a great weekend!



## Sycamore Class

On Tuesday this week some of the children in Sycamore class went to the Atlantic Racquet Centre for a multi-skills morning. The children had a really fun time playing games involving throwing and catching, running and dodging, dribbling with a racquet and completing an obstacle course. The children worked hard and were tired and ready for lunch when they came back! In English the children have completed their own stories based on Augustus and his Smile. They have done a super job and the progress they have made since being in year 2 is amazing. We're so proud of them. I wonder if they could share what their story is about?



## Juniper Class

This week in Juniper class we have been hard at work learning all of the Christmas songs in preparation for all of the upcoming events, and Juniper class have been amazing with their singing! On Tuesday some of the children went to the multi-skills event up at ARC where we had great fun completing different activities. We were definitely tired by the end, but it was fantastic to see the children so engaged in lots of different games. Finally, this week the children also managed to finish off their own stories adapted from 'Augustus and His Smile', which were brilliant to read and were so imaginative. Have a restful weekend everyone.



## The Dunes Class

In the Dunes, we have been continuing with our learning on the continents and oceans. We made a big map of the Earth and had to place the continents in the right positions. We all managed to label the continents and oceans correctly! We have started to feel festive and made Father Christmas masks, using paper plates and cotton wool. In PE, we all learnt to do a forward roll! Today, we have made gingerbread biscuits.





# Golden Book



**Aspen**

This week we are celebrating Evie

For her fantastic drawings at drawing club.

**Dunes**

This week we are celebrating Lincoln

For having a truly amazing week. We are all really proud of you.

**Beech**

This week we are celebrating Paisley

For being kind and caring to her friends.

**Cherry**

This week we are celebrating Rosie

For excellent participation in lessons.

**Sycamore**

This week we are celebrating Edith

For her excellent effort towards her learning.

**Juniper**

This week we are celebrating Zach

For his fantastic effort in physical activity this week.



# Notice Board



## Weekly Attendance

Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

That's why school attendance is so important and why the Government is committed to tackling the issues that might cause some children to miss school unnecessarily. *The Education Hub Blog 2023*

Our weekly class attendance below.

Aspen - 80.4%

Beech - 72.1%

Cherry - 84.5%

Sycamore - 87.5%

Juniper - 90.6%

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

## The HAF website is now live!

The programme of events for Winter has now gone live in Devon

<http://devon.cc/haf-winter-23>

Please share far and wide!  
Places are limited

Places are available for children who are accessing benefit related free school meals

<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>



## Community Christmas Lunch Christmas Day - 12-3pm St Margarets School Northam

We would like to invite those in need of some company, friendship and support to our FREE Community Christmas festivities.  
We are offering the gift of a warm welcome, tasty food, a present and smiles.

To join us on the day please reserve your seat with us now so we can ensure everyone is catered for.

To Book please contact:  
Kelly Turner - 07710566560

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# Christmas



Christmas jumpers - children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper throughout the month of December. This is **not** a non-uniform day and the children will still be expected to have the rest of their uniform on.

Northam Council Christmas Service - this is at St Margaret's Church on Saturday 2nd December 3.00pm (invitation only)

Christmas dinner day - this will be on the 6th December

Woodlands' Christmas Performances - this will be on Thursday 7th December at 2.30pm and 5.00pm

Class Christmas parties - these will be WB 11th December more details to follow.

Cherry, Sycamore, Juniper Christmas performances - Tuesday 12th December at 2.30pm and Wednesday 13th December at 5.00pm

Christingle service - this is on the 15th December at 10.30am at St Margaret's Church. Everyone is welcome to join us.

