



# School Newsletter

## Winter 2025



### Our Ethos

*"To see the light in everyone"*

### Our Values

*Perseverance, Creativity, Friendship, Compassion,*

*Responsibility & Courage*

### Rowan Class and Year 2

We have had a wonderful start to the school year in Rowan Class. Our Reception children have settled into school life beautifully, and our Year 1 pupils have shown great confidence and independence as role models for the class.

This term, the children have enjoyed a variety of hands-on learning experiences. In literacy, we took part in both sweet and savoury cooking activities. The children wrote shopping lists, sorted vegetables by colour, and created their own recipe before making a delicious bonfire stew to share. We also used windfall apples to bake a tasty apple and cinnamon crumble, which the children were very proud of.

In science, our focus has been habitats. We class carried out lots of research and investigations learn where different animals like to live and why. After studying worms and their preferred environments, the children worked together to create a classroom wormery, which they continue to observe and record during their independent time.

It has been a very busy and successful term, and I am very proud of the hard work and passion that the children have shown!

Miss Ward



## Ash Class

Children in Ash Class have been working extremely hard this term. They have written their own chapter stories based on The incredible Book Eating Boy by Oliver Jeffers and are now in the process of making them into books.

In maths, we have been using a 100 square to explore patterns in our times tables and thoroughly learning them through singing songs and practicing daily on TT rockstars. We have also learnt how to represent our times table facts using different representations using arrays, pictures, bar models and repeated addition sentences.

In science this term we have been investigating the differences between solids liquids and gases in terms of their structure and characteristics. We have also been testing the properties of different materials, using tests such as conductivity, magnetism, absorption, reflection and transparency. In last week's lesson we had lots of fun investigating ways in which we could separate several different heterogenous mixtures.

In the picture Chester is separating a heterogenous mixture by sieving it through a foil tray he made by punching holes in its base.

Mrs Merry



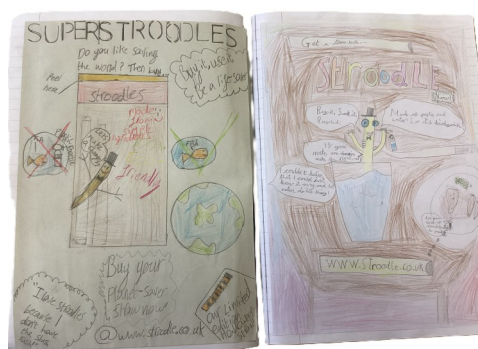
## Oak Class

Oak Class have been working hard with their writing this term. To begin with, we looked at making our writing more descriptive, using a section from an episode of Doctor Who to inspire us. We then took part in the BBC 500 Words live lesson and wrote our own story. A number of our pupils entered their stories - fingers crossed the judges like them! More recently, we have thinking about the environment and the impact that plastic is having on our oceans and wildlife. Pupils were excited to find out about Stroodles (straws made from pasta!) and have written persuasive adverts and posters to encourage people to consider alternatives to disposable plastic items.

In history, along with Year 3, we have been learning about Ancient Rome and Roman Britain. As part of this work, we created our own fact books and Roman style mosaics.

We hope that you all have an enjoyable Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in January.

Mrs Reeve



## After School Club with Mrs Clarke

Craft- The children have been very busy this term and have crated some lovely pictures using various methods, as well as making bookmarks, paper roll creatures and colouring seasonal pictures for the school noticeboard display.



Film- We have enjoyed watching many great films together this term including Mary Poppins, The Secret Life Of Pets, Garfield and Nativity!



Pick 'n' Mix- Every Thursday in club the children choose what games/activities they would like to do. This term Monopoly has been a very popular choice, seeing the children have great fun as well as practicing their maths skills along the way!

## Forest School

At the start of this term our new reception children made their first forays into our Forest School with the rest of their class exploring, climbing creating and building they had great weather and were able to gain many experiences and use all their senses; feeling the oozy mud, seeing world from a different point of view with the periscope and hearing the nature around them.

After half term it was Yr 3-4's turn and for the first time we had to bring a lesson indoors due to the weather!

We made blanket dens with the tables and chairs and created fact files about imaginary animals by torch light. Then those who felt brave enough to face the weather came outside for a good splash in the puddles. Mrs Foster



## Reception Class R.E at Christmas



The children in Reception class have been learning about VIP's and have created a beautiful tree with hand decorated leaves to symbolise the people that are important to them. This work was then linked in with our Christian values and beliefs and the reasons why we celebrate Christmas. The children went on to create a fantastic Nativity scene and handprint Christmas tree to display in their classroom. Mrs Crane



## Sad Goodbye

It is with much sadness that we will be saying farewell to Mrs Lever at the end of this term

Despite only having joined us after the summer break, Mrs Lever has made a wonderful contribution to the school, not only through her classroom activities, but also using her expertise and qualifications to help teach swimming to our KS2 pupils throughout the Autumn term.

We wish her the very best in her future teaching journey.



## Christmas Nativity

At the time of writing, the KS1 children are all busy practicing for the upcoming Nativity play that will be held in the church on Monday 8th December at 2:45pm.

All families are warmly invited to attend.



## Welcome to Mrs Gorham!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Gorham to our team as Midday Supervisor, working alongside Miss Sewell to ensure the smooth running of lunchtimes.



## The Friends of Charsfield School PTA (FoCS)

Despite facing challenging times with falling committee numbers, the PTA have continued to raise funds for the school with activities including a 'Spooky' biscuit decorating and crafting event on the 17th October and regular Friday Tuckshops.

Once again they are funding the school's annual pantomime trip, which this year will be to the Red Rose Theatre Chain in Ipswich to watch Alice In Wonderland.

If you feel you are able to contribute any spare time to the PTA to help us make events like the annual panto trip possible for the children, please do come along to a meeting (details posted on the school noticeboard), speak directly to a PTA member or contact the school office.



## School Council

Since their election, the school council have been busy trying to make things better for the other children in school. The main areas they have been focusing on are, friendship and compassion, road safety, and sport and well-being. This has led to the recent 'Be Bright' road safety awareness day, new sleepers being purchased to improve the raised planting beds, flower bulbs being planted around the band stand area and a survey to explore what clubs the children would like to see being offered in school. I know that the school council members will be writing to you again soon to request some adult help for future projects.

Mr Taylor



## Social Media

Please follow us on our social media pages and share posts if you can. It really helps us get our wonderful school out there! We have Instagram, Facebook and YouTube accounts.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNPXZPzUJb11iSk9ZQGoA>

<https://www.facebook.com/charsfieldprimaryschool>

<https://www.instagram.com/charsfieldcofeprimaryschool/>



## Final Word From Mr Taylor

Dear Parents,

The school is moving forward with our ethos and vision, and you will see our values at the foot of the newsletter. Thank you for those that completed the questionnaire, we do take notice and act on these.

Communication is an ongoing focus for us, and we are reviewing the recent survey. In the meantime, staff will always try to respond to your emails within 24 hours and where possible on the same day. If you need to contact staff, please contact the office in the first instance or the class teacher if they are free at drop off and collection.

Thank you for your support again this term and I wish you a happy and merry Christmas.

Mr Taylor



## Dates to Note

Monday 8th December-Nativity

Thursday 11th -Wilder Schools

Monday 15th-Fairy Crane gifts in

Wednesday 17th-Panto trip

Thursday 18th-Last day of term-

Christmas lunch, Festive jumpers, Carol service

Tuesday 6th January-Back to school



**Our values for the upcoming Spring Term are Friendship & Compassion**

***We Wish You A Merry Christmas***

***&***

***A Happy New Year!***

