



## All Aboard the Polar Express!

THIS week, Year 2 children have started to read The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg as part of their English learning. Written in 1985, it is now considered to be a classic Christmas story for young children. The story tells that on Christmas Eve, a young boy, listening from his bed for the ringing sounds of Santa's sleigh, instead hears the sound of a train. He looks through the window to see it right outside his house. He sees a conductor who looks up at his window. He tiptoes downstairs and goes outside. The conductor explains that the train is called the Polar Express and is journeying to the North Pole. The boy then boards the train, which is filled with other children in their pyjamas and nightgowns. They all sing carols and are served candies and hot chocolate by the train's staff.

The children were excited as they re-enacted getting on the train with their tickets and enjoyed a delicious cup of hot chocolate!

The whole school will be getting involved in this story so watch this space!



## Dates for the diary

- 4th December—  
Nasal Flu  
vaccinations (mop  
up session)
- 5th December—  
Year 4 trip to  
Yehudi Menuhin  
Hall
- 9th, 10th, 11th  
December Years  
1 & 2 Nativity
- 12th December—  
Reception  
Christmas  
Singalong 2.30pm
- 15th December—  
Open Afternoon  
Infants 2.30pm
- 16th December—  
Open Afternoon  
Juniors 2.30pm
- 17th December—  
School Christmas  
Lunch
- 17th December—  
Junior Christmas  
Carol Concert at  
St Hilda's Church

# Launch of our Christmas Arts competition!

WE are excited to share that our annual Christmas Arts competition has officially begun! In worship today, our fantastic Arts Ambassadors launched this year's challenge:

## To create your very own Christmas tree decoration.

As usual, there will be one winner from each key stage who will receive a special art themed gift but that's not all... The Ambassadors will also be choosing a winning class whose entries impress them the most overall and that class will get a special Christmas treat in the last week of term!

So, what are the Ambassadors looking for?

- **Originality**
- **Effort**
- **Colour**

And above all...

- **Cuteness**

Competition rules:

- **The decoration must be made by the children**
- **It must have the child's name and class attached (a sticky label is fine)**
- **It must have a hanging loop**
- **It must be Christmas themed**

All entries should be handed in to class teachers by **Monday 8th December**.

That gives you this weekend and next weekend to get creative. Every decoration will be proudly displayed in the school hall, which you will be able to see on our open afternoon. So, have fun, get crafting and maybe enjoy a mince pie and some Christmas music while you work.

We can't wait to see your wonderfully Christmassy creations!





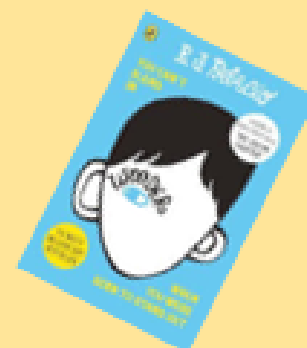
## Design your own library competition



How wonderful would it be to have our very own school library?

We would love to see your vision of what the best school library would look like!

Use plain A4 paper to create what you think it should look like. Don't forget to add your name and class to the back and hand in to your class teacher by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.



A winner from each key stage will be chosen.  
Certificates for all entries.





## Speech and Language Needs?

DO you have a child in the Infants with speech and language needs? If you do then this could be for you.

As a school we are working with the Speech and Language Therapy team to boost classroom strategies and provide families with simple tips for home. EYFS and Key Stage 1 parents are invited to attend our Speech and Language Support Coffee Afternoon on Tuesday 2nd December at 1.30 in the Hall. Steffi Harry from the therapy team will be there to lead the afternoon and answer your questions.

## ACE ACHIEVERS

CONGRATULATIONS to Eli from Meerkats who has been attending the after school dancing club and was named as the most improved dancer by his instructor. Well done Eli!



## Christmas is Coming!



IT is hard to believe that Christmas is only just around the corner. This week in worship the children have been learning about the start of Advent and it is so much more than opening a door and getting a chocolate! Advent is a season observed in most Christian denominations as a time of waiting and preparation for both the celebration of Jesus's birth at Christmas and the return of



Christ at the Second Coming. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, often referred to as Advent Sunday.

Christmas will be evident in school from next week, with the arrival of our Christmas tree and decorations going up. The post box will also be in the front of the school for children to post their Christmas cards. Please ensure all envelopes are marked clearly with name and class so we can ensure the children receive all their cards.



### House Points:

**Foxall**

**656**

**Howard**

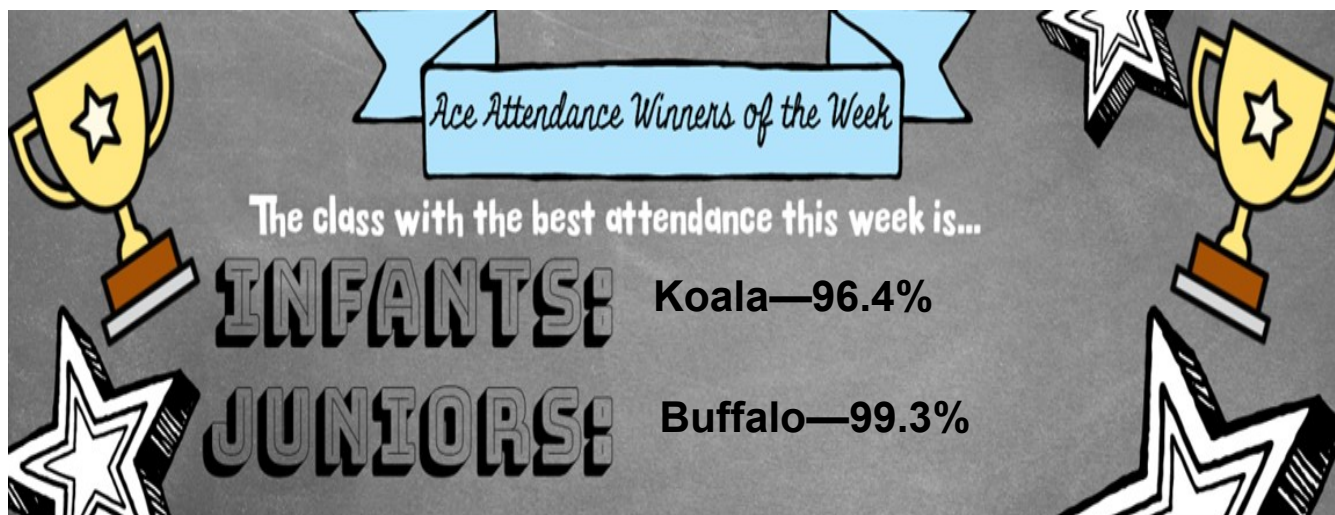
**1057**

**Lockington**

**1865**

**Mann**

**1493**



Our attendance target is 96%

Whole school this week 93.1%

# ACE Celebration Stars of the Week

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Koala</b>	<b>Reggie M</b>	<b>For trying really hard to write his name this week</b>
	<b>Hudson F</b>	<b>For great improvement in his reading</b>
<b>Kangaroo</b>	<b>Hayden</b>	<b>For being kind and helpful</b>
	<b>Maddison</b>	<b>For great improvement in her reading</b>
<b>Tiger</b>	<b>Sadie W</b>	<b>For always having a smile on her face and a positive attitude</b>
	<b>Bobby S</b>	<b>For his thoughtful contributions in RE this week</b>
<b>Panda</b>	<b>Archie Y</b>	<b>For his enthusiasm during our mastering number sessions</b>
	<b>Charlie L</b>	<b>For making good learning choices</b>
<b>Zebra</b>	<b>Pippa C</b>	<b>For a great understanding of adding across 10 in maths</b>
	<b>Oliver B</b>	<b>For brilliant perseverance when making chairs in DT</b>
<b>Giraffe</b>	<b>Quinn F</b>	<b>For great partitioning of numbers during maths</b>
	<b>Penelope</b>	<b>For great sentences during English when writing about the Polar Express</b>
<b>Lemur</b>	<b>Theeran</b>	<b>For incredible independence sewing his Christmas cushion</b>
	<b>Toni O</b>	<b>For his engagement and contributions whilst reading the BFG</b>
<b>Meerkat</b>	<b>Ahana</b>	<b>For the amazing care and focus she has put into her Christmas cushion</b>
	<b>Ruby M</b>	<b>For excellent engagement in our lesson about magnets</b>
<b>Rhino</b>	<b>Ahmad M</b>	<b>For his fantastic effort in maths learning about perimeter</b>
	<b>Anastasia</b>	<b>For her effort and attention to detail when creating packaging for a biscuit in DT</b>
<b>Elephant</b>	<b>Rupert C</b>	<b>For his thoughtful and creative letter to Hogarth about how to deal with the problem of the Iron Man</b>
	<b>Georgina</b>	<b>For her focus and skills producing packaging for her biscuit</b>
<b>Llama</b>	<b>Oliver DJ</b>	<b>For his fantastic focus and effort in art this week</b>
	<b>Savannah</b>	<b>For always putting 100% effort into all her learning</b>
<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Avé P</b>	<b>For her fantastic artwork using tone to create form</b>
	<b>Freddie A</b>	<b>For his effort and high aspirations in all subjects</b>
<b>Panther</b>	<b>Iris W</b>	<b>For her focus and enthusiasm in our science lessons</b>
	<b>George D</b>	<b>For his fantastic effort in maths this week and trying his hardest to challenge himself</b>
<b>Leopard</b>	<b>Ronnie WH</b>	<b>For being a respectful and friendly member of Leopard Class</b>
	<b>Elsie H</b>	<b>For her positive and hard working attitude in maths when adding and subtracting fractions</b>