



## Joy to the World

THERE was a lot of joy at school this week as Years 1 and 2 started our Christmas performances with 'It's a Baby' We were so proud of them all for standing up in front of their families and singing so beautifully—the acting was pretty good too!



## Dates for the diary

- 16th December—Open Afternoon Reception, Years 1 and 2.
- 17th December—Open Afternoon Year 3—6
- 18th December—School Christmas Lunch
- 18th December—Junior Carol Concert—St Hilda's Church 6pm
- 19th December—Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- 19th December—Class Christmas Parties
- 20th December—**END OF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSURES EARLY. 1.30PM FOR Reception and Year 1 & 2—1.40pm for Year 3—6**
- 23rd December—3rd January—**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

# Away in a Manger

BRINGING their own brand of festive cheer, our smallest little ACER's sang their hearts out on Friday afternoon. Reception children performed their Christmas songs for their parents making us super proud of them. Well done to all the children and Reception staff for your first school performance!



# We are the Champions!

ON Monday, a team of boys and girls from Year 6 headed off to a basketball tournament at Sunbury Leisure Centre. There were 8 schools participating and we were split into 2 leagues. The format was fun - 6 minutes of boys vs boys and then 6 minutes of girls vs girls to give an overall result for the game. We narrowly lost our first game, but bounced back to win our next 2 games, including a comfortable final game win which meant we topped our league thanks to goal difference. The final was against the other league winners, Laleham, and was an extremely close contest. It finished 1-1 before going into extra time with 2 minutes for the boys and 2 minutes for the girls. In the final seconds, Freya C-S successfully shot a basket to give ACE the win!



# Christmas Services at St Hilda's

Sunday 15th at  
4pm

Carol Service

Sunday 22nd at  
10am

Eucharist with Crib



Tuesday 24th at  
11pm

Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th at  
10am

Christmas Day Parish

The Parish of  
*St Mary the Virgin*  
STANWELL  
&  
*St Matthew*  
ASHFORD

**NINE LESSONS &  
CAROLS**

Sunday 22nd December 2024  
18:30

*St Mary the Virgin*  
STANWELL

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The Parish of  
*St Mary the Virgin*  
STANWELL  
&  
*St Matthew*  
ASHFORD

**Crib Service**

For unto us a child is born!

24 December 2024  
St Mary's, Stanwell - 14:00  
St Matthew's, Ashford - 16:00

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*St Mary the Virgin*  
STANWELL  
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*St Matthew*  
ASHFORD

**Christmas Eve  
and Christmas Day  
Masses**

*St Mary the Virgin*  
STANWELL  
First Mass of Christmas  
24th December 2024  
20:00  
Christmas Day  
Parish Mass  
25th December 2024  
11:00

*St Matthew*  
ASHFORD  
Midnight Mass  
24th December 2024  
23:30  
Christmas Day  
Parish Mass  
25th December 2024  
09:30

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House Points:	Foxall	Howard	Lockington	Mann
	441	541	344	535

**Ace Attendance Winners of the Week**

The class with the best attendance this week is...

**INFANTS:** Panda & Giraffe—96.3%

**JUNIORS:** Meerkat—93%

Our attendance target is 96% Whole school this week 89.9%

# ACE Achievers

WE have lots of super footballers in our school so it was lovely to see Zac from Llama winning an award for his rugby playing! Zac was awarded this for making the most effort at the London Irish under 10's. Well done Zac!



# Book Recommendation

THIS weeks book recommendation is from Mrs Bailey and she enjoys reading the book 'Coming Home' by Michael Morpurgo.

It tells the story of a lost and lonely Robin who sets out to be reunited with his family. Willing his wings to beat faster he flies through blizzards and fog and across the wide oceans. Will he find his family before Christmas? Read this wonderful book to find out.



# Keep Calm and Carry on!

YEAR 6 have enjoyed a WW2 themed day today to complete their learning about why WW2 is an important part of British history. They started the day by making some biscuits, remembering that luxuries like butter and sugar were rationed during the war. They also learnt about Alan Turing, practising their code-breaking skills, and finally created their own propaganda poster.



# ACE Celebration Stars of the Week

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Koala</b>	<b>Lorely MC</b>	<b>For settling so well into Koala Class</b>
	<b>Ines M</b>	<b>For fantastic progress with her phonics</b>
<b>Kangaroo</b>	<b>Rose A</b>	<b>For fantastic improvement in writing this week</b>
	<b>Bryan A</b>	<b>For trying really well when learning to write his name</b>
<b>Tiger</b>	<b>Harrison H</b>	<b>For making fantastic progress with his handwriting and presentation</b>
	<b>Rosie B</b>	<b>For always trying her best in our guided reading sessions</b>
<b>Panda</b>	<b>Quinn F</b>	<b>For his fantastic contribution to our class discussion about the nativity story</b>
	<b>Michael S</b>	<b>For showing perseverance and not giving up</b>
<b>Zebra</b>	<b>Israel M</b>	<b>For settling in and a great first couple of weeks at ACE</b>
	<b>Aishleen K</b>	<b>For writing a great big write on the great fire of London</b>
<b>Giraffe</b>	<b>Ahana</b>	<b>For incredible effort during our Nativity</b>
	<b>Sabrina</b>	<b>For her perseverance when learning about arrays in maths</b>
<b>Lemur</b>	<b>Emmanuel N</b>	<b>For listening to feedback and improving his communication in class</b>
	<b>Freddy R</b>	<b>For his engagement and effort during our virtual expedition to Mount Everest</b>
<b>Meerkat</b>	<b>Adam I</b>	<b>For showing such amazing and intricate sewing skills</b>
	<b>Freddie F</b>	<b>Extremely thoughtful contributions to our science lesson</b>
<b>Rhino</b>	<b>Cian SH</b>	<b>For his excellent vocabulary choices in his writing</b>
	<b>Jonathan</b>	<b>For his super understanding of division and multiplication</b>
<b>Elephant</b>	<b>Natalya R</b>	<b>For producing a fantastic piece of sewing</b>
	<b>Betsy B</b>	<b>For creating a great opening to her suspense story</b>
<b>Llama</b>	<b>Johnny P</b>	<b>For excellent focus and engagement in maths</b>
	<b>Elsie H</b>	<b>For her fantastic use of tone in art using pencils and pastels</b>
<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Winston C</b>	<b>For his focus, effort and independence in maths</b>
	<b>Wania T</b>	<b>For her excellent behaviour and positive attitude</b>
<b>Panther</b>	<b>Rebecca N</b>	<b>For a fantastic poem using similes as fronted adverbials</b>
	<b>Judah A</b>	<b>For a fantastic effort in maths applying his reasoning skills</b>
<b>Leopard</b>	<b>Daniel O</b>	<b>For writing a descriptive poem that recounts our English text using similes as fronted adverbials</b>
	<b>Talha</b>	<b>For always trying his best in his learning and being respectful to his peers and adults</b>