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## English Ambassadors

This half-term has been an exciting one for our English Ambassadors, who have been working incredibly hard to spread their love of books and creative writing across the school. Our writing ambassadors have enjoyed leading their creative writing club. They showed fantastic leadership as they guided other pupils through the process of inventing characters, building settings and writing short narratives. The club members have now submitted their stories to a real writing competition, with the chance of becoming *published authors*! Alongside this, they have also been busy making 'Wordvent Calendars' - designed to help children across the school learn new, exciting words to use in their writing. Our Reading Ambassadors have brought lots of festive joy to school this term too. They chose a special Christmas book for each class, wrapped it beautifully, and delivered their surprises around school like little Santas! They also organised The BIG Read, a fantastic whole-school event where children paired up with friends from different classes to enjoy reading together.

## Star Rewards

As part of our positive behaviour policy, children are awarded stars for their outstanding work in the classroom, their excellent behaviour and for showing they can follow the golden rules. Today, the children won a prize dependent on how many stars they earned this term. A special well done to the children who earned more than 100 stars and received a platinum certificate!

## Always Green Event

This week, the children got the chance to learn kurling as a reward for staying on green all term. All the children who attended the event had a great time! I was really pleased that 94% of our children attended the event. Next term, I hope even more children manage to stay on green by making sure that they always follow the golden rules.

## Christmas Performance

Our reception class held their nativity play last Thursday. Well done to all the staff and children who worked so hard to put on a super performance!

## Dining Hall Winners

The best-behaved class in the dining hall this term is year 2. The children's reward was a non-uniform day. I hope all the children will show exceptional behaviour in the dining hall after the holidays.

## Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Congratulations to years 2 and year 5 for having an attendance of 100%! Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
97.8%	90.2%	100%	95.3%	97%	100%	93%	96.2%

## January 2026

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January will be an INSET day. School will reopen for all pupils on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher

