

Snapshots of the Week

Week: 13 December to 17 December 2021



This week...

We have come to the end of a long term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest. When we stop and look back over the last half term, it is amazing just how much our learners have achieved. Once again, they never fail to amaze us! Their sheer determination and effort they give to their learning is second to none. Despite us still continuing to adapt to the restrictions of COVID and the difficulties we find ourselves in with the ongoing pandemic, they have not let this hinder their progress. As I walk around school, I am so proud of each and every child. This week we have had the delights of Year 1 retelling the story of the three little pigs as well as our youngest learners performing their virtual nativity. Despite our festivities being slightly adapted this year, it really is beginning to look a lot like Christmas! I would also like to say a massive thank you to all the staff but also to you as parents and wider family, thank you for your kind words and continued support. On behalf of all of us at BFS, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy new year. Stay safe, look after one another and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 5 January 2022!

Sir Linkalot

On Monday we had an extremely exciting and successful visit from Sir Linkalot (Andy Salmon). He spent the day working with each year group enthusing the children and staff about spelling. He introduced us to the world of linking and taught us a number of strategies and ways to remember to spell some tricky words. He had our year 4's spelling the word manoeuvre! As a school we have brought into this well-designed app to support our learners with their spelling in school and at home. We will begin using this in school, working our way through the bundles and will write to you early next year to share more about the app and how your child can access this at home. Thank you to those of you who attended the parent zoom session on Monday evening, we hope you found it informative and could see just how excited the children were by his top tips and support with spelling.

PE

What a busy term we have had!! We may not have been able to get out and enjoy the sporting fixtures we had planned for the Autumn Term, but this certainly hasn't stopped our learners putting in 100% effort into all their PE lessons. The progress we have seen this term in Gymnastics and Dance from EYFS through to Year 3 and Tag Rugby in Year 4 has been fantastic. We also found time to squeeze in a some throwing for accuracy when Santa arrived this week! We are already looking forward to Next Year and all the exciting opportunities that are PE lessons, after school sports clubs and fixtures will bring for our learners.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

As the Autumn term draws to a close, we can reflect on the success of our first full term of BFS extra-curricular clubs. With the plethora of clubs on offer from French to Gardening and Lego to Gymnastics but to name a few we have been absolutely thrilled to see how engaged and enthusiastic all our learners have been in each session. We are very much looking forward to inviting back many learners and welcoming lots of new learners when our clubs recommence in the Spring Term delivered once again by our friendly and dedicated BFS staff.



PTA

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA who have gone above and beyond in holding some great events and activities this past term.

We know the children enjoyed the discos, writing their letters to Santa and many more!

Reminders for the first week back...

Clubs

Morning Clubs and After School Clubs are will run as normal.

Please can we ask you promptly collect your child at the end of the day between 3pm – 3.15pm.

PE Day

Please remember on your child's set PE day to send them in wearing their PE Kit.

Reception – Wednesday and Friday

Year 1 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 2 – Monday and Thursday

Year 3 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Thursday

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First Day Back

February Half Term

Clarendon 6011	House Points	Ridgeway 5993
Tudor 5612		Wentworth 6022

Reception

What a week it has been; the Nativity performances, Christmas card writing, Christmas singing, and lots of learning along the way. The learners have truly been exceptional, and it has been such a successful first term for them in school, considering their journey in the build-up to starting Reception. Please take the Christmas break to relax, have fun and of course READ! The reception team apologise in advance for some questionable Christmas song choices, all of which I am sure you have heard many times at home.

Year 1

What an amazing term Year 1 have had! We have really had a wonderful end to the term. The children have been brilliant at acting out the story of the Three Little Pigs. They created some wonderful moving pictures to help them to retell the story to the reception children. We hope everyone has a great Christmas. We can't wait to see you all in 2022!

Year 2

It's the most wonderful time of the year! We have LOVED welcoming our Year 2s back into school this week and what a week it has been. They have all come back happy and ready to learn. Our brilliant learners have been memorising and performing the poem 'Twas the night before Christmas' using intonation and their music knowledge to help. Some learners even challenged themselves to choreograph actions for their performance. Mrs Saunders was amazed by the performances she saw, and all the year 2 staff were so proud of their effort. We want to wish all the families a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to seeing them all in the new year."



Year 3

This week in Year 3, we've been exploring different types of paintbrushes and understanding the colour wheel during our Art sessions. We've also created an information poster to tell others about the book we've been reading 'The Nutcracker'. Our learners have been busy in Maths revisiting all 4 operations and solving each number calculation with their preferred strategy. What a fantastic first term in Year 3. Well done to all the learners for their resilience and commitment to their learning. Wishing all our community a wonderful Christmas break and a very Happy New Year!

Year 4

Year 4 have put their scientific learning and DT skills together this week to create something Christmassy to share with their loved ones. Press the button and watch Rudolph's nose light up! We are proud of the resilience shown by all of them as they overcame various setbacks with good humour and worked together to produce working circuits for their cards.

Christmas Tree Winner

A massive well done to Tessa and Max in Reception and Year 4 who are the winners of our Christmas tree raffle. Once again, we would like to say a huge thank you to Canford Magna Garden Centre for donating the tree to us this year. It truly brought Christmas cheer to us all and helped us to bring festivity to the front of the school. I know we all have admired it on our walk into school. We hope that the tree brings as much joy as it has for us to our winning family.

Christmas Party Day

We do hope all children enjoyed the snow and Mr Tubbs as a Christmas Tree as they came in to school – it was great to see smiles on everyone's faces. We hope they enjoyed their surprise.

What a fantastic Christmas Party Day!! The children have been in great spirit, laughter has been heard throughout the school. The Christmas lunch was a great hit, went down a treat. We are sure you going to have some very excited children this evening.

