
 Friday 16th December 

# Nativity stars shine brightly



KS1 pupils and staff worked exceedingly hard to bring their production of A Miracle in Town to life. The children told the story of the nativity with songs and storytelling action. It has been wonderful to welcome parents, carers, family and friends into school to watch. We wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year!







### Glee club spreads festive cheer in church

This week our Glee club entertained parents and community members at St Andrew's church with a medley of Christmas songs. The children have been working hard all term with Kate Gerahty our Glee club lead. Thanks to Lorraine Aizlewood-Threlfall for opening her church to our school community and making us feel festive on a very chilly Wednesday afternoon.

### Star gymnasts

Year 4 pupils Indie-Mai and Josslyn both won awards from New Brighton Gymnastics Club. Indie-Mai's was for most perseverance in 2022 and Josslyn was coaches choice of the year. Well done girls!





# Having a ball with Cinderella



Year 2 and class BD visited the Floral Pavilion to watch this year's performance of Cinderella. Pantomime is one of the most traditional forms of theatre. A truly unforgettable experience for all.

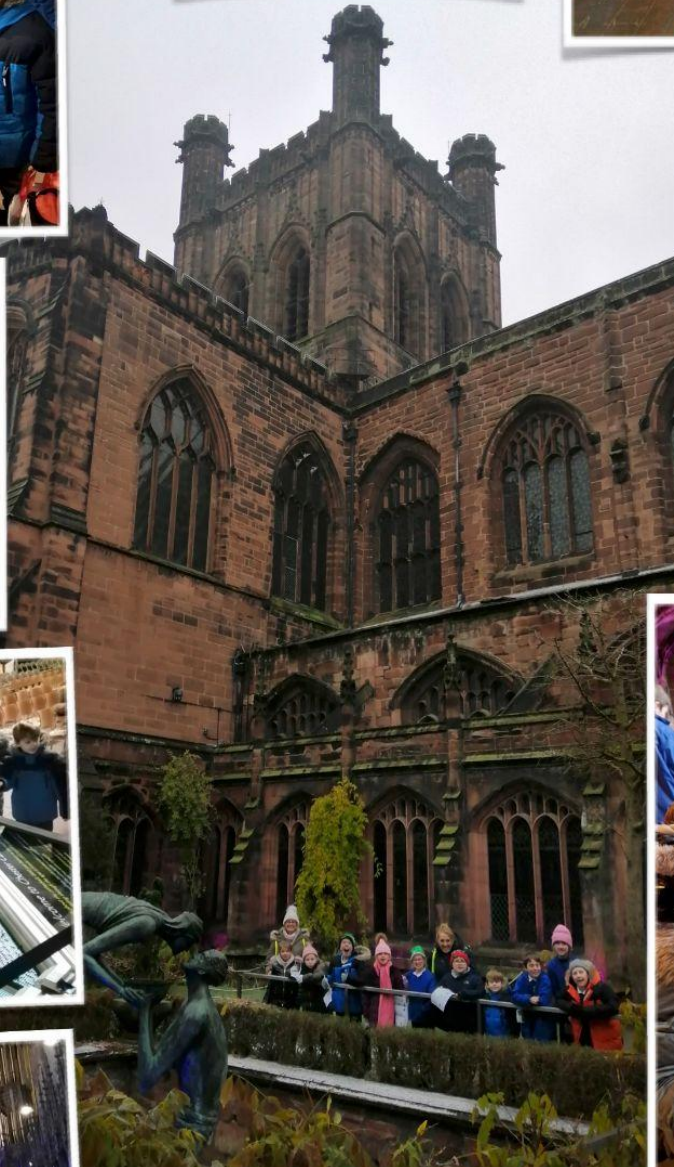
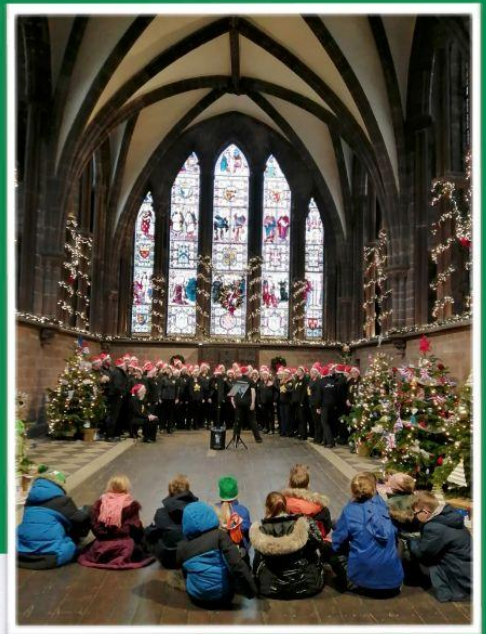


## Another fine mess!

Year 2 loved making Eton Mess this week as part of their Remarkable Recipes project in DT. They were able to follow a simple recipe and enjoyed tasting the fantastic finished product!







## A tree-mendous day out

Class BD visited Chester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival. The children were able to spot which DT skills had been used to make the tree decorations and were also keen to learn about the different parts of the cathedral. As a bonus they listened to a Rock Choir perform a fantastic mini concert. The children also enjoyed looking at the Lego model cathedral which we have witnessed being built over the last three years and is now near completion.

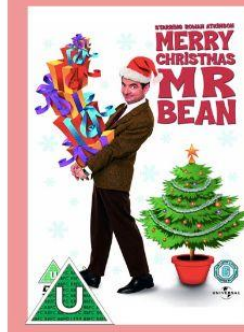




**Babes in Toyland**  
1hr 17mins  
Ollie Dee and Stannie Dum must save Mother Peep's shoe house from villain Silas Barnaby in this odd classic. Can they save Bo Peep and Toyland from a terrible fate?



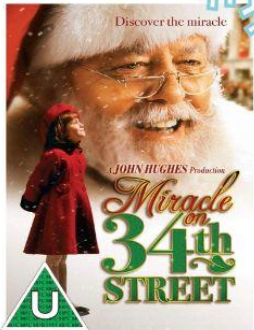
**The Muppet Christmas Carol**  
1hr 25mins  
Three ghosts warn Ebenezer Scrooge to change his miserly ways in this fun-packed, musical version of Charles Dickens' famous tale.



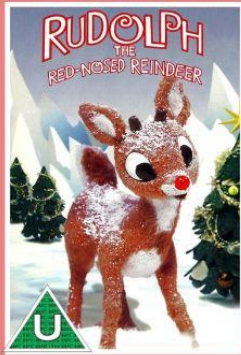
**Merry Christmas Mr Bean**  
30mins  
We are used to Mr Bean getting into some scrapes and the festive season is no exception. This time he is picking up all he needs for the big day. What could possibly go wrong..?

# Mr Fox's festive filmathon

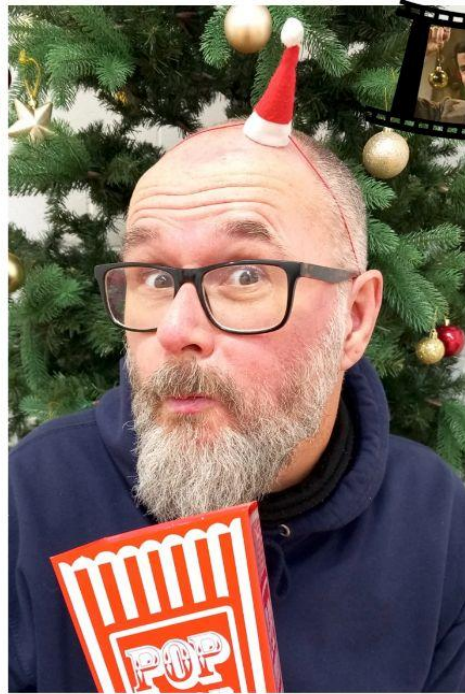
A selection box of delights with family favourites and offbeat treats to enjoy over the school holidays



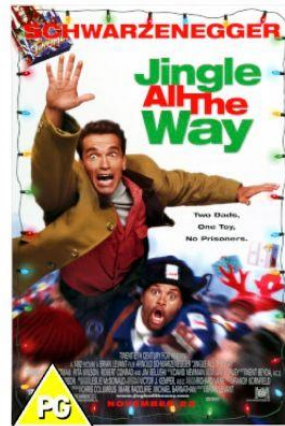
**Miracle on 34th Street** 1hr 54mins  
Cole's department store in New York has a new Santa, Kris Kringle. He seems like the real deal, but can he make a believer of young skeptic Susan?



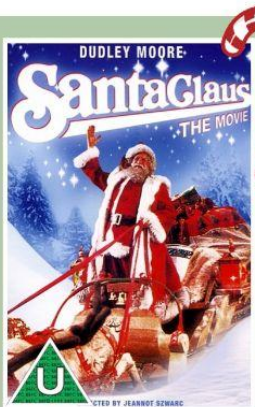
**Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer** 47mins  
A young reindeer is born with a shiny red nose and he is mocked by the rest of the herd. When fog rolls in on Christmas eve, Rudolph's unique talents come in very useful.



**A Christmas Story** 1hr 33mins  
A BB gun is top of the present list for 9-year-old Ralphie but, try as he might, he just can't stay out of trouble.



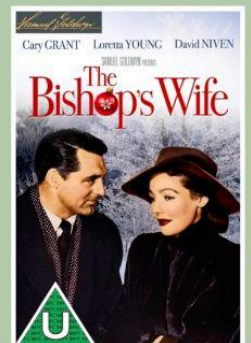
**Jingle All The Way** 1hr 29mins  
Follow the funny misadventures of dad Howard as he tries to track down a rare Turboman doll for his son, Jamie.



**Santa Claus the Movie** 1hr 47mins  
When the toys made by elf Patch fall apart, he leaves Santa's workshop in disgrace. In New York he finds another job with dastardly toy manufacturer BZ. Can Patch and Santa make up before the most important night of the year?



**The Nightmare Before Christmas** 1hr 16m  
King of Halloween Jack Skellington visits Christmas Town and hatches a plan to make the holiday spooky.



**The Bishop's Wife** 1hr 49 mins  
Bishop Henry's prayers for divine intervention are answered when angel Dudley turns up to help.

**Olive the Other Reindeer** 45mins  
Santa's sleigh is a reindeer down and dog Olive decides she has what it takes to step in.



**Father Christmas** 25mins  
With 'another bloomin' Christmas' looming, Santa decides to take a break and go travelling.

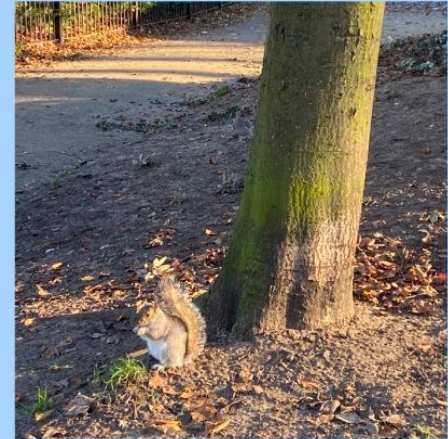






## We're walking in a winter wonderland

Children from Years 2 and 4 went for a winter walk to forage for twigs and leaves to design winter pictures. They saw lots of habitats and discussed which animals might live in them.



## A sense of fun

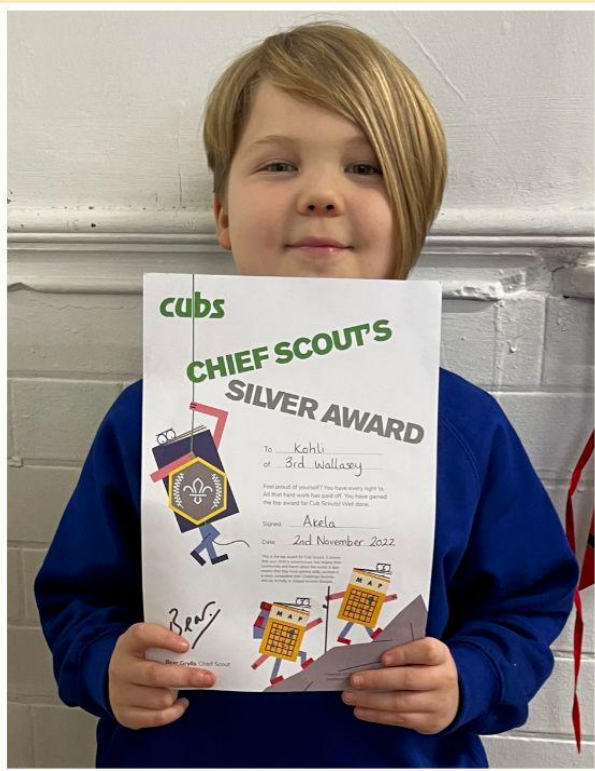
Pupils from KS1 enjoyed a play session at The Sensory Shack with toys, music and lights. They even met some furry friends!





## Congrats to gym coach Ivy

Ivy Watts, Year 6, has been working incredibly hard giving up her spare time to volunteer as a gymnastics coach. Her coach and team are so proud of the energy and support she gives during these sessions that she was presented with the Coaches Choice Cup in recognition of her effort. In May she also became a National Champion. Excellent work.



## Award for dedicated Scout

Kohli Lawson Brown, Year 6, has achieved his Chief Scout's Silver Award. To achieve this certificate he had to complete many challenge awards, go on lots of expeditions and camping trips as well as ensuring he attends every week. He has also become a sixer. Brilliant achievement!



## A gallery of greetings cards



Class 4CH had a sparkling time designing and creating greetings cards to take home. They used lots of different techniques and materials to bring their designs to life. Very festive!





## WINTER WARM HUBS

Out and about over the Christmas break and looking for a space to warm up.

Click below to find a list of warm hubs operating across the Wirral region this winter

<https://www.wirralglobe.co.uk/news/23185510.list-available-warm-hubs-across-wirral/>



## 100% Attendance

Our new attendance badges have arrived!!

Your children will have three opportunities to gain a badge each term for 100% attendance. They can gain a BRONZE, SILVER or a GOLD badge.

The Badges have been awarded today.

**WELL DONE TO EVERYBODY WHO GAINED THEIR BRONZE BADGE**



## **Vale Park cafe's feeling roasty**

Need a warm-up? The Coffee Roast in Vale Park is opening its doors from 6-9pm on Wednesdays to Sundays each week.

Known as Ronan's Roasty Retreat, the cafe is offering free meals and drinks in the evenings, ensuring that no one is cold or hungry this winter.

The venture has been made possible thanks to generous donations from the local community.

If you need a meal and can't make it in the evening, please ask for Ronan's menu anytime. Please check The Coffee Roast at Vale House on Facebook for details before you visit.



**Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?**



**A mince spy!**

House winners this week are

**Vaughan**

Well done for collecting the most points this week.





# FREE WINTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

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Visit [www.edsential.com/HAF2022](http://www.edsential.com/HAF2022) to find out more

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All activity clubs are **free of charge** for eligible free school meal children.

Our new interactive map means it's easier than ever to search the clubs on offer in your area!  
**Booking is essential** so contact the relevant provider. **Don't miss out!**  
Keep up with all the holiday fun on our social media pages **EdsentialUK**

## Christmas tips for SEND families!

- Put presents in one big box** and let your child open them at their own pace over the following days
- Avoid surprises** by picking gifts from their list and wrapping them in clear cellophane (or not at all)
- Add batteries** to toys before wrapping
- No food rules.** Who says pizza and pot noodles can't be Christmas dinner?
- You do you!** Don't feel guilty telling friends or relatives if something doesn't work for you
- Don't put unrealistic pressures on yourself.** The holidays can be overwhelming for everyone, so stick to your regular routine if you want to

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## FOODBANKS IN WIRRAL

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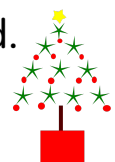
### Locations:

**Seacombe Children's Centre**  
**St James Church, New Brighton**  
**North Birkenhead Development Centre**  
**Christ Church, Moreton**  
**St Mark's, New Ferry**  
**Salvation Army Charity Shop**  
**St Chads, Liscard**  
**St Joseph and St Alban's**  
**St Catherine's Tranmere**  
**St Vincent's Centre**  
**St David's Church**

Visit [www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk/locations/](http://www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk/locations/) for opening times

Christmas can be a difficult time for some, it can bring up all types of emotions and be triggering. There are many organisations available that can offer you support and a listening ear this festive period.

<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/organisation-list>







**Helpful Handy Hints & Tips for Parents with Children**

**The sessions will be delivered online and consist of four sessions over the four weeks**

**Venue – Online via Microsoft Teams**

**Start Date & Time: Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 11am**

**Week 1**

**Building Blocks (The Four Constructs – Self Awareness/Appropriate Expectations/Empathy/Positive Discipline)**

**The Art of Listening**

**How We Communicate**

**Giving Praise**

**Week 2**

**Starry Skies Kindness Chart**

**Praise and Criticism**

**Guiding without Criticising**

**Time to Play / Child Led Play**

**Week 3**

**The Need for Consistency and Boundaries**

**Time to Calm Down**

**Stress Brings Distress**

**Handling Anger**

**Week 4**

**Choices and Consequences**

**Behaviour to Ignore (Active Ignoring)**

**Nurturing Ourselves**

**Keeping Children Safe in the Digital World**

**Parental Course  
Opportunity**

Family Matters are delivering some online training for parents in the new year. There are 4 half hour sessions delivered over 4 weeks.

**Please contact a member of the pastoral team if you would like to be referred for the course**

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

## TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at [videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games](http://videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games).

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## 'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

## DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

## APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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## CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

## WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnight rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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## LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

## IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register: entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

## STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

## Meet Our Expert

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# Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Sausage &amp; Mash</b> Choose from a butcher's quality sausage or a Quorn sausage served with a homemade mashed potato</p>	<p><b>Smothered Chicken</b> Choose from a chicken fillet or a Quorn fillet baked in the oven and topped with a BBQ sauce and cheese and served with savoury rice</p>	<p><b>Roast Dinner</b> Choose from home roasted gammon or a Quorn fillet served with roasted potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, and gravy</p>	<p><b>Chilli Nachos</b> Choose from either fresh minced beef or Vegimince cooked with onions, mild chilli powder, red peppers and red kidney beans topped with tortilla chips and cheese and served on a bed rice</p>	<p><b>Fish and Chips</b> Choose from battered cod fillet, cod fillet fish fingers or a simple salmon fillet all baked in the oven &amp; served with chips</p>
<b>Served with</b>				
<b>Peas</b>	<b>Corn on the cob</b>	<b>Cauliflower &amp; Carrots</b>	<b>Broccoli</b>	<b>Peas or Beans</b>
<b>Or</b>				
<p><b>Jacket potatoes</b> served with a side salad are also available daily – chooses from a variety of fillings cheese, tuna mayo, ham, turkey &amp; baked beans (when available)</p>				
<b>Or</b>				
<p><b>Deli Bar - Available Everyday</b> Design your own sandwich, first choose your bread – wrap or batch, then choose your filling a selection of the following will be available daily – ham, cheese, tuna, Chinese chicken, turkey, roast beef, egg and finally finish with a choice of salad – carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, sweetcorn, coleslaw, beetroot and peppers.</p>				
				
<b>And for dessert</b>				
<b>Iced Chocolate Surprise Cake</b>	<b>Apple Crumble &amp; Custard</b>	<b>Jelly and Cream</b>	<b>Iced Sponge</b>	<b>Hobnobs</b>
<p>Fresh Fruit, Fruit Pots, Yogurt or Cheese &amp; Crackers are available everyday as an alternative to the daily dessert.</p>				
<b>And finally, a drink</b>				
<p><b>A selection of the following drinks will be available daily</b> freshly made milkshakes - chocolate, strawberry or banana, fresh fruit juice – apple or orange or water.</p>				





# Attendance

*We aim for 100% our target is 98%*

*Remember that school starts at 8:50am and any time after this is late. Formal lessons start at 9:05 and the children need to be in, registered and settled for this time.*

*Please note, COVID absence is taken into account and we compare ourselves to other schools, both locally and nationally, that are also affected by the pandemic.*

Class	%	Minutes Late
Nursery	82.5	110
Poppies	88.2	338
Sweetpeas	90.2	25
Buttercups	93.2	90
1RL	93.4	118
1BT	91.3	94
10T	87	118
2BP	91.7	
2RM	89	35
2SA	95.7	25
BK	82.6	51
3NF	92	311

Class	%	Minutes Late
3CH	88.8	132
3CM	90.1	42
4DH	91.1	266
4LF	95.8	217
4CH	88	38
BD	82.1	
5TS	88.3	10
5MW	88.1	53
5JH	92.5	167
6CJ	87.1	126
6RS	93.5	98
6JH	90.1	195

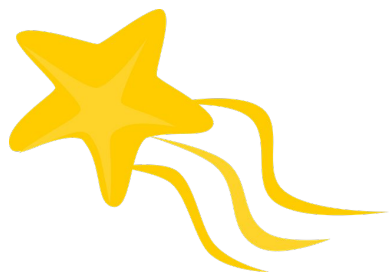
Whole School			
<b>Whole School Attendance</b>	<b>90%</b>		<b>Lost Learning</b>
			<b>44hrs 32min</b>

## Reporting a child's absence

Please remember to phone each day to report your child's absence.

We have an email for you to report Covid ([covidinfo@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:covidinfo@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk)) absence and you can leave absence reasons on the answer machine. If reasons are not provided each day, an unauthorised mark will be entered on the register.





# Owl Awards



These children have been exceptional this week.

<b>Nursery</b> Damir, Adam & George	<b>Class 3CH</b> Sol B-J
<b>Buttercups</b> Faye & Tilly	<b>Class 3CM</b> Taylan H
<b>Poppies</b> Laurie & Isla	<b>Class 4DH</b> Ethan R
<b>Sweetpeas</b> Lily C & Varsha	<b>Class 4LF</b> Oliver
<b>Class 1RL</b> All of 1RL	<b>Class 4CH</b> Jenson T
<b>Class 1BT</b> All of 1BT	<b>Class BD</b> Scarlett
<b>Class 1OT</b> All of 1OT	<b>Class 5TS</b> Lewis
<b>Class 2BP</b> Lilly F & Max M	<b>Class 5JH</b> Sid
<b>Class 2RM</b> Spencer	<b>Class 5MW</b> Lucas Williams
<b>Class 2SA</b> All of 2SA!	<b>Class 6CJ</b> Ava H
<b>Class BK</b> Georgina	<b>Class 6RS</b> Lucy R
<b>Class 3NF</b> Dillon D	<b>Class 6JH</b> Hettie

