

**Diary Dates**

**05/01/26 Inset Day Staff only**

**06/01/26 School Opens for all**

**Week 15 19/12/25**

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and highly successful term in 2025, it feels like the perfect moment to pause and reflect on all that our children have achieved. Across the school, pupils have shown real determination, curiosity and pride in their learning, and the progress they have made, both academically and personally, has been a joy to witness.

Our dedicated staff have worked incredibly hard to deliver a creative, engaging and ambitious curriculum, with active lessons that encourage every child to participate, think deeply and grow in confidence. Recently, we welcomed a group of local headteachers who carried out a peer review of our science provision. They were extremely impressed by the breadth, challenge and quality of learning they observed. While we always strive to refine and improve our practice, their feedback was a powerful affirmation of the excellent teaching and learning taking place throughout the school.

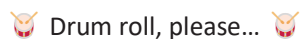
This term has also ended on a real high with our performances. Beech Class gave an outstanding performance, showcasing not only their confidence but their exceptional singing and speaking. Their voices were clear, their intonation was superb and their expression brought the performance to life, it was truly something to be proud of. Our EYFS children were equally wonderful in their concert, delighting us all with their enthusiasm, confidence and joy. For such young children, standing up and performing with such courage is a huge achievement, and they made us smile from start to finish.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited about what lies ahead and the opportunities for continued growth and discovery. We are immensely proud of everything our children have accomplished and cannot wait to see how they continue to flourish in the months to come.

We would like to wish all our families a very happy and restful holiday. We hope it is filled with joy, laughter and special time together. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your continued support and partnership. A heartfelt thank you also goes to our governors, whose commitment and high expectations help ensure our school remains a caring, ambitious and thriving place for every child.

Finally, thank you so much for the incredibly thoughtful gifts and kind words we have received, we are really truly touched by your generosity and appreciation. Have a wonderful holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Have a magical holiday  
Sinead Connolly, Headteacher



The 2025 LH KS2 Times Tables Rock Stars Battle has officially rocked the school!

What an electrifying challenge it has been! The race for TTRockstars supremacy was packed with energy, determination and a whole lot of fun. We are incredibly proud of every child who took part — practising hard, persevering through tricky questions and boosting both their confidence and speed with times tables. Your commitment and enthusiasm truly shone through.

A huge special congratulations goes to our overall champions, who emerged victorious after showing exceptional focus, skill and rock-solid determination. 🌟

Well done to all our KS2 rock stars — keep practising, keep believing, and keep rockin' those times tables!



## Food Glorious Food!

What a truly magical moment it was to see our whole school family gathered together in the hall for our much-anticipated Christmas lunch. The room buzzed with excitement, filled with the joyful hum of chatter, giggles and festive cheer as children, staff and governors came together to celebrate the season.

The tables looked beautiful, dressed with cheerful decorations, and the mouth-watering aroma of a traditional Christmas feast drifted through the hall. One child summed up the feeling perfectly, exclaiming, *"Wow... it all looks so fancy!"* 🎄 ✨

A huge thank you must go to our incredible chefs, who worked their festive magic to create a meal that was not only delicious but truly heart-warming.

Moments like these remind us what makes Little Hadham so special – the warmth of togetherness, the shared stories, and the simple joy of sitting side by side and enjoying each other's company. Thank you to everyone who helped make this festive lunch such a memorable occasion.

Here's to the magic of Christmas and the joy it brings to our Little Hadham family! 🍷 🥂 ✨

## ☀️ What an Absolutely Wonderful Golden Morning We Had! ☀️

What a truly magical Golden Morning! The school was buzzing with excitement as the children threw themselves into a dazzling array of activities. From mastering circus skills and unleashing their imaginations in drama, to exploring the natural world with the Woodland Rangers, there was something for everyone.

Laughter echoed around the school as children enjoyed sports, crafts and sewing, all while mixing with different classes. One of the most heart-warming sights was seeing our older pupils patiently helping and encouraging the younger ones — a perfect example of the caring, supportive community we are so proud of.

A huge thank you goes to our brilliant staff and to Mr and Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Battle, Mrs Ellicott and Mrs Seifert for their time, energy and enthusiasm in making this Golden Morning such a memorable experience. These enrichment opportunities are a vital part of school life, and the joy, confidence and curiosity on the children's faces said it all.

We are incredibly lucky to be part of such a warm and vibrant school community. If any parents would like to get involved in future enrichment mornings, please do get in touch, we would love to welcome you along!

Golden Morning activities included:

- 🎭 Drama
- 🎪 Circus Skills
- ✂️ Card Making
- 🧵 Sewing
- ⚽ Sports Activities (with fingers crossed for outdoor fun!)
- 🌳 Forest School
- 🎵 Pom Pom Fun
- 🎬 Stop Motion Movies
- 🌿 Nature & Crafts

What a morning to remember!

What a wonderful and festive week we have had in Early Years!

As part of our countdown to Christmas, the children have been enjoying our Maths Advent Calendar. Each morning, we take one away as we count how many sleeps are left until the big day. The children have been enjoying using their knowledge of numerical patterns to work out 'one less' than a given number.

The children also took part in the KS1 and EYFS dance show, where they demonstrated fantastic concentration and confidence. We also enjoyed being a respectful audience for Beech Class' Christmas show and the school talent show, developing our listening skills and understanding. We couldn't help but have a little practice of our own moves when we got back into class!



Christmas lunch was another highlight of the week! The children looked the part, wearing their decorated Christmas hats, and enjoyed sitting with their friends and family in older year groups. We were very impressed with the confidence that our children had to sit apart from their class and teachers!

During our Golden Morning this half term, the children explored a wide range of activities, from stop animation to sewing. We were especially proud of their growing confidence and independence as they moved around the school to try new experiences.



We topped the week off with a very special farewell party for Mrs Webb. The children loved performing Mrs Webb's special song for her in person and sending her off in style! Mrs Webb, you really are a star.

Thank you for all your gifts, cards and well wishes! We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful start to the new year!

What a truly magical and busy week it has been in Beech Class! The children have worked so hard, shown incredible creativity, and been exceptionally brave throughout all our end-of-term activities.

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our performance of "Ralph the Reindeer." The children dedicated so much time and effort to learning their lines, songs, and dances. They memorised cues, sang with enthusiasm, and performed confidently in front of an audience. It was wonderful to see them supporting one another and working as a team to ensure the show ran smoothly.



Beyond the fun and excitement, the performance was an excellent opportunity for the children to develop their oracy skills. They practised speaking clearly, projecting their voices, using expression, and communicating effectively with the audience. Learning lines and delivering them confidently helped build their vocabulary, sentence structure, and storytelling skills, while participating in songs and dialogue encouraged listening, turn-taking, and responding appropriately. The children also learned to interpret their characters, use intonation and gesture, and express emotions through voice and movement. Many children overcame nerves to perform in front of an audience, showing real courage and resilience.



This week, the children also took part in the school talent show. Auditioning and performing in front of the whole school was a big challenge, and they rose to it brilliantly. Every child who performed showed confidence, self-expression, and determination, and it was inspiring to see them shine on stage.

The children also enjoyed their Christmas parties, celebrating with games, music, and festive dances with their friends. It was a joyful way to mark the end of the term together.

Another highlight was Golden Morning, where the children took part in a wide range of hands-on activities. They explored Forest School, designed and built birdhouses with little birds inside, made Christmas cards, tried stop-motion animation, and created pom-poms, among other activities. These experiences encouraged creativity, problem-solving, fine motor skills, collaboration, and independent thinking, giving the children lots of opportunities to try new things and express themselves.

This week has been full of learning, laughter, and growth. The children have shown curiosity, resilience, teamwork, creativity, and excellent oracy skills in everything they have done. Their enthusiasm and positive attitude have made this week and the end of the term truly memorable.

We wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing the children continue to grow and shine in the new term!

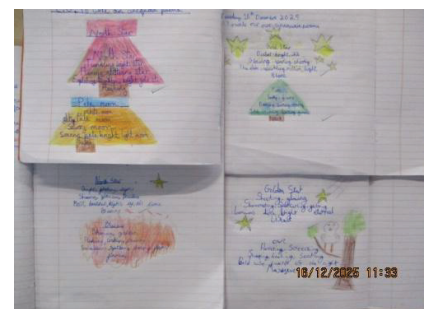
What a wonderfully festive and busy week it has been for Lime Class! We began by proudly finishing our travel blogs, taking our readers all the way to Norway to round off our fascinating topic on Scandinavia. The children have worked so hard to combine their geography knowledge with creative writing, and it was a real joy to see their finished pieces. Alongside this, we continued to practise our times tables in maths, building confidence and fluency while keeping learning fun and engaging.

On Tuesday, we thoroughly enjoyed watching Beech Class's fantastic Christmas performance during their dress rehearsal – it certainly helped to get us into the festive spirit! Lime Class also took part in our annual talent show, and what an impressive display it was. Every Lime Class contestant was a winner, including all those who bravely auditioned last week, and from our lucky finalists we even crowned an overall winner. The encouragement and support shown for one another was lovely to see.

Wednesday brought fresh air and creativity as, after our forest session, we made festive hats before proudly wearing them to our delicious Christmas lunch. We also went on line to meet with our partner schools in Poland and Italy to exchange Christmas wishes and sing songs to each other. At lunch time the hall was filled with singing, chatting and laughter as we ate together and celebrated the season. It was a truly special afternoon that captured the warmth and joy of Christmas at school.



We finished the week on a high with a golden morning on Thursday, packed full of enriching activities. Lime Class competed brilliantly in the KS2 Christmas humanities quiz, tackling tricky history and geography questions from our topics as well as showing off their impressive general knowledge. In the afternoon, we wrapped up our French learning with an assessment quiz and then designed and made individual Christmas cards, applying all the skills we have learned so far in art and DT. What a term it has



been! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful New Year. 🎄 ✨

This week in Maple Class we have been incredibly busy and had lots of fun! In English, we learned how to understand and analyse cinquain poems before writing our own festive cinquains. The children showed great creativity and used carefully chosen words to capture the spirit of Christmas.



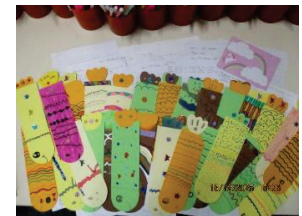
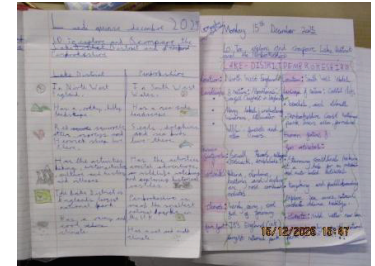
In Maths, we described and classified 3D shapes and identified their nets. The children worked with partners to describe the 3D shapes and played games, using the correct mathematical terminology.

In Geography, we compared the human and physical geography of the Lake District and Pembrokeshire. The children researched and made notes on location, human features and activities, landscape and nature and climate, developing their research and comparison skills.



This week, we were delighted to receive letters and bookmarks from our penpals in Greece. The children loved reading them and wrote back to share Christmas traditions in the UK, strengthening

our international links.



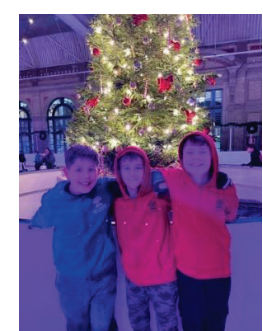
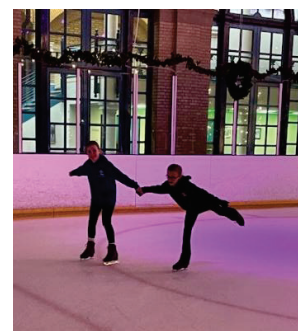
We also enjoyed a musical online meeting with our Italian and Polish partners from the Cinderella Project, in which we sang festive songs and listened to the children sing songs in their native languages, creating a wonderful sense of community.

To end the year, we took part in Little Hadham's Got Talent, a Golden Morning filled with amazing activities, our delicious Christmas dinner, an educational humanities quiz and finally a party to celebrate a fantastic year. So many wonderful memories and so much fun!



What better way to end our first term in Year 6 than a brilliant day ice skating at Alexandra Palace! From the moment we arrived, the excitement was infectious and didn't stop for a second. There were big smiles, lots of laughter and an attitude we were incredibly proud of.

Teamwork and friendship shone throughout the day – helping with skates, supporting wobbly legs and offering a steady hand around the rink. Of course, there were a few





tumbles (it is ice skating!), but every fall was met with determination and a speedy return to the ice.

We didn't just skate – we danced! Gliding around the huge Christmas tree with festive music, twinkling lights and even a few snowflakes felt truly magical. A warming hot chocolate at the end was the perfect finishing touch.

There may have been some achy muscles tomorrow, but we've made memories that will last far longer. A fantastic day and a fabulous way to finish our first term in Year 6!

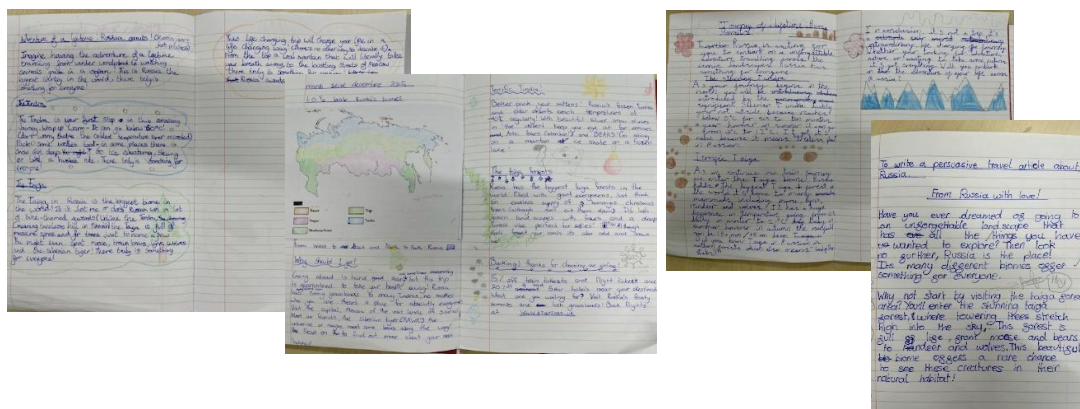
From our delicious Christmas dinner to *Little Hadham's Got Talent* and our Christmas parties, the fun just didn't stop. There were giggles galore as we cheered on every talent show act (fuelled by very full tummies of roast potatoes!), and our fabulously stylish Christmas hats added an extra sprinkle of festive sparkle to lunch.



We also enjoyed a lovely musical online meet-up with our friends from the Cinderella Project, singing festive songs together and listening to children perform in their native languages – a truly heart-warming way to celebrate the season. And then it was *eyes down... starter for 10!* at the Key Stage Two Humanities Quiz, where we showed off just how much we know. We will make excellent quiz team members over the festive season.



In Geography, we've been busy writing persuasive travel articles all about Russia's incredible biomes, convincing readers that a journey across Russia really would be the trip of a lifetime. It was the perfect chance to show off just how much we've learned – and to dream a little about some very adventurous travels!



Thank you so much for all your kind messages and good wishes. Willow Class would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas with family and friends. 🌲 ✨