

# St Faithian

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## Able Writers' Day Tuesday 28 November

Four of our very talented and creative writers were chosen to represent the school at an Able Writers' Day hosted at Hoath Primary School. The author and founder of this event, Brian Moses, is one of Britain's favourite children's poets. This exciting and action packed event is run for both 'Gifted and Talented' pupils, and also for those who just enjoy writing.

The morning began with each child being given a marble and asked to write 'What can you see?' in one sentence.

Imaginations were sparked when they were asked to begin a sentence with 'I don't like to boast but...' Wonderful answers were volunteered, when they were asked to come up with such whoppers as 'Theresa May asked me to help her run the country, but I was too busy'.

They were then invited to pair with another person from a different school and create a rhyming couplet which firstly paid each other a compliment and then, something they may not like to do, pay an insult! All couplets were to begin with 'You make me feel'.

Compliments and insults flowed from our clever girls, including this from Isla.

You make me feel like a beautiful flower



You make me feel like I'm singing in the shower

You make me feel like I've broken all my bones  
You make me feel like I live on my own

It was a most amusing and rewarding day which the girls really benefitted from.

We are delighted to announce Maisie B's poem, 'The Sweet Shop' was chosen by Brian and read aloud to his eager audience, and rather excitingly it will be featured in his blog:  
[brian-moses.blogspot.com](http://brian-moses.blogspot.com).

You can also read 'The Sweet Shop' on our website.

## Friends of St Faith's

With the final preparations for the Christmas Fair happening as I type, all that is left to say is 'Thank You!' Your donations, offers of help and support have been fantastic. Special thanks must go to Mr Clark and the Grotto team who have outdone themselves in creating a magical space, I can't wait to see the children's faces light up when they visit Father Christmas.

A huge thanks to those that have offered time to set up and run the fair; this event would not happen without you.

I hope all in our school community enjoy this first festive event of the year.

The Friends will next meet on Friday 19 January 2018 at 8:00am in the School House, please do join us (after signing in at the office).



With very best wishes  
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## Head's Corner

Whilst the usual daily routine of the week whizzed inimitably by, many of you would have been unaware that a Wishford Inspection of Compliance and Quality of Education Inspection took place over a three day period. All of you will be pleased to hear that we passed the compliance section with flying colours and the inspectors also judged the teaching and education of the children to be excellent. To summarise, your children are safe, happy, inspired and challenged, which is always our main priority.

Many will have seen the senior prefects on Wednesday with their posters pointing out that children should be in class for study skills by eight and not after. Driving in at EIGHT IS TOO LATE (as on the poster).



## Sport Report



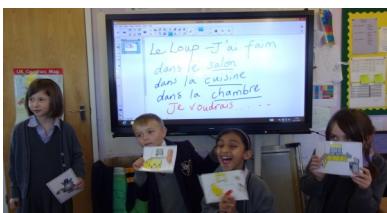
Our U11A&B Boys travelled to Spring Grove on Wednesday for their last away game of the term.

Both teams played with conviction, determination and passion. This brings an end to the sports fixtures for this term and what a busy term it has been. The U11 Girls' Football teams have been consistently impressive and the U11 Boys Football teams have improved hugely. The U9 Boys have also been impressive winning most of their matches this year at 1<sup>st</sup> Team level while the U9 Girls have shown great determination. Read our in-depth report in the 'Latest News' section on our website and find out what will be happening next term. [www.stfaithsprep.com](http://www.stfaithsprep.com)



## This week's assembly—5G

Winnie the Pooh is 91 and 5G celebrated this in style during their assembly this week. The children had thought about the animals, how each have very different characteristics and which one they are most like. Mr Groves thinks he is most like "the cuddly one" - they are all cuddly, Mr Groves! Mrs Gibbs is happy to have one Owl, a few Piglets, some Tiggers and a lot of Pooh bears in her class! Many thanks to parents for helping with the learning of words and to Mrs Allen for the video projection.



## French

Year 3 have been enjoying some French roleplay. Everyone wanted to play 'Le Loup' (the Wolf) in our Trois Petits Cochons (Three Little Pigs) presentation! The children happily practised their vocabulary as he climbed through imaginary windows, growling with hunger and chasing the squealing piggies from room to room. Encore, encore..!

## Kic Theatre visit KS2

Kic Theatre came into school on Monday and we got to role play on a variety of interesting and exciting topics. Ian's brief was to tie in with the curriculum of the Upper School and that is what he did!



Year 3 were looking at life in Egypt and how some people were very poor and some very rich and privileged indeed. They discussed the Nile, how long it was and then made some interesting shapes of the Nile and Pyramids; of great interest to the children were the tombs.

Year 5 looked at the bath houses of the Romans, whilst Year 6 told tales of other cultures and acted out an interesting mix of heroes and villains.

Children in Year 4 had to imagine being in different habitats. They had to adapt from habitats under the sea, jungle and North Pole. They imagined the school at different times of year - muddy one moment - icy the next, then they show how they would move around it. Throwing snow balls and slipping on ice was acted with great enthusiasm.



Charley "We all found it rather fun"

## The challenge continues...National Young Mathematicians

A lively group of mathematicians travelled to Sainsbury's Explore Learning Centre to take part in the regional finals of the National Young Mathematician's competition. Full of confidence, they approached the three challenges with an enthusiastic exuberance inimitable of our Year 6 children. It turned out to be more difficult than the last round and even though they worked as a team and listened to each other's ideas, they made the fatal error of not reading the third challenge thoroughly enough, had to redo it and ran out of time! Competition was fierce with one of the contestants taking his Maths GCSE at the age of ten years! We left the venue with the result pending and in the lap of the gods to fill our bellies at MacDonald's with chicken nuggets and double cheeseburgers for the driver and all.  
Lawrence Groves

## Sandcastles Nursery



With the first flurry of snow of the season Nursery children escaped into their newly built ice-cave and dived into the wonderful world of words, and the magic of Christmas. An ice-cave could only appeal within the nurturing warmth of nursery.



## Book Sale

Following the success of last week's book-sale another opportunity to buy books was had on Wednesday. Running for a second week the sale made £57.35 giving us a grand total of £143.37 toward our new library books. Thank you for all your support.

## Week Commencing 4 December

<b>Monday</b>	Reports to parents
<b>Tuesday</b> 8.30am	Pilates
<b>Wednesday</b> 8.30am 3.20pm	Class 3B Assembly Parents' Evening 1
<b>Thursday</b> 2.00pm 2.20pm 3.20pm	Gates open for Reception Nativity Reception Nativity begins Parents Evening 2
<b>Friday</b> 9.00am  2.00pm 2.20pm 6.00pm	Year 2 visit to Canterbury Cathedral  Gates open for Nursery Nativity Nursery Nativity begins Chamber Choir performing at Whitefriars, Canterbury

### Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What can you catch but not throw?



Last week's answer: Your Brain

### Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Unscramble the letters to make a word  
**TIAVNTISEI**

Clue: The Nursery and Reception do these at Christmas

Last week's answer:



**HEADMASTER**

### RECEPTION BOOK REVIEW



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Reception. Today is the first day of December and we were all very excited to choose our first book to unwrap from our Advent Story Sack. We really enjoyed Dear Father Christmas by Alan Durant which

tells the story of a little girl called Holly who writes a variety of letters to Father Christmas in the hope that he will deliver the perfect gift on Christmas Eve. The story has inspired us to write our own letters and we will be visiting the post box next week in order to send them to The North Pole...make sure you read next week's newsletter to find out how we got on.



## Clubs & Hobbies

<b>Week Commencing</b>	<b>04.12.2017</b>
<b>Monday</b>	
Debating Club Yr 4-6	YES
Gym	YES
Improving Sport Through Technology Yr 4-6	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis Rec, Yr 1, 5 & 6	YES
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Chess Yr 2-6	YES
Dance (Pixies & Fairies Ballet)	YES
Drama Upper School Yr 2-6	YES
French	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Computers Yr 4-6	NO
Dance (Ballet & Jazz)	NO
Fencing Yr 2-6 (8.00am - 8.45am)	YES
LAMDA (During School hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Netball	YES
<b>Thursday</b>	
Art Club Yr 2-6	YES
Badminton Club Yr 3-6 (second half term only)	NO
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis Yrs 2, 3 & 4	NO
<b>Friday</b>	
Dodge Ball Yr 2-6 (second half term only)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES

**The following children completed reading shelves this week**

Cobi Booth, Tom Harrop, Sofia Cresswell, Edward Dove

### Lost & Found

Please ensure that you label all items of clothing, especially the beanie hats and scarves

*These children are Stars of the week for all their effort in class*

RB	Alice Thomlinson	For joining in well with nativity rehearsals
RR	Amber Vince	For enthusiastic singing during our Nativity rehearsals
1CP	Freddie Heffer	For being more resilient in the classroom and around school
1R	Willa Bradley	For an excellent attitude to all challenges
2BL	Ethan Vince	For being so polite and helpful around school
2CL	Honor Urquhart	For her all round conscientious attitude
3B	Poppy Andrews	For excellent effort, enthusiasm and focus in Art
3F	Harpriya Dhaliwal	For being helpful and kind
4A	Jamie Coombes	For thinking outside the box
4M	Michael Coombes	For bringing in his Greek numbers 1-10
5A	Macey Jenkins	For a great 'I can and I will' attitude
5G	Meena Hay	For a wonderful attitude and English
5M	Alex Rooke	For always having a smile on her face and trying her best
6J	Frances Punt	For putting in excellent work in our Nursery and visiting another Nursery
6W	Aania Rehman	For challenging herself

### FRIEND OF THE WEEK

**George Overy**—even though he is new he always makes sure children are not playing on their own and asks them if they would like to join him

### Times Tables Challenge Jupiter

Charley Woodhead, Michael Coombes, Aryan Bhide, Darcy Powell, Charlie Broun, Tom Harrop, Matilda Ford, George Overy, Martha Rang, Mali Nicholls, Mabel McGuirk, Jamie Coombes, Genevieve Jeer, Jude Leberl, Thomas Solley, Logan Bouhours-Goodlad, Eliot Tucker

### HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Freddie Heffer, Flynn Marsh, Alex Wynn, Honor Leberl, Anna Woodhead, Lily Read for their truck designs and labelling



### GOLDEN BALL

Alexander Fox  
Oliver Dingemans  
Caspian Finlay



### Guess the name of the bear!



Help Oak House to raise enough money to buy a cow for people in need. We are so close to meeting our fundraising target.  
  
You could win this big, beautiful, fluffy bear by entering our 'Guess the name of the bear' competition.

It is only 50p to make a guess – why not have more than one go!

Year 3 children and Miss Franklin from Oak House have selected a wide variety of potential names for you to choose from.

You can enter the competition in the School Office up until Friday. Then we will be at the Christmas Fair. Please direct any enquiries to Miss Franklin in Year 3.

### MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Romy Todd for the work she has done with Singing club



### SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Imogen Norman  
**PLAYERS OF THE MATCH**  
Martin Long-Castro  
Albert Ray



### Bronze (100 stars)

Caspian Finlay, Madeleine Ward, Joshua Tucker, Bertie Taylor, Albert Ray, Krish parthiban, Poppy Batchelor, Jonny Irwin, Martin Long-Castro, Evie Dove, Vivien Delo, Rosie Grinstead, Oliver Jeer, Frances Punt, Florence Clarke, Scarlett Fletcher, Henrietta Jeer, Aryan Bhide, Mali Nicholls

### Children's Achievements outside school

Harleena Dhaliwal received a certificate for completing 25m in the Swim England Award

### House

### House Points

Ash	177
Beech	192
Oak	137
Sycamore	152

