

# Faithian Flyer

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## A very festive trip to Canterbury Cathedral

Did you know?

On Wednesday, the amazing Year 2, who led the assembly of light which included The Christingle, went on a very special trip to see Canterbury Cathedral. On arrival the children went inside the cathedral and immediately felt the awe and wonder of the magnificent building. One child said "I feel so safe and warm inside this building". The children were then greeted by Terry and Tracey who dressed them up into the attire of medieval pilgrims, and with Myles as King Henry and Kit as Thomas a Becket, took them to the Chapter House where Terry told the story of Thomas as the children re-enacted the events of 1120 when four naughty Knights killed Thomas a Becket. In the Cloisters the children learnt about the life of a monk and were shocked to find out that monks only bathed once a year in December and washed each other's feet! The children then kept really quiet as they went into the crypt to find out about the true story of St Nicholas aka Santa or Father Christmas! Filled with the awe and wonder of the stories that they had heard, they then needed a much deserved lunch.

Finally, after filling their tummies, they went into the cathedral classroom with Tracey where they made brass shields and stained glass windows. What an awesome day they had! Learning is great when it is made real. The children all agreed that they really loved the trip to Canterbury Cathedral and the staff there thought that our Year 2 children were all well behaved and respectful of the environment that they were in. Well done Dream Team 2.



## Friends of St Faith's

As we end a week full of festive cheer, we would like express our thanks for all the support we receive in making our events so successful despite the Covid restrictions. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be part of such an amazing community. We were so pleased to be able to bring Santa and his reindeer to St Faith's and hold a Disco for the children; judging by the smiles, laughter and general atmosphere of fun, I would say it was a great success so well done everyone!



The friends will have a little break over the festive period but will be back in action in 2022.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

Vicky, Alison & Zoe  
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## Head's Corner

After a week of fun and entertainment, we finish with our much-loved Carol Service...online.

I sincerely hope that this will be the last of the online events and we can move LIVE into the new year with all of our school events.

Please have a very jolly holiday, a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.





### Music Report

It was a busy day on Wednesday as we recorded the Christmas Carol Service. There were performances from both the Choir and Chamber Choir, along with solos from Austin and Arabella. The service will be broadcast this evening, on the Teams Whole-School channel, at 5pm.

Several children in Year 6 were presented with music colours today in recognition of their commitment to school ensembles. More children will be awarded with colours later in the year. During this week's Friday assembly there were Christmas performances from the String Orchestra and Wind Orchestra. Several children are in the Wind Orchestra because they have been regular attenders at Recorder Club this term.

Enjoy the Carol Service and Merry Christmas.

### Sport Report



We have come to an end of this term but it has been packed full of sports fixtures, competitions and opportunities for every child in the upper school to represent the school. The girls played 13 Hockey matches and overall had a positive season. They won 5, lost 5 and drew 3 of those matches. The U11 Girls Football Team managed to get to the semi-final of the McCarthy Cup and come runners-up in the Spring Grove Tournament this year. They will also have more league fixtures in the new year to look forward to.

The U9 boys Football team have had a fantastic term. They have played 13 matches in total with the A team winning 6 out of 6 to go through the whole season unbeaten. The U11 boys came agonisingly close to the final in the McCarthy Cup, losing on penalties in the semi-final. They have also been unbeaten in the Dover and Deal League so far with 2 wins out of 2. There will be more matches to come after Christmas.

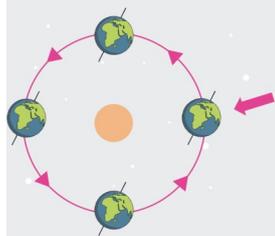
### Keep Calm and Carry On during our World War Two Immersive Experience

On Monday, the children in Year 5 were 'evacuated' as part of our immersive experience to complete our term of learning about World War Two. They followed in the footsteps of those evacuated from our school, formerly known as Woottonley House, imagining what life would have been like if they have been children during World War Two.

Dressed up in fantastic evacuee costumes, the children began the day with a quick new update from 14th October 1940. The BBC newsreaders Edith Allen and Herbert Mackenzie briefed the children on the international and local news of the day. The children then completed their evacuation information tags, created gas masks, found out about rationing, practiced military style Air Raid Drills, made the most of the Anderson Shelter (created for the day) and heard local tales from Mr Burnett of the Home Front Bus team. The children wholeheartedly threw themselves into the experience, making the most of every moment. They also really enjoyed their World War II snacks, which were delicious and so carefully produced by our kitchen staff. During the afternoon, the children enjoyed some 1940s games and were very excited to play marbles and jacks. "I'm going to ask for a box of jacks in my stocking!" said one very excited evacuee. Of course, World War Two day would not have been complete without a taster of SPAM - a staple of soldiers and struggling housewives during periods of rationing. Opinion was definitely divided, but most children loved it and to the cries of, "I love Spam!" it was very soon all gone!



### The Winter Solstice



This is the point of least light where the winter solstice occurs.

### Current Affairs Assembly

The inspiration for this assembly came from my son who last week came across the winter solstice in a reading book and asked "What's the winter solstice?" Never one to miss a bit of learning outside the classroom I gave him the answer: It's the shortest day of the year - but realised this didn't really cut the mustard. Thus, the inspiration for this week's Current Affairs Assembly was born.

The scientist in me was quick to point out that it marks the exact moment when half of Earth is tilted the farthest away from the sun. It usually happens on December 21 or 22, at the exact same second around the world. It also marks Mrs Bowyer's Wedding Anniversary, anyway I digress. Because less sunlight reaches Earth, the winter solstice is also the day of the year with the least amount of daytime, known as the shortest day of the year. But the good news is that every day after the Winter Solstice will be a little longer until we reach the day with the most hours of daylight...called the Summer Solstice. We looked briefly at ancient solstice sites around the world and how many cultures still mark the winter solstice with fun gatherings.

## Clubs & Activities

**THE CLUBS AND HOBBIES FOR THE SPRING TERM WILL BE PUBLISHED TO PARENTS ON FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER WITH A SUBMISSION OF ONLINE FORMS BY SATURDAY 1 JANUARY 2022**



Week Commencing 3 January 2022	
Monday	School Holiday
Tuesday	Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 10.00am	Staff INSET Day Second hand uniform shop open
Thursday	First day of Spring Term STEAM Day
Friday 11.45am	Year 1–6 trip to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Marlowe Theatre

### Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

A Ruler



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

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

A Barber



### Nursery News

The Nursery were busy creating Santa hats to wear during our Christmas lunch. They had great fun pulling crackers and listening to Christmas songs.

Meanwhile Upper Nursery children had a very special letter delivered from Santa. He said how much he had enjoyed their Nativity show and cannot wait to visit them all on Christmas Eve. He was also pleased to hear that they are all kind friends to each other and that their teachers are all very proud of them.



### Raising funds for charity

Year 6 baked and came together to sell cakes, Christmas socks and sweets in support of King's Hospital. They hope to raise £200 in donations as thanks to Kings who have been very supportive to one of our families very dear to our hearts. We wish them well.



### CHILDREN'S OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS



This Year 1 girl passed her grading in Karate for her orange belt. She has done extremely well and has been very committed and has not been doing this for very long. She attends the International Karate Kyokushinikaikan club at Dover Sports center



This Reception boy is an active member of Adventurers (part of his Seventh Day Adventist faith). It's similar to Scouts. Over the weekend, he was Invested and awarded up to 20 or so badges this included: seeds, leaves, stickers, community helper, weather, insects and zoo animals, to name a few.

**Kaitlyn Gurubatham- Kanny** achieved her blue belt with stripes for the Matt Fiddes Martial Arts club

**Harry Evans** was awarded his 100m certificate and badge from the Swim England Awards

**Dorothy Stead** achieved level 3 in the Swim England Learn to swim Awards

**Kishore Chandrasegaran** was awarded a grade 7 certificate after achieving the required standard of excellence in International Karate.

**Connie Reppin** came second in her class in the Colette's Horse & Dog show.

**Primrose Snow and Evie Ball** won 3rd place for their Small Group Jazz Dance at the Ultimate Victory Dance Competition.



This girl performed at the Ultimate Victory Dance Competition last week and received 2nd place in Classical Ballet, 3rd place in Large Lyrical Group Dance & Trio Group Dance, she also won a free entry award for future competitions, awarded by judges for a noticeably enjoyable performance.

## EFFORT OF THE TERM

RB	Chester Andrews
RR	Dylan Botha
1CM	Finley McGuirk
1R	Matilda Hill
2H	Gigi Evans
2L	Javier Ungufe-Bailey
3B	Frederick Giles
3P	Evie Crocker
4C	Daisy Robinson
4R	Eva Wyon
5A	Honor Leberl
5M	Freddie Heffer
6J	Isaac Stroud
6W	Rosie Robinson



### MUSIC STARS OF THE TERM

Anna Woodhead

### SPORTS STARS OF THE TERM

Matyas Oprchal  
&  
Zara Van Ritbergen



### READING AWARDS

The following children have completed  
Reading shelves this week

Myles Andrews, Joseph Johnson,  
Dorothy Stead, John Lapworth, Kit Kember

#### Accelerated Reader Target 1

Brayden Ingram, Luca Barnes, Florrie Brown,  
Fraser Bunyan, Rosie Robinson, Oliver Taylor,  
Henry Maclachlan, Sophia Gudge,  
Amara Fernando, Imogen Norman,  
James Quinn, Alice Thomlinson,  
Daisy Robinson, Kaitlyn Gurubatham-Kanny,  
Flora Bunyan

#### Target 2

Daniel Mathew, Isaac Stroud, Kasen Wells,  
Evie Crocker, Tommy Ridings, Amelie Coles,  
Zara Van Ritbergen

### Friend of the week

Krish Bhide for being kind and caring to the  
younger children

### BIRTHDAYS

Harry Daw, Oliver Barker, Luna Hulme,  
Elsie Rang, Madeleine Taylor,  
Amelia McElligott, Krish Bhide,  
Aiden Gibson, Madeleine Botha,  
Arabella Porter, Sami Ur-Rehman,  
Anna Woodhead, Imogen Norman,  
Arnav Siddappa, William Lee,  
Isabelle Dalglish, Sophie Dalglish,  
Madina Gibson



### STAR AWARDS

#### BRONZE (100+)

Aiden Gibson, John Lapworth, Harry Daw,  
Jalia Ungufe-Bailey, Francesca Savin,  
Harry Evans, Safiya Dubignon,  
James Evans, Tabitha Thompson,  
Sophia Gudge, Fred Giles, James Payne,  
Aarav Patel, Hannah Robinson, Mya Wood

### MATHS AWARDS

#### Numbots

#### Resilience

Tabitha Thompson

#### Effort

Sophia Gudge

### HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Safiya Van Ritbergen,  
Arabella Porter,  
Oliver Bracey, Oscar Irwin,  
Fraser Bunyan for their Bronze Age posters

James Evans put so much effort in to his Science  
with his magnificent gingerbread  
village



Fred Giles for his instruction writing  
on how to be a gladiator

Tabitha Thompson, Flynn Leberl, Sophia Gudge  
for their excellent mosaics

Lucy McElligott and Evie Crocker for their  
detailed Roman shield

Catherine Payne for her fabulous illustrations in  
her Boudica story



### Golden Balls

Tim Lewis, Flynn Marsh, James Quinn,  
Harry Daw, Matyas Oprchal,  
Zara Van Ritbergen,  
Harper Skudder-Acaster, Joshua Johnson,  
Ashmie Palanisamy, Oliver Bracey