



# Speenhamland Primary School

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## Newsletter 16th December 2021



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# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, in assembly time, we have looked back at the autumn term and reflected on all the learning and experiences we have enjoyed as a school. Within each class, children have shared their favourites. There is a real mixture of highlights between the children which reflects our broad and balanced curriculum.

**Matthew, in Wisteria:** "I liked it when we made a fire because we had hot chocolate and cookies."

**Lilly, in Oak:** "I enjoyed going to the pantomime because it was funny and Cinderella had a beautiful dress."

**Riley, in Ash:** "I liked science because we did a taste and smell test."

**Nozima, in Cherry:** "I really enjoyed listening to James Ketchell and all of his adventures and it left me feeling like I could climb the tallest mountain in the world!"

**Molly, in Maple:** "I really liked doing the pointillism in art. I liked how I could mix colours just by doing dots."

**Isabelle, in Juniper:** "I enjoyed learning about eels because I never thought it would be that fun to learn about them."

**Hrudhay, in Hawthorn:** "My favourite part of school this term was learning how to light a fire in forest school."

**Elsie, in Acer:** "I really enjoyed our DT lesson when we were cooking. My favourite thing we made was apple pie - we all took turns and it tasted luxurious!"

**Redwood Class:** "We've enjoyed lots of extra-curricular activities in Redwood this term. We particularly enjoyed going to the Panto, getting to grips with interesting animals at Zoolab and meeting the Mayor and sitting on his chair!"

**Riley, in Cedar:** "I really enjoyed making carbon dioxide in Science so that we could blow up a balloon."

As the children break up today, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2022!

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

**Mrs J Lewry**  
Headteacher

## Covid Update

As you are aware from daily press releases, the Covid numbers across the country are continuing to grow.

Please can I remind you of the following:  
If your child tests positive for Covid over the Christmas holiday period, please can you notify the school using the email:  
[office@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust.org](mailto:office@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust.org)

If your child is identified as a close contact or someone in the household tests positive, the government recommend lateral flow testing for 7 days as well as a one off PCR.

Parents of school-age children as well as secondary school children, are recommended to lateral flow test twice a week

I have a Trust meeting the Monday before we return to school as well as a meeting on Tuesday with West Berkshire.

If there are any changes or updates, I will write to you before the children return.



## This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

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### ACHIEVEMENT

Wisteria	Riley Orme
Cherry	Tyler Booth
Oak	Isabelle Sandel
Ash	Mia Compton
Hawthorn	Evie Mills
Juniper	Levi Nagi-Galfi
Maple	Ian Baker
Acer	Chloe Bowles
Redwood	Sam Flitton
Cedar	Oscar Lord

### PSHE

Sahasra Pillaram  
Madhushreya Sreeram  
Alex Wheeler  
Alfie Chapple  
Nusayba Alharbat  
Luke McCourt  
Alex Griffiths  
Emma Leeming  
Daisy Pollard  
Teegan Goff

## TERM DATES

### Spring Term 2022

#### Term 3:

05-01-21 to 18-02-22

Half term: 21-02-22 to 25-02-22

#### Term 4:

28-02-21 to 07-04-22

### Summer Term 2022

#### Term 5:

25-04-21 to 27-05-22

Half term: 30-05-21 to 03-06-22

#### Term 6:

06-06-22 to 21-07-22

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## HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Zolty 108

2nd Laal 105

3rd Verde 103

4th Azul 100

**Congratulations ZOLTY!**

House Cup Winners for Autumn 2 are:

# Laal

with 22 points



### Attendance

This week's attendance is 84.89%.

Last week was 89.17%

**Wishing everyone well.**



# CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

This week, Wisteria have really enjoyed a number of Christmas related learning activities!  
They had lots of fun decorating their tree outside as well as trying to wrap our own presents



Cherry Class did some sewing this week and made Christmas tree decorations.

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Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year!



LKS2 have been designing and making their own Christmas stocking.



Redwood class made Christmas decorations based on the 'golden phase' of Gustav Klimt using recycled materials.



In Ash class, Mia used an overstitch to make her snowman decoration and Leyla persevered in using a running stitch for her decoration.

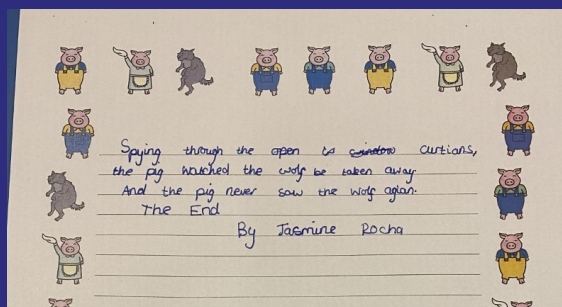
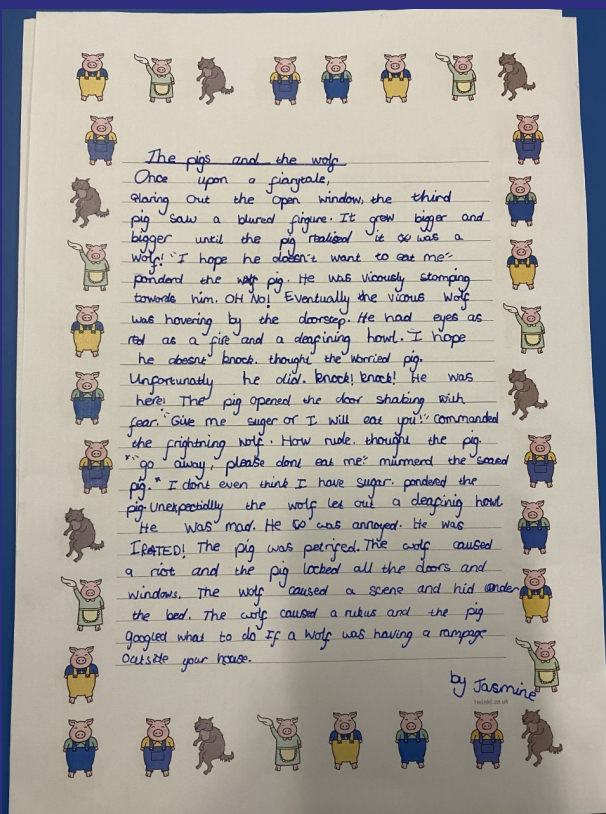


# MORE AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

Cedar, Acer and Redwood have been planting a new hedgerow on the school field this week after being given saplings from the Queen's Canopy project.



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Jasmine from  
Hawthorn Class  
has written an  
extract on 'The real  
story of the three  
little pigs'



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