

Ambleside Academy Newsletter

Curriculum Update

Nursery— This week we have been working just as hard as all the elves in Santa's workshop. We have been putting our fine motor skills to the test, threading our own special tree decorations to take home, as well as using cotton buds and paint to make our own twinkling lights. As always, we have been working hard at our name writing, ensuring we remember all the letters and they are all a good size. This will help us when we come to write our Christmas cards.

Reception— This week, all of reception had our special festive field trip to St Margret's church. The Owlets, Froglets, and Snakelets were on their best behaviour as they made the short walk to the church from school. It's a long walk for little legs but it makes for great exercise! Inside the church, the learn learned about the celebration of Christmas and how the Christian faith celebrates it. The staff at St Margret's were as welcoming as ever and they put on a great show. The presentation is about creating Christingles using oranges, candles, cocktail sticks, and sweets (you might remember the children picked all this up from Asda in the previous week.) The children loved putting the candles and sweets on to their oranges. And the church staff dressed Mr Gledhill as a giant inflatable orange! There were, however, no giant sweets for him... What a shame!

Year 1—have had lots of fun this week! We have loved our new coding unit in computing. We've had lots of fun on Rapid Router and Bee-Bot. We can't wait to play some more!

Year 3 - This week we have been looking at music and being able to recall the names of different notes and understand how many notes are in each of these. Year 3 have been amazing during our Christmas Concert rehearsals. We have been doing our best singing, dancing, acting and saying our lines loudly, ready to show our grownups!

Year 4—have been making their own Christingles this week! In their RE lessons, they have been learning about the Christian religion and why they celebrate Christmas, and this week they learned about the different parts of the Christingle and what it means to a Christian.

Year 5—This week the Year 5's went to St Margeret's and learnt how to make a Christingle and learnt more in depth why they are important to Christians. They even got to see Mr Anderson dressed up as a Christingle, who took the role of a Christingle very seriously.

Dolphin—This week in Dolphin Pod 2 in computing we have been using the Freeform app on our iPads to create a digital painting of our faces. We used various tools to create different effects.

Important Dates

Tuesday 16th December –Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 17th December—Winter Market

Thursday 18th December—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 19th December—Robin Hood Panto and Christmas jumper (non-school uniform)

Friday 19th December—Last Day in school before the Christmas Holidays

Monday 5th January—First day back in school for the start of Spring Term



Christmas Performances

We are so proud of all the children who have taken part in their Christmas performances so far. The confidence the children have shown to dance, sing, perform solos and speak in front of so many people is amazing. I know you as parents will have taken memories away that you will cherish forever. One more performance to go for years 5 and 6 next week so please remember to join us at ther 9.30am or 2pm on Tuesday 16th December.



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School Lunch Menu for next week:



WEEK TWO

Meat	Meat	Meat	CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU	Meat
Breaded Chicken & Katsu Curry Sauce, Served with 50/50 Rice & Peas	Pepperoni Pizza, Served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Salad Sticks	Beef Bolognese Bake, Served with Garlic Bread & Farmhouse Vegetables	<p>Best Turkey with all the trimmings - Pig in blanket, Best Potatoes, stuffing ball, Peas & Carrots</p> <p>Vegan Wellington served with Best Potatoes, stuffing ball, Peas & Carrots (V)</p> <p>Hotch Cherry & Originalised Chocacola</p> <p>Eds Christmas Shortbread Recipe</p> <p>COOKIES</p> <p>18th december</p>	Fish Finger Wrap, Served with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
vegetarian Quorn Dippers, Served with Katsu Curry Sauce, 50/50 Rice & Peas (V)	vegetarian Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Salad Sticks (V)	vegetarian Macaroni Cheese, Served with Garlic Bread & Farmhouse Vegetables (V)		vegetarian Vegetable Nugget Wrap, Served with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn (V)
Alternative Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo with Side Salad	Alternative Twisty Pasta with Tomato Sauce or Grated Cheddar & Side Salad	Alternative Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo with Side Salad		Alternative Twisty Pasta with Tomato Sauce or Grated Cheddar & Side Salad
dessert Topped Belgian Waffle	dessert Toffee Apple Sponge with Custard	dessert Oatie Cookie		dessert Chocolate Cracknell