



The Waveney Valley Partnership  
Mendham Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 1st December 2023



### Message from Mr Lea

Firstly, thank you to everyone who has sent their congratulations and best wishes to my news I shared with you all last week - they are very much appreciated!

So today marks the start of advent - a time where we all start building up towards Christmas. It is one of the best times to be working in a school. The children get really excited and enthusiastic about everything! To hear the pupils singing their Christmas songs and practising their Nativity performances really does transform the school.

This was my desk this morning - thanks Mrs Jones!



We hope that you will join us at our festive celebrations. Please find attached a reminder of the events at our school.

### Critical Incident Testing

In the next few weeks you may receive a phone call from school. This will be part of a Critical Incident Test that the school will be undertaking. As part of this one class will be selected at random and all parents will have to be contacted to ensure we have the correct details for each pupil. You can check the information is correct by logging into Arbor.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### Festive Lunch

A reminder to book your child's Festive Lunch by the 11th December.

Please follow the link below:

<https://forms.gle/h1h7CLD3begEPcr16>

## Message from Mrs Jones - Seedlings Class

In Seedlings our Maths work has focused on deconstructing into parts. To start with we had lots of discussions about parts and whole. We used toys that can be taken apart and



put back together and some that can not to prove the point that items are made of parts that make a whole just like numbers. Moving on we used our bodies to continue to illustrate the concept using



the stem sentence; "My..... is a part of me and the whole of me is (child's name)"

We also looked at the different parts of an animal and what animals have that we don't To complete the week we used Numberblocks to support the decomposition of 2 and 3. Talking about the parts that make up the numbers; 1 and 1, 2 and 1 or 1 and 1 and 1

## Message from Mrs Ball - Pine Class



A great deal of our learning this term has been based around our educational visit to Jimmy's Farm. In Science we have been learning about what animals need to survive and stay healthy and about carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.

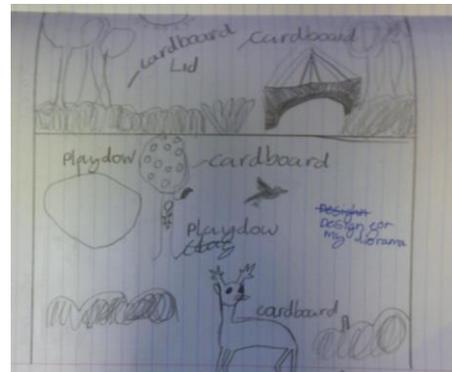
Pine Class were able to see many different species of animals at Jimmy's Farm and impressed the staff there with their extensive knowledge. Some of the children were even brave enough to touch a snake!



In Literacy we have been learning how to write a recount and this week have been using our skills to write about our trip. There has been some super use of time connectives and so much detail included- we look forward to sharing them with you. Well done Pine Class.

### Message from Mrs Peach - Juniper Class

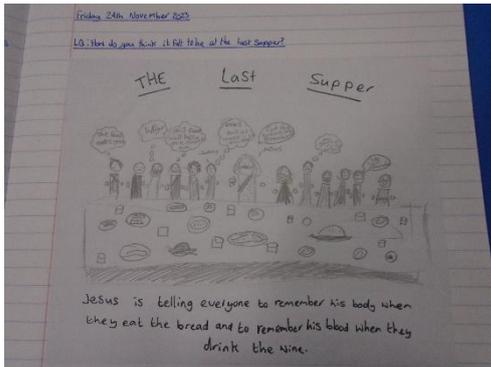
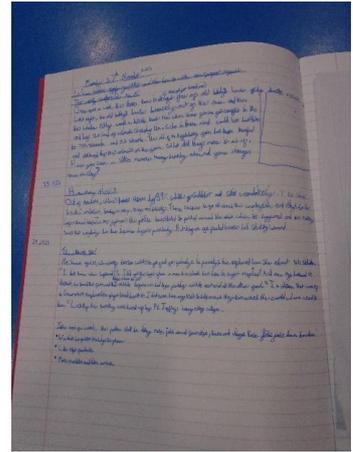
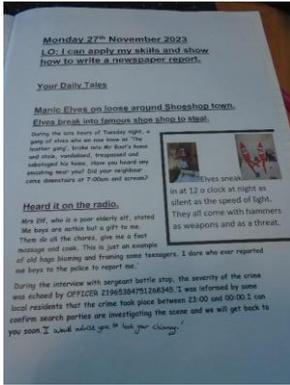
This week in Juniper we have used the data that we gathered at Thetford forest to create classification Keys for the animals that we found. The children classified the animals according to characteristics of how they looked and where they lived. We then began to design our diorama of the forest that we will be making next week.



In RE we have been learning about how Christians believe Jesus is a saviour. We listened to Christmas carols that describe Jesus as a saviour and looked through the lyrics finding lyrics that mean that Christians believe that Jesus was sent to earth at Christmas to save people. We then used our great artistic talents to create Christmas cards using the word saviour as a theme.

### Message from Mr Norfolk - Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have been busy writing their own newspaper reports based on a fairytale crime. They have been choosing their own fairytale characters and stories and putting their own twists on what crimes the characters have committed! The children have been very creative and independent with their ideas, and I am looking forward to reading these!



Children have been learning about what the 'Eucharist' means to Christians. They have looked at its meaning and why Christians see this as an important part of their faith. Sycamore will be heading to the church on Friday afternoon to hear more about it from Reverend Diane.

## Safeguarding Information

The DSL (Designated safeguarding lead) for safeguarding in school is Mr Simon Lea. The ADSL's (Alternate designated safeguarding lead) are Mrs Nicola Jones and Mrs Julie Rogers.

A copy of the safeguarding policy and all other policies are available on the school website.

The Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership website contains a wealth of information: [www.suffolksp.org.uk](http://www.suffolksp.org.uk)

If you are worried about the welfare or safety of a child speak directly to Mr Lea or Mrs Jones. If concerns are outside school hours, please contact Customer First on 0808 8004005 (24 hours). If the matter is urgent because a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, phone 999.