

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025



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Learning and living as children of God

(Ephesians 5:1) (You are God's children whom he loves. Try to be like God)
OUR SCHOOL VALUE THIS TERM IS RESPECT



Sun Shine Awards

Reception: Ziggy, Austin.

Class 1: Hendrix, Evelyn C.

Class 2: Ellie-Kate, Ayda.

Class 3: Sienna, Finnlay.

Playtime trophy goes to preschool, Class 1 & Class 2.

The school sports award goes to William & Leo.

Well done to Estee for taking part in her Christmas show and dressing up!



Also for winning several rosettes on her pony, Honey, for riding and running competitions. She gained first place in the Ride and Run category winning a rosette and a bucket full of special grooming equipment. Estee also had a rosette for jumping 40cms on her pony! Fantastic work Estee!



After School Club T3

Monday

05/01/26-02/02/26: Camp Kindness Yr 1 3.15- 4pm **FULL**

12/01/26-02/02/26: Dungeons & Dragons Club Yr4

Tuesday

06/01/26-27/01/26: Dance Club Yr 3-6 3.15-4pm **FULL**

Wednesday

07/01/26-11/02/26 Multi Sports Club Yr3&4 3.15-4pm **FULL**

Thursday

08/01/26-12/02/26 Table Tennis Club Yr 5&6 3.15-4pm

FULL

08/01/26-29/01/2026 Lego Club Yr2 3.15-4pm **FULL**

Future Dates/Notifications

19/12/25: End of Term 2

05/01/26: Term 3 Starts @ 8.45am

16/01/26: PTFA Non school uniform day

20/01/26: RAGS2RICHES Collection

Congratulations to Poppy J who has once again won rosettes for her achievements with pony riding. Well done Poppy!



Congratulations to Albert who has been awarded his Learn to Swim Level 6! Well done!



Congratulations to Austin, Eliza, Sidney, Freddie, & Ziggy for achieving their balanceability certificate.

Head Boy & Head Girl Blog!



This week children joined in with the panto and it was very exciting! Everyone is really looking forward to the next Glow Dodgeball. Christmas jumper day was fabulous and the Christmas lunch was fantastic!

Congratulations to Sienna who has achieved her gold award at Brownies!



Christmas Enterprise

Thank you to everyone who supported our enterprise this year, class 1 raised £78.23.

Well done to Gretel for winning the guess the baubles competition. There were 39 baubles!

Congratulations to Alegra who has achieved her grade 1 & 2 in trampolining!



CaterCater School Lunches

As from January the price of the school meals will increase to £2.60. Please order meals for term 3 before the 2nd January 2026.

Honours List

Each week, awards for children's achievement will be presented in Celebration Assembly. We will also recognise children who have demonstrated our value for each term in the everyday life of our school - our value for Term 2 is Respect.



Award winners for w/c 1st - 19th December 2025

Achievement:

Reception - All of reception for their wonderful performance in the nativity. Freddie AB & Sidney for super reading all term.

Class 1 - All of class 1 for their amazing nativity. Maddie, Arlo & Iola for imaginative art & design projects during Pirate Paddy.

Class 2 - George & Martha for their amazing Christmas Eve poetry. Otis for his brilliant santa animation.

Class 3 - Olivia & Oliver for their super written work in RE. Sophie, Zahara, Ivy & Leo for their amazing embroidery work.

Values:

Reception - Eliza & Ziggy, All of reception class.

Class 1 - Arlo & Holly, Betsy, James, Charlotte & Max.

Class 2 - Albert & Bridie, Ava & Albert.

Class 3 - Theo & Ivy, Hope & Harvey.

Well done to Ellis who has made his very own Birdhouse during his forest school trips. Every detail was designed and made by Ellis. Fantastic work Ellis!



Congratulations to Calon who has been awarded a certificate for his fantastic ballet achievements!



Class 2 have been very busy over the last few weeks doing lots of activities. In Science they have been carrying out investigations into light. They have created their very own shadow performance.



Class 2 have been looking at rainforests for their integrated task week. During the week they all made a moving mechanisms using linkages, levers and pivots.



They also had a fantastic week doing their Christmas Enterprise where they made felt decorations, fabric decorations, candles, candle holders and chocolate. A huge thank you to everyone who purchased from Class 2 stall as the children raised a huge £180.



Deerhurst and Apperley Church of England Primary School has demonstrated the required level of attainment and have been awarded the NCE Computing Quality Mark for excellence in computing curriculum delivery. We are very excited to receive this award in school. All subjects are led by different staff in school. Computing is led by Mrs Oldroyd and staff are very committed to ensuring we go above and beyond in teaching the pupils what they need for the future evolving IT. School has further been awarded 'I belong, encouraging girls into computer science.' We are very pleased that we can champion such an accolade. We have been very proud in recent months to have various awards including Eco with distinction led by Miss Rimmer, The Mental Health and Well-being Award, Healthy School Status Award led by Mrs Perry and Miss Robinson is currently working and leading on our RE award.

Congratulations to Kit who has been awarded two wonderful dance certificates for her highly commended dance results from the National Association of Teachers of Dancing. Well done Kit!



Congratulations to Nancy who has been awarded her Brownie Bronze Award!



A huge well done to Gretel who has secured a part in the production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the Everyman theatre. The show will run from March 31st 2026 until 4th April 2026. Look out for Gretel who is part of the children's ensemble.



Class 2 and Little Deers spent a wonderful day together making Christmas crafts. The children made fondant snowmen and paper decorations. It was wonderful to see Class 2 children taking a lead with the younger ones and sharing Christmas stories too.



KS2 did a splendid job of singing at The Open Door Lunch at the village hall on Thursday. They sang beautifully. I would like to thank Mrs Mulligan, our choir leader, for encouraging such angelic voices. The children were also rewarded with chocolates from the village hall members.



The children had a surprise visit from The Elf after Christmas lunch. They were so excited and were given a lovely chocolate reindeer! Thank you Mr Elf for visiting us.



Class 3 - Enterprise

Class 3 thoroughly enjoyed Enterprise Week and worked really hard to make Hama Bead key rings for their stall. After completing some extensive market research including adults and children, they decided that they would sell them for £2 each and made an amazing £150 profit from all that they sold. A big thank you to everyone who bought from our stall.



Congratulations to Eliza, Edith, Alegra, Lola, Ella & Flynn for guessing the Science challenge and Edith for achieving Steel in numbots.

Class 3

Class 3 have been applying their knowledge of electrical circuits to their work on programming the Crumble micro-controllers in their computing lessons. After writing programs to light up one light in different colours and for different amounts of time, they introduced a second light and then a third one to make a traffic light sequence which repeated itself three times. We are going to use these skills when we make our fairground models in the summer term.



Class 3

Class 3 have worked very hard developing their embroidery skills and have made some amazing rainbow samplers to showcase their skills. Each sampler includes chain stitch, cross stitch, running stitch, backstitch, stem stitch, blanket stitch, satin stitch and French knots. They look amazing and we are looking forward to sharing them with you at Book Look in the Spring Term.



The children had a lovely time when the pantomime came to school!



The PTFA 100 club winners are as follows:

Draw 1

1st - Elin Paulson
2nd - Chloe Brown
3rd John Sutton
Fizz- Kate Briggs

Draw 2

1st - Mike Tambling
2nd - Chloe Brown
3rd - Sue Tickner
Fizz- Dilys Aberdeen

PTFA News

The PTFA have been extremely busy and working continuously hard to create magical moments for children and adults alike. They supported us at Christmas Enterprise with a magical workshop and visit to see Father Christmas. They helped with the decorations and chocolate gift for everyone on Christmas Dinner day and even arranged a visit from an elf!

Behind the scenes they have helped us buy the new laptops that we so desperately needed and are up and running for the children, and purchased a set of reusable plates, bowls and cups to become more eco friendly.

Their wreath evening was a huge success and enjoyed by lots of parents and locals with many already asking about it for next year. The ever so popular bags were put together with a huge variety of foliage and delivered. A huge thank you to everyone involved for their hard work.

The PTFA have managed to donate an incredible £6000 towards the new laptops this term.



All children enjoyed the glow dodgeball enrichment day with Mr Clark.



Congratulations to Arlo who has been awarded his Grade 3 swimming award. He is now working on his Grade 4! Well done Arlo!



Class 1 and Reception thoroughly enjoyed designing and making lunch boxes to keep Pirate Paddy's sandwich safe from mermaids, storms and parrots! We really enjoyed seeing all the children in their pirate costumes; they looked amazing! Well done Class 1 and Reception



Class One and Reception were delighted to be visited by Mr Burrows. They had written their own questions to ask him about how his family celebrates Christmas.



Forest School

The children have had another great year in forest school. Most recently, Class3 made wooden Christmas decorations. They used palm drills to make holes and then beautifully decorated them.



Thank you to everyone for sharing in our Carol concert. The children were amazing and sang their hearts out! Thank you to Mrs Mulligan our choir leader and Miss Robinson for organising the programmes.



SAFE GUARDING CORNER

Stay safe online at Christmas, shop on secure sites (HTTPS, padlock), use strong unique passwords & 2FA, avoid public Wi-Fi for transactions, be wary of phishing scams (unsolicited links/offers), keep devices updated, use credit cards for better protection, and change default passwords on new smart devices, while also monitoring bank statements and being careful with social media sharing.

As I write my final Newsletter to you all my thoughts are with you all at Christmas.
It is hard to handover my wonderful school as I retire. My time spent with you all, children, parents, governors and my unique staff will never be forgotten. As I leave, a little piece of my heart will always be here.
Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives. Have a safe and Happy Christmas. Mrs Neveu



J Neveu

