

# School News

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## A word from Mrs Daniels ...

It has been lovely to welcome so many of you into the school this week to see Reception and KS1 perform as well as all of our budding rockstars!

On Thursday KS2 will finish the term by singing some of the songs they have been learning. I have suggested they wrap up warm and that hats and scarves can be worn—the brighter the better! We hope that the weather is on our side as unfortunately, if it rains, we don't have another opportunity to perform this term.

You will have seen a letter that came from me earlier regarding our new extended school day provision which will be starting after Easter. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions about this at a meeting for all parents on Thursday 8th January at 7pm. At this meeting I will also be able to keep you updated about some of the changes that are happening in education with regards to OFSTED and the curriculum.

Mrs Mills, one of our Reception TAs, finishes with us on Friday as her baby is due in January. We wish her a happy and healthy maternity leave!

## THIS WEEK

### Monday 15th Dec

Years 1 and 2 Kenton theatre

### Tuesday 16th Dec

### Wednesday 17th Dec

Reception and KS1—Methodist church

Christmas lunch

### Thursday 18th Dec

Reception to Norden Farm  
2.45pm KS2 carol concert on the playground

### Friday 19th Dec

End of term assembly  
Last day of term finish at 1.30pm

Finally, on behalf of the whole staff team I would like to thank you for the support you have given the school this term and to wish you all a lovely Christmas.



## Over and Above Awards —Friday 12th December

Reception	Maisie Robertson	April Leatherby	
Year 1	The whole class		
Year 2	The whole class	Arlo Bannister	Joshua Clayton
Year 3	Carys Cox	Oliver Peycke	
Year 4	Rufus Robson	Rozzie Carroll	Matthew Reynolds
Year 5	Alyssia Holland	Ethan Austin	Finley Bray
Year 6	Otis Bampini	Gabriel O'Sullivan	



### The Golden Boot Award Winners last week were...

Year 2 were the winners of the 'Golden Boot' for being helpful and working as a team. Well done Year 2!

## Calendar for term 3

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
5 Jan INSET day	6	7	8 RWI school develop- ment day  7pm Information evening for all parents re OFSTED and our extended school day offer	9	10	11
12 9.15am Finance committee	13 KS2 VR day School photography for new website	14	15 Open the book assembly	16	17	18
19 7pm GB meeting	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Reptile day!	29 Reptile day!	30	31	1
2 New website launch day	3 Internet safety day workshops and assembly	4	5	6 PTA Quiz Night	7	8
9	10	11	12 Year 3 dance festival	13	14	15

Half term break Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February

## Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge

Years 4 and 6 recently took part in the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge.

Rozzie Carroll was the best in school for Year 4 and, along with Alfie Green, was awarded a gold award for being amongst the top 10% of students nationally. Ethan Courtis, in Year 6, achieved a gold award and was first placed in Year 6. Pictured are the students who were awarded distinctions in the challenge.

Mrs Bond



## Primary Maths Challenge

These are the children who achieved bronze, silver or gold awards in the Primary Maths Challenge.

Congratulations to Ethan Courtis, who was awarded first place and qualified for the national competition.

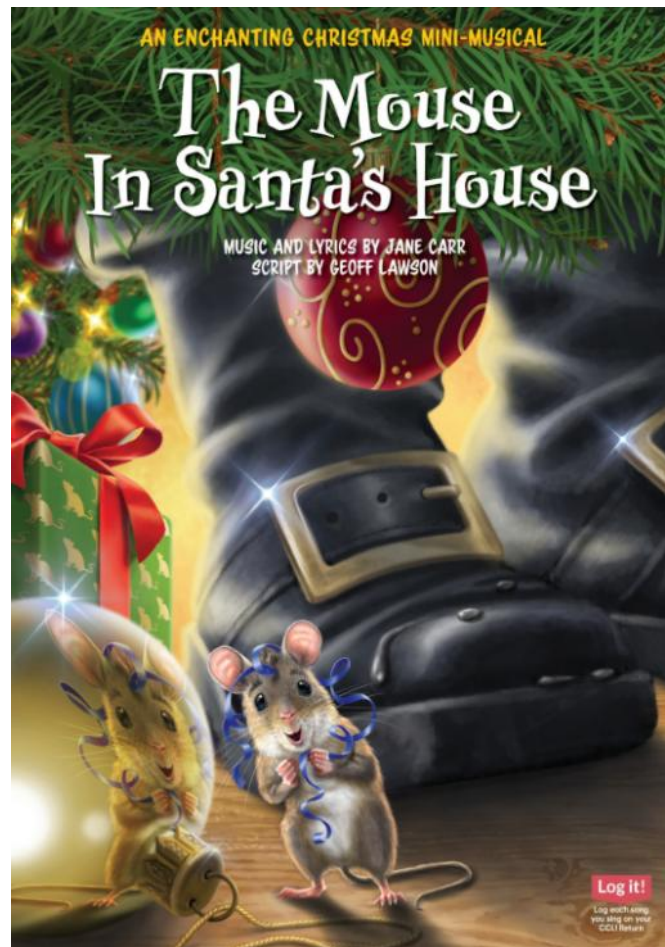


## Reception and KS1 shows



Thank you to all the children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 for their fantastic performances last week. The whole school thoroughly enjoyed watching them on stage and we all feel very proud of them!

My thanks as well to the staff in these year groups for all their hard work.



## PE News from Mrs Pateman

### PE News

What we've been up to this week...



# THANK YOU

This term has been a busy one! We've managed to send teams to all the events put on by our sports partnership. Hopefully the cancelled cross country will be rearrange, if not we'll find another event for those children!

## SPORT EVENTS THIS TERM

Fliers Netball	Football
Leadership Training	Sports hall Athletics
Cross Country	Active 60 minute Festival
Invictus Game	Netball

Some have been competitive, others with the intent of participation and trying something new!

We can't take part without the help of parents coming together and helping with lifts and supporting their children, so THANK YOU! Lots more events coming up in the Spring Term, including the Dance Festival for year 3, and a girls football match.



Our fabulous 5 and 6 netballers, I forgot to take pictures at their match last week!

## Matilda the Musical—review

This electric, heart-stopping show gilled all our hearts with hope, despair and a little Christmas magic. This show should be seen by all ages as all aspects have been created and moulded to perfection.

A little girl who is treated poorly by her family and who's only happy place lies between thick, imaginative pages has been sent to Crunchem Hall. The worst school ever. Even though Matilda's teacher, (Miss Honey) is sweeter than her name, the same cannot be said about the head mistress, Agatha Trunchbull. This story shows perseverance and determination recreating Roald Dahl's tale and blowing it out the park.

As you walk in, you're met with the best stage you've ever seen. Big colourful letters are scattered around the outside of the stage, creating hidden words that are all used in the show. And for the pig-tails scene - it's even better than the movie.

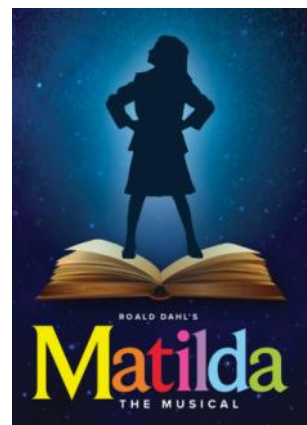
I can't tell you how weird it feels seeing a child my age slyly round the West End.

Every bit of this performance is gripping and will change how you view the West End. The composer and lyrics writer Tim Minchin was incredible. From the intro of "When I Grow Up" to the clap your hands and feel uplifted "Revolting Children".

"I cannot recommend Matilda more highly" Year 6 pupil



Thomas Beaney



Millie Martin

Those

Those who think that West-end shows are just soaps and adult comedies, you haven't seen Matilda. This thrilling adventure will blow your socks off with its roller-coaster of emotion story.

This fabulous tale features a bright young girl called Matilda Wormwood who's TV-absorbed parents think she's nothing but a waste of space and a swimming little maggot.

The costumes, music and scenery created a magical back-drop. The lasers created a trapped sensation that echoed around the auditorium, ~~that~~ <sup>which</sup> kept the show going right through to the end.

It was an honour and privilege to go and see this fabulous master-piece. The lighting and sound effects bring this amazing tale to life.

Millie Martin

Alexa Roberts

This show is utterly amazing! If I had to put Matilda into 3 words, I couldn't do it. There is so much personality in this play; it feels exactly like the book come to life. It is a powerful play, funny at the right times, terrifying in the others. The actor, Eddie McCraig, is exactly like you imagine Matilda to be; fierce, bold and kind.

The storyline is starring the little girl Matilda, who is a genius, but treated like a jumped-up germ by her parents. Mr and Mrs Wormwood ~~best~~ believe little girls should not be clever, instead, choose 'looks over books'. When she goes to school, all her knowledge builds up into a kind of force, allowing her to move objects by staring at them hard.

The staging is a minute-miracle. The lights allow everything from lasers to a simple spotlight. Somehow, the ~~even~~ managed to act the pigtail-swinging with a real person. Bruce Bogtrotter even looked like he was eating the whole of a cake!

You should certainly come to this extraordinary show as everyone loves it, and you will ~~to~~.

## Music Opportunity



## Calling all Young Musicians!

### Let's Play Orchestra

Saturday 10.15-11.00am

Open to any instrument from beginner up to Grade 1. Explore making music with others through easy parts, beat & melody games, and ensemble fun.

Fees: £70.00 per term

HALF PRICE THIS TERM for new members:  
£35.00 for TEN SESSIONS

### Initial Orchestra

Saturday 9.00-10.00am

Open to any instrument Grades 1-3. A more adventurous orchestral experience focusing on holding your own part, reading rhythms, and collaborating as a musical team.

Fees: £79.50 per term

HALF PRICE THIS TERM for new members:  
£39.75 for TEN SESSIONS

[Click here](#) for a free trial orchestra session on Saturday 17 January

[Click here](#) to attend the launch event on Saturday 10 January

**Any Questions?** contact [laurabridger@berksmusictrust.org.uk](mailto:laurabridger@berksmusictrust.org.uk)

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Charlie, Emily, Finley and Phoebe before the Santa Fun run in Marlow. Well done to all of them for completing 5kms!

*We want ALL of our  
children to shine!*



MERRY  
*Christmas*  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR