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Headteacher's insight

As we reach the final day of term before the Christmas holidays, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy and fulfilling term. From the hard work in the classrooms to the excitement of our recent festive events, it has been wonderful to see the school community come together so positively.

I strongly believe that for a child to be safe, happy and successful they must be a central part of a strong, positive community. I feel very privileged to be able to lead our school community to fulfil this duty. Our relationships with families are a critical element of our community to giving the children the best support they deserve and I wish to thank you all for the very warm welcome I have received since joining the school in November.

I am incredibly proud of the dedication and resilience our students have shown this term, and I would like to thank all our staff and families for their continued support in providing our children with excellent support and opportunities. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break, filled with rest, joy, and the magic of the holiday season.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We will look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday 7th January 2025.**

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher





News from our classrooms

Vulcans

What a fantastic week we've had in **Vulcan Class**! The children have truly embraced the festive spirit, and we have so much to share. First, our amazing performance in the school **nativity** supporting Comet Class and Hurricanes Class!

The children sang their hearts out and did a brilliant job. The song "**A Big Adventure!**" was a particular favourite! We also had our unforgettable trip to the **pantomime**! The children thoroughly enjoyed the magical performance, and one of the highlights was definitely booing the wicked step-sisters – such fun!

Thank you to all of our class's families for all of their help and support this term. We wish you a very happy holiday!

From Mrs McLachlan and Mr Chambers





Spitfires

Over the last couple of weeks, the Spitfires have been exploring using a variety of loose parts such as **beads**, **counters**, and **pompoms** in different ways, including **counting**, **sorting** and **arranging**. Lots of the children were inspired by decorating the nursery **Christmas tree** and made beautiful Christmas tree pictures with the loose parts.

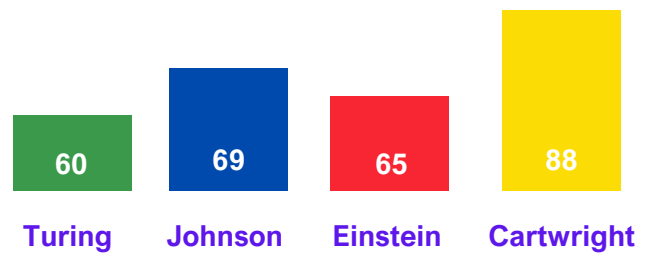
As usual, the children have very much led the learning, and an interest in tools soon led to being shown how to use a hammer safely to **hammer pins** into a piece of wood. They were all very careful with the sharp pins and small wooden hammers and were able to keep themselves safe. In **maths** we have been exploring '**repeats**' and some of the children decided to have a go at finishing repeating **patterns**...we were amazed at how well they were able to predict what would come next!

As well as all of this, somehow, we still had time to practise our songs for our **Christmas Singalong!** We were delighted to welcome so many families into the nursery on Monday, and it was such a joy to share this special time with many of you, singing together and even telling the Christmas story. **Thank you** to all those who were able to join us.





House Point Totals



Staff Spotlight

Name: Mrs Mabrouk

Role: Office Manager

What do you love about your job? Visits from pupils to the office.

Favourites

Subject: Depends on the day.

Favourite food: Not fussy, I like to be fed!

Animal: One that doesn't bite

Children's book: Rebecca's world: Journey to the forbidden planet



Thanks to Feraye for the amazing portrait!

Spotted by staff



Mercy in Vulcans For always showing the expected behaviours.

Hashir in Hercules For showing the school values as a house captain on Santa STEM day.

Shivit in Hurricanes For an outstanding performance in the nativity.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tsz Wai, James, Diyan Oz - Spitfires

Fatima - Comets

Birk, Otis, Shivit - Hurricanes

Ashley, Devayani - Blackbirds

Isaac - Hercules





Anglian Learning

As CEO of Anglian Learning, the multi-academy Trust which supports your child/ren's school, I would like to share some key highlights of the work Anglian Learning has undertaken in the last few months. These activities have benefitted our pupils, workforce and communities of our Trust.

As a large school trust, we received £1.8 million in government funding to enhance the condition of our schools. While this does not meet all our needs, it has allowed us to prioritise health and safety improvements, essential repairs and the energy efficiency of our buildings. A major piece of work was the **installation of solar panels** across all our schools, reducing energy costs and our carbon footprint. The money saved can be allocated to other areas for the education of our young people.

Other important areas we have focused on include:

- Strengthening our IT infrastructure to protect against cyber attacks
- Reviewing safeguarding in all schools
- Introducing a Teaching and Learning Framework that sets out the principles of excellent classroom teaching to be adopted by each school
- Hosting leadership conferences for headteachers and deputy headteachers on creating strong teams, supporting positive relationships with pupils and much more
- Starting our 'Belonging by Design' strategy to improve pupil attendance, SEND support and mental health, supported by the funding we have received from Cambridgeshire and Suffolk Local Authorities.

Finally, in November, we celebrated our secondary school pupils' creativity with the Platform 24 art exhibition at The Michaelhouse Café. The exhibition featured inspiring work from our talented KS3, KS4 pupils and A Level students.

I wish all families a restful break and thank you for your continued support as we work to transform education together. For more information on our Trust's activities, please visit our website www.anglianlearning.org, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).
Jonathan Culpin, CEO



Upcoming events and reminders

Tomorrow is non-uniform day!

December

20th - Last day of term (non-uniform day)

January

7th - First day back at school (Tuesday)
9th - 9am parent forum and coffee morning

February

Week beginning 3rd - Children's mental health week
6th - 9am Year 2 class assembly
13th - Light STEM day
14th - Last day of half term
24th - First day back at school
27th - 2.45pm parent forum and coffee morning



We will see you all on Tuesday
7th January for the start of the
Spring term!