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Friday 6th December 2024

Looking Ahead...
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For Christmas event dates see further pages in the newsletter

Friday 20th December

End of term

Tuesday 7th January

Start of term

On Tuesday, year 3 had a fantastic day out in the forest area. The day was organised around the theme of our history topic - The Stone Age.

All the children and staff spent the whole day outside, joining in activities such as fossil making, shelter building, prehistoric animal hunt, weaving and much more.

To keep everyone warm, we had hot chocolate and biscuits in the camp area.

The children loved being outdoors, and some said 'it was the best day ever'!

We are looking forward to more outdoors activities next week.





Attendance for this week = 93%

Congratulations to Nursery and 30
whose attendance hit the Aldwyn
target



Well Done!

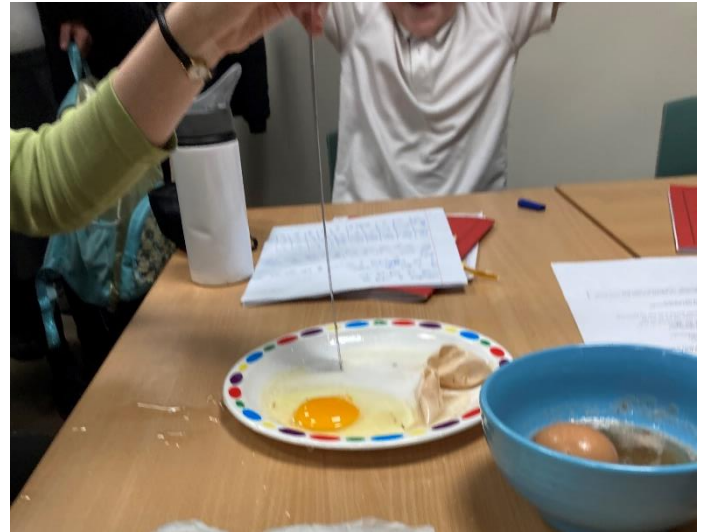
This week in Science, Year 5 have been learning about dissolving. We conducted an investigation into which substances were soluble and had fun timing how long it took sugar, salt and coffee to dissolve.



This week, in Forest School, we learned how to boil water in a 'Kelly Kettle.' First, we looked for dry wood and checked it would be dry using the snap test. Then, we placed the dry wood in the Kelly Kettle base in a waffle shape so the air could circulate and keep the flames alight. Next, we used our previous knowledge of lighting a fire by smearing vaseline on a piece of cotton wool and lighting it with a fire steel. We then placed the Kelly Kettle on the base and added kindling to keep the fire burning. We then patiently waited for the water to boil.



Mx Gamble and a group of Year 6 scientists have been investigating eggs. They placed one egg in cider vinegar for 48 hours and another egg remained in the egg box. After 48 hours they observed the differences to the eggs and noted that the egg that had been in the vinegar had expanded and the shell had become soft and rubbery. They then tested the eggs to see the effects to the shell when dropped from different heights. They were surprised to find that the egg which had been in vinegar actually bounced when dropped from heights up to 16cm, before bursting!



The football team headed to Denton Youth on Wednesday evening to take part in the Victorious Academies KS2 Cup. They played well as a team securing two wins and two draws before succumbing to three close defeats. The team finished 5th overall and represented Aldwyn well with great sportsmanship, resilience and teamwork.



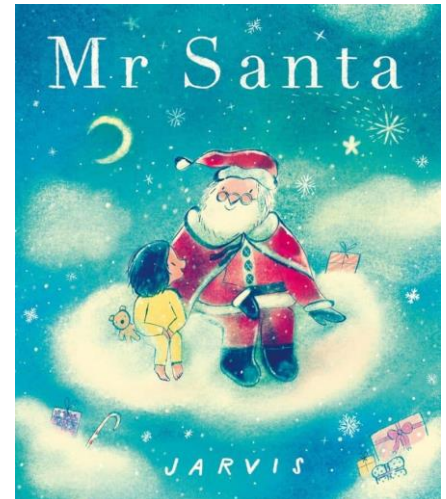


Aldwyn Book Corner

Mr Santa

Jarvis

Picturebook



Jarvis, beloved by teachers and librarians for the iconic [Bear and Bird](#) books, brings his signature style to a picture book for the youngest readers in *Mr. Santa*. Renowned for his ability to convey profound meaning through simple words and story-enhancing illustrations, Jarvis again blends these elements to create a gentle Christmas story that resonates with both children and adults.

A young girl, filled with curiosity, has a face-to-face encounter with Santa Claus. The story captures the essence of a child's mind, full of endless questions about the person in front of her and his apparent world of Christmas magic. The young girl seizes the opportunity to ask imaginative questions about Santa Claus (*Do you eat clouds? Do you stop at traffic lights?*) while also remaining delightfully confident of his undoubted interest in her world too (*Would you like to meet my fishes? Do you want to hear me play?*) – he is, after all, a visitor to their home. The book's strength lies in its authentic childlike voice, reflecting the endless stream of why and how questions that fill young minds as children move from moment to moment.

Perfect for EYFS classes, *Mr. Santa* encourages young minds to think creatively and question the unknown. The book's illustrations, painted in various shades of blue, evoke a dreamlike and wintery atmosphere. Santa never directly answers the girl and the story simply celebrates the joy of curiosity. It is the very act of questioning that is the star of the story, capturing the essence of childhood imagination. *Please* – implores the book of its readers – *please* spend a minute to let yourself become lost in wonder at Christmas time

Jarvis's unique style makes *Mr. Santa* a delightful read for the youngest readers. What Jarvis achieves so masterfully – once again – is to provide a text that will empower beginning readers to access for themselves while at the same time empowering the deepest thinkers to enter the space for creative contemplation provided by the text's interplay with its illustrations. This is a book that will no doubt be a catalyst for more curious questions from EYFS children or simply make for a cosy shared read-together for young children, perfect for festive storytimes.

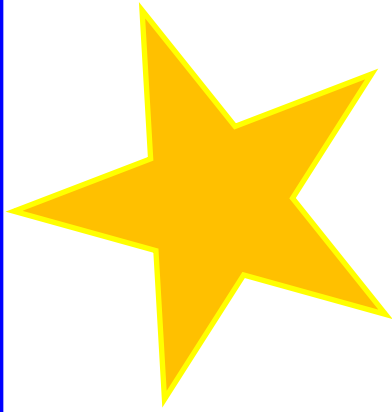
Review taken from www.booksfortopics.com A wonderful website full of recommendations of books for all ages, topics and genres.



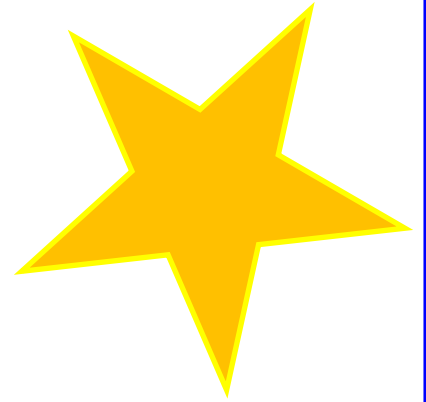


We had a wonderful time at the Christmas Fair last week. It was great to welcome so many families and members of our community into school for the evening. An amazing £2299.50 was raised on the night.





To be our best at



We will:

- Care for people and property
- Value others at all times
- Listen, think and follow instructions
- Be helpful, kind and polite
- Enjoy and achieve in all our work

Each week teachers choose a star of the week based on the Aldwyn Values.
The winners of this week's awards are:

Rowie	Kaycee	Abdul	Muhammad	Rory	Harley
Kian	Alivia	Imogen	Robyn	Albie	Ronnie
Isaac	Freya	Bella	Harvey	Oscar	Luca
Thomas	Leo	Millie	Mia	Luna	Harry
	Iden	Noah	Lola	Zac	

The Birthday Message



We wish you many happy returns of the day.
We hope you will be healthy and strong all the way
Strong to do right, slow to do wrong,
And thoughtful of others all day long.



This week we celebrate the birthdays of:

Theo	Dolcie	Eden	Azaan
Sienna	Beau	Akolade	Mrs Singh



Sponsored Santa Dash



The Santa Dash takes place next week. Children can wear their sports clothes/red/Christmas jumpers on the day of their dash. Please send in your sponsorship envelopes on the day of your child's dash.

Monday 9th December 2pm Nursery and Reception

Tuesday 10th December 2pm Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 11th December 9.15am Year 3
1.30pm Year 5
2.15pm Year 6

Thursday 12th December 11am Year 4



Christmas Uniform shop



All
items
50p

Open Every Friday
8.45 - 10.15am

We are collecting preloved Christmas jumpers/tops and nativity costumes for our uniform shop in preparation for Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Performances. Please drop any donations off at reception. Thank You



Christmas POPCORN & PILLOWS



**Years 1 & 2 Tuesday 17th December
3.15- 4.15pm**

**Years 3 - 6 Wednesday 18th December
3.15- 4.45pm**





£2.50

**Price includes
drink and snack**

Children can bring a
pillow/cushion
small blanket/Oodie to snuggle up in


Please send money in a named
envelope to your child's teacher.






Christmas Performances and Parties


*Please see separate list for the Santa Dash information




Wednesday 11th December 9.15am EYFS nativity for Nursery and Reception Parents 


Thursday 12th December Year 1 and Year 2 party day
9.15am EYFS nativity for Nursery and Reception Parents

Monday 16th December Year 3 and Year 4 party day
9.15am KS1 Christmas Carols for Y1 parents
10.30am KS1 Christmas Carols for Y2 parents



Tuesday 17th December EYFS party day
9.45am Y3 & 4 Carol Service at St. Marys
10.45am Y5 & 6 Carol Service at St. Marys
3.15pm - 4.15pm Y1/2 Popcorn and Pillows 

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day
3.15pm - 4.45pm Y3-6 Popcorn and Pillows



Thursday 19th December Year 5 and Year 6 party day 



'Cuppa and Chat'

Parent/Carer Engagement Events

The 'Cuppa and Chat' events are an open forum for parents/carers, Tameside SEND staff, and local area partnership representatives to discuss parents' experiences and concerns regarding SEND services.

Date and Time	Location
Monday 9th December 2024 @ 10am	Itrain Dukinfield
Friday 14th February 2025 @ 11am	Active Oxford Park
Wednesday 30th April 2025 @ 2pm	Cromwell school Café
Thursday 5th June 2025 @ 1pm	Active Hyde
Monday 14th July 2025 @ 10am	Active Copley Stalybridge

