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Friday 20th November 2026 Newsletter

This week we wish Mrs Culbert well as she leaves us for a few months on maternity leave – this is such an exciting time for her and her family.
We are really pleased that Miss Rowan joined us today and has already started working with Bluebird Class and planning for next week.
Mrs Shaw also returns next week – HOORAY!!! – we are so pleased that she is well again. This also means that Mrs Thurlow will now move to support the learning in Wainwright Class every morning.



Elf Dash
Despite the horrible weather, the whole school managed to make a mad dash around the village – you probably noticed some strange elf-like creatures. Thank you for braving the weather to support the children – they were really encouraged to see (and hear!) you. FoFS did a great job organising and sharing hot chocolate and marshmallows with our hardy dashers 😊



Christmas Nativity – 9th & 10th December

Dove and Hilltop Class are busy learning songs and lines for their Christmas play. Costumes are being prepared and the stage has been set. We can't wait to show you what they have been up to. Tickets are available from the office – £2.50 each.

Car Safety Reminder

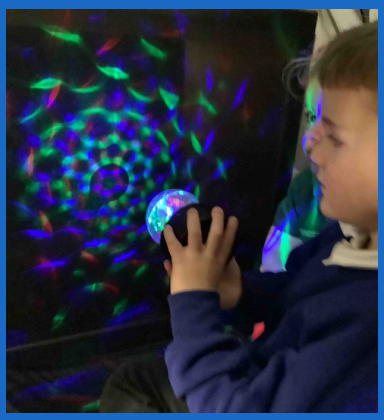
The safety of our children must always be our top priority. Please take the time to drive around the village if you need to turn your vehicle around, rather than using the car park entrance or lane. We ask that we all take this request seriously and help us to keep every child safe.

Class Updates!

Hilltop Class

It's been twinkling and sparkly in HillTop this week. We have been looking at the book - Little Glow. A story about a candle that visits families celebrating light festivals in different religions.
The children have loved learning about 'The festival of light' Diwali and have recognised that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. The children have explored light and dark int he dark tent with a range of light sources. They have made Rangoli patterns using loose parts and made Diva lamps from Clay.
The children are also loving singing and performing songs on the stage with instruments. We have many budding soloists! They have loved singing the Nativity songs and using the Makaton signs too.
We are looking forward to sharing this with you soon.
Please could you send in any base layer costumes (In a named plastic bag) next week before Wednesday.
We are hoping to have a costume rehearsal next Wednesday in preparation.
Thank you.













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Dove Class

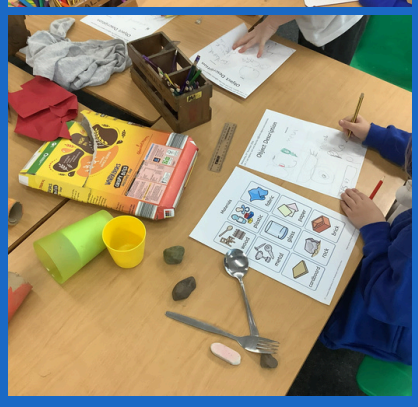
We have had another busy and enjoyable week in Dove Class!

In English, we started our exciting new book, How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth. We have enjoyed reading and sequencing the story, as well as exploring the features of instructions. We have been building up to writing our own instructions using bossy verbs and sequencing words. These skills will help us during our exciting Design and Technology Day on Monday! In Maths, we have finished our Place Value unit by finding one more, one less, ten more and ten less than a given number. We have also been comparing and ordering numbers up to 100, using our knowledge of tens and ones to help us.
In Science, we began our new topic, 'Materials'. We enjoyed investigating a range of everyday objects, identifying the materials they were made from and using describing words such as smooth, rough, hard and soft to describe their properties. We have also been busy practising for our Nativity! The children are becoming much more confident with their lines and songs, and we are really looking forward to sharing our performances with you.

Reminders:
Nativity - Nativity - Rehearsals for our 'Twinkly Nativity' are well underway, and the children are doing a fantastic job learning their lines and songs! Please could all children bring in a named bag containing black T-shirt and black trousers or leggings to wear underneath their costumes. We would also appreciate your support in helping the children to continue practising their lines at home.
PE - PE has now changed days, and will take place on a Monday and a Wednesday. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on both days, including appropriate footwear such as trainers or pumps.
Uniform - Please make sure that all uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled with your child's name, as lots of children are already losing cardigans and jumpers!
Reading - Please make sure your child brings in their reading wallet every day, with their reading book, reading record and library book. Reading and library books will be changed on a Friday. Please try and read with your child at home as much as possible and sign their reading record.
Homework - Homework will be given out on a Monday and should be returned by Friday.








Class Updates!

Bluebird Class

This week, we have had a focus on D&T. I am so proud of the determination the children have shown whilst learning a new skill. The Christmas decorations the children have designed and made look incredible. After the decorations were finished, we evaluated them and made suggestions for improvements. We have been enjoying our class text 'The Iron Man' and the children have been making some fantastic predictions and inferences about characters using evidence from the text.
In maths, we have been looking at the 3 and the 6 times tables and how we can discover if numbers are divisible by both the numbers. In english, we have been exploring newspaper reports and writing one about our trip to Manchester. In music, we have started to learn a new song and practicing how we can warm up our bodies ready for singing.

Key Information:

- PE is on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If possible, please can PE kits be in all week and will be sent home at the end of the week.
- We will be completing our D& T projects next week on Monday. If you have any Christmas fabric such a table clothes, Christmas clothes or PJ's you no longer use, we would greatly appreciate any donations.

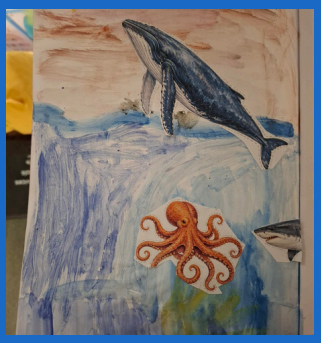
Wainwright Class

Incredible Art
The class has completed some wonderful ocean and jungle pictures, inspired by the literature Running Wild and The Lost Book of Undersea Adventures. The latter was given to the class at the Kendal Mountain Festival, and both books have provided rich inspiration for the children's creative responses. Please take a look at the pictures below. They are a lovely way to see how the children have responded to the stories and ideas they have been exploring. The standard of the pictures is superb, and we are delighted to celebrate the children's creativity, care and effort with the whole school community.

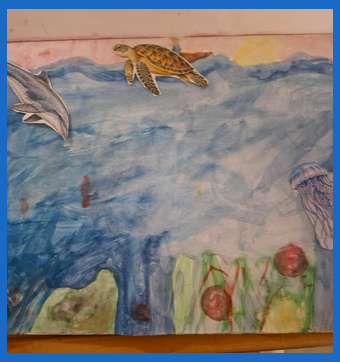
The class is really enjoying Holes. As the different stories within the book continue to unfold, the children are thinking carefully about how the details may connect with one another.
They are beginning to see a connection between the yellow-spotted lizards, Elya's curse and Stanley's bad luck. These developing ideas show how closely the class is following the story and how thoughtfully they are responding to their reading. Everyone is excited to see what is to come!
We need small, cube-shaped cardboard boxes and empty kitchen roll tubes for next week's science lesson.
If your family has either of these items, please send them in with your child on Monday or Tuesday next week. Thank you to families who are able to contribute.
Wainwright will complete its Design and Technology project for this half-term on Thursday 10th December. **The project involves a lot of sewing, so helpful volunteers would be much appreciated. Volunteers are needed from 1pm until the end of the day. If you are able to help, please let the school know whether you are available.** This information will allow us to plan the session accordingly.

Reading Reminder: the children's progress has been fabulous, and we are very pleased with how well they are doing. To help this progress continue, this is a kind reminder to families to make sure that your child reads every day. Please keep reading every day so that the class can maintain the wonderful progress already made. Thank you for your continued support.

More Information








Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 2026

- Wednesday 2nd December – Learning Together Session (English), 9:00–10:30am
- Wednesday 9th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity, 1:30–2:30pm
- Thursday 10th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity, 5:00–6:00pm
- Friday 11th December – Christingle Preparation (children)
- Friday 11th December – Christingle Service at St John's, 2:00pm
- Monday 14th December – Bridge House Carols (TBC)
- Tuesday 15th December – Open Morning, 9:30–10:30am
- Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 17th December – Special Visit from Life Between the Ears (AM)
- Thursday 17th December – Christmas Parties, 1:00–3:00pm
- Friday 18th December – Last Day of Term (2:00pm finish)

As always, we will do our very best to keep to the scheduled dates. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, there may occasionally be a need to make amendments. Should this happen, we will ensure that everyone is kept informed and updated as soon as possible.

Important Information

Communication via Arbor: Messages that used to be sent via text message will now be sent via our in-app messaging on your Arbor profile.
App & Notifications: To make sure you receive all updates, please download the Arbor App and enable notifications.
Urgent Messages: Any urgent information will still be sent directly via text message.
Support: If you experience any issues with setting up or using the Arbor App, please visit the school office and we will be happy to help.
School Lunches: The cut-off time for ordering school lunches is **Fridays at 9:00am**. Any school lunches ordered after this time will not be seen or processed.
Wrap-around Care:
If you would like to book your child onto one of our **Breakfast Club sessions** or **After School sessions (Nursery–Year 6)** please book via **Arbor** or call the school office and leave a voicemail. Phones will be checked before **3:00pm** and bookings will be confirmed.
Thank you.

Hilltop & Dove Class Present

the Twinkly Nativity



Wednesday
9th December
1:30pm

Thursday
10th December
5pm



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