

The Angels visit Mary.



# The HEADLINE

Welcome to our last News Cycle for 2014. This is always a very happy (and very hectic) time of year. We have had our three Christmas productions as well as our *Nativity in a Shoebox* competition and our hot spiced cup event. If I needed any reminding that I am very fortunate to be head teacher of this lovely, lively and happy school, I am reminded of it when I am sitting in my office and I hear children spontaneously breaking into carol singing as they walk along the corridor!

I would like to say thank you to all members of my staff who, as usual, have worked tirelessly to make the Christmas spirit part of the school. Thank you also to FOWPS for our lovely homemade Christmas decorations and for all the energy they bring to the school. I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.



*M. Kumar*

## Soon to be...

Upcoming events for Woodbridge Primary

5th & 6th January

**PD days** The School will be closed

7th January

**Welcome back!** Students return to school

8th January

**Clubs Hub!** Students sign up for clubs

Week commencing 12th January

**Extra curricular clubs** recommence

15th January

**Parent Governor Info Evening** 5pm in the ICT Suite. More details will follow

30th January

**FOWPS Beetle Drive** 6:15pm in the school hall for a 6:30pm start.

 **JANUARY News Cycle**

2nd February

**Parent Forum** at 6pm. Please talk to your class reps about your ideas and concerns

6th February

**Day for Change** Whole school activity day. More details will follow

10th & 12th February

**Parent/Teacher Consultations** More details will follow

For more information see [Soon to be...](#)

## Prospective Parent Governors Info Evening

Thursday 15th January  
5pm  
ICT Suite

For parents interested in standing as a parent governor in the forthcoming elections

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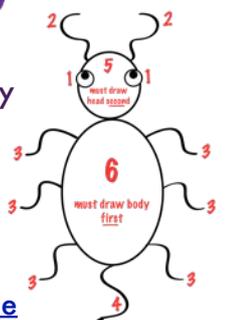
## Beetle Drive

Friday 30th January

6:15pm. Fast and furious fun for all the family. More details on the

[FOWPS Events page](#)

**Beetle Drive**



# Christmas

## The NEWS



### KS1 Nativity

KS1 performed their nativity play, 'Born in a Barn', on Friday 12th December (pictured page 1).

### Movie VIP's



On the evening of Friday 12th December the [Riverside theatre](#) was the place to be! The children and parents of Woodbridge primary school were VIP's and the first people in Woodbridge to see the film 'Get Santa' at a premiere screening. The film starred Jim Broadbent as Father Christmas who needed some help breaking out of prison. There was a red carpet, a doorman in a dinner suit



...mmm the doorman looks familiar... (see if you can guess who it is behind the dark glasses...), 'press' photographers, ladies in glamorous dresses and plenty of popcorn. The film was rounded off with a prize giving ceremony and lots of fun was had by all. Thank you to FOWPS and in

particular Mr & Mrs Horner for organising such a great evening.

### EYFS Nativity

On Monday 15th December F1 & F2 performed their nativity, 'Wriggly Nativity.'

### KS2 Christmas Concert

By Shelby & Kiera Y3

On 16th December the KS2 Christmas concert was in St Johns Church. The whole church was full, even the upstairs. We sang carols like 'Once in Royal David's City,' and 'Away in a Manager.' There was a nativity in French as the concert was about Christmas around the world. We thought it was extraordinarily happy and we were very happy that so many parents came to see us and we would like to thank everyone for coming and thank Mrs Watson-Brown for the lovely Christmas cards.

### Nativity in a Shoebox



Thank you to everyone who produced a nativity in a shoebox. As usual the exhibits were original and wonderfully creative; both children and adults have been enchanted by the lovely display in the corridor. It was

very difficult to select winners, but in the end we chose to award prizes to Ioana in Y5, William in Y4, Joshua, Matthew & Lily in F2. Congratulations to the prize winners and once again thank you to everyone who contributed to our Nativity in a Shoebox competition.

### Christmas Cracker Dinner

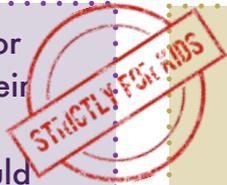
Wednesday 17th December was Christmas dinner day at Woodbridge Primary. The children enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner followed by ice-cream. They had Christmas crackers and were served by staff dressed in festive attire. Even the teachers and governors joined in the fun! Thank you to Fiona Thompson, Paula Lye and all the midday supervisors for all their hard work.



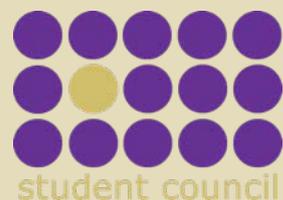
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The Kids Circle is for students to have their say! If there is something you would like included here speak to Ms Evans in the office. 😊



Our school.  
Our voice.



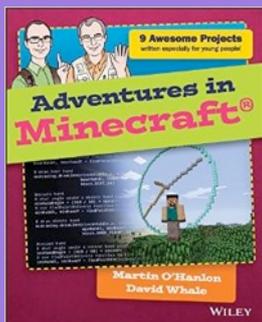
## Talent Night and World Book Day

by Ella (Vice-chair & Student Councillor for Y6)

We have been discussing how we can organise a talent night at Woodbridge Primary school. We know it takes a lot of work and organisation and that we will need some help. We will be having a special meeting just about Talent Night in the new term and inviting Mrs Ling to the meeting to advise us.

Something else we have been talking about is the possibility of doing something for World Book Day. One of the things we are thinking about is coming to school dressed as our favourite character from a book and bringing in a £1 donation to put towards books for the school library. Let your class representative know what you think about this idea.

The book recommendation this cycle comes from Governor Bob Higham



*Adventures in Minecraft* is for the eager coders. It teaches you to code inside Minecraft and opens up worlds of possibilities. You can learn how to connect Minecraft to electronic components so your Minecraft world can sense

and control objects in the real world! You can build anything you like. Find out more [here](#)

"You can program it to SAT NAV and go anywhere you want to. I have visited the school in Minecraft."

Your student councillors are: -

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| 46: Charlie (chair) & Ella (vice-chair) | 43: Louella (PR) |
| 45: Abi (secretary)                     | 42: Maisie & Joe |
| 44: Sam (treasurer) & Jess              | 41: Fyn & Esme   |



## Recycled signs and bug hotels

by Neave  
(Eco Councillor for Y6)



At our eco council meetings we have been discussing how we can promote eco issues to the rest of the school. We are planning to build a big banner about recycling made from rubbish that we can hang up in the school.

We are also starting our eco club next term and we will be building bug hotels for Foxburrow farm. Foxburrow farm are trying to break the Guinness book of World Records for the world's longest bug hotel and we want to help them do that. If you are in Yrs 1, 2 or 3 sign up for eco club and help us break a world record!

Merry Christmas from the Student council  
& Merry Christmas from the Eco Council  
(remember to recycle this Christmas!)

# Our Stars this Cycle

All of our pupils are stars to us, but every month the class teacher selects a student or two who has shone particularly brightly. See who has been especially sparkly this month...



**Lily** for increased confidence within the class and around the school.



**Loris** for his commitment to improving his number skills in maths, **Lucas** for his commitment to practising and improving his singing and **Jack** for commitment and confidence in singing in the Christmas Concert.



**Nancy** was chosen by her class mates for her friendship with everyone in the class, **James S** for his curiosity and for finding out how ice is made and **James DM** for his confidence and excitement in the Foundation Nativity with his singing and actions.



**Daisy** for speaking out loud at least once every day and for consistently producing high quality work, **Joshua** for his carefully observed drawings of sea shells for our *Touching the Tide* cards and **Samuel, Oliver & William** for their commitment to learning their part, in beautifully fluent French, for our Nativity performance.



**Isobel** for her focus on her learning and increased contribution to class discussions, **Brendan** for fantastic effort in phonics and being such a cheerful, helpful member of the class and **Brett** for a fabulous effort with his homework; so lovely to see his improving confidence with his reading.



**Emily** for her commitment to always doing her homework and trying hard in all aspects of her work, **Thomas** for his committed attitude to learning new mathematical concepts, particularly fractions and **Elijah & Chloe** for increased confidence in maths sessions, and for showing a good understanding of equivalent fractions.



**Wren** for her commitment to do well, particularly in music and reading, **Marlia** for her confident approach and committed attitude to all her learning and **Bryn** for making fantastic progress in all subjects and for his willingness to try new things.



**Gracie** for a super piece of narrative writing with a surprising twist at the end, **Shannon** for demonstrating excellent progress in recalling her times tables and **Eva** for her superb, information packed and well presented Viking book.

# The NEWS

## Parent Forum Update



The inaugural Woodbridge Primary Parent Forum took place on Monday 1st December. A number of issues were raised and discussed, thank you to all the parent representatives who attended the meeting. A summary of what was discussed at the meeting will be available on the [Parent Forum page](#) in the new year.

## Calling Creative Parents

The Student Council, after listening to their classmates, are eager to host a performing arts 'Talent Night.' Inevitably such an event requires a fair amount of organisation so we are appealing to any parents, who have a talent or passion for the performing arts, and who would be willing to assist with the planning and organisation of such an event. If this is something that you think you might enjoy and you have some time to give to it please, in the first instance, speak to Ski Evans in the school office.

## Governor Vacancies

There are two vacancies at the school for parent governors. In the new year we will be sending letters home with information about these vacancies and what being a parent governor entails.

We also plan to host a parent governor information meeting for parents interested in finding out more about being a parent governor. In the meantime if you would like to find out more about being a governor you can visit the website of the [National Governors Association](#).

## New Clubs

We have some new clubs running in the Spring Term. There will be a Rugby Club after school on Wednesdays for yrs 3 & 4 and an Eco club on Thursdays at lunch time for yrs 1, 2 & 3. First Aid Heroes, Singing Club and Mad Science make a welcome return to Woodbridge Primary's extra curricular clubs. For more information see the individual club pages which can be accessed through the [clubs grid](#).

## Dinner Money

The cost of a [dinner](#) has increased from £2.20 to £2.30 per day. Dinner Money for first half of the Spring term is as follows: -

1 Meal = £2.30

1 Week = £11.50

Fridays for the half term £13.80

Every day for the half term £64.40

Payments must be made using an envelope stating the amount enclosed, your child's name/class and days/dates the payment is for. Please note all meals must be booked and paid for in advance.

## Lost Coat

Ellie in Y3 has lost her coat. If you have come across Elie's coat or know where it is please will you contact the office.



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Thanks to all of you we have have a great result from our Christmas fund raising. The Christmas market raised £680, the tea towels made £500, the Christmas cards and gifts made £580 and the film premiere and popcorn evening raised £550. Thank you so much for all your support and from all of us on the FOWPS committee we wish you a very Merry Christmas! The next FOWPS event will be our very popular Beetle Drive on Friday 30th January from 6:15 to 8pm. See the FOWPS [events page](#) for more details.

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Merry Christmas to all our lovely children and parents! Have a Cool Yule and we look forward to seeing you for more before and after school fun in the New Year!

And from everyone at Woodbridge Primary...

