



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## Headteacher Comment

We are looking forward to lots of festive activities over the coming weeks so that our children can take part in a variety of fun, Christmas events. Our Santa Vs Elf Day takes place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils can come dressed in either Santa (Red) or Elf (Green) colours to show which team they are on and bring selection boxes, chocolate or biscuits to donate to our Christmas Fair. These donations are used for our tombola and raffle prizes. The Parent Council has been busy organising the Christmas Fair which will be held after school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – everyone welcome! Throughout the Santa Vs Elf day, the children will face challenges and the winning team will be announced at the end of the day.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December children can wear their Christmas jumpers for Christmas dinner day. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December our EYFS children will be performing in their nativity play. This never fails to encompass everyone in the spirit of Christmas! All classes will get the chance to see a pantomime in school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December as part of our enrichment curriculum. Children in Y1 and Y2 will perform their Christmas Nativity on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Finally, we will finish the term with children in KS2 (Y3-Y6) singing Christmas songs in a performance to parents. Parents are also invited to join us for the EYFS nativity play and KS1 nativity play.

Many thanks



Katy Higginson  
Head of School



Anita Edwards  
Executive  
Headteacher

## Attendance

Week Ending  
01.12.2023

R	95.9%
Y1	94.3%
Y2	97.1%
Y3	94.3%
Y4	96.3%
Y5	97%
Y6	94.6%

Whole School (weekly)	95.7%
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Whole School (Sept to date)	93.8%
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Target 97%

## Parent Reminders

Please can I remind parents to raise any issues directly with the class teacher in the first instance. Teachers will pass on any further queries to the relevant members of the Senior Leadership Team. We are happy to help to resolve any questions or concerns. Please remember that teachers are in class teaching the children throughout the day so will follow up with you at the earliest opportunity after that.

**RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2024** = We are currently accepting **admissions for Sept 2024 Reception class** places. Please apply through the Trafford School Admissions website. The closing date for admissions is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**NURSERY AVAILABILITY** = We are currently accepting **admissions for Nursery places for both January 2024 starters and April 2024 starters**. Please collect admission forms from the school office. Full time or part time places are available.

**We finish for the Christmas hols on FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER at 1.30pm.**

## Christmas Events

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Elf v Santa Day
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm – EYFS Nativity
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm – KS1 Christmas Performance
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 3.30pm – Christmas Fair
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 9am – KS2 Carol Concert
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1.30pm – Finish for Christmas



## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 12 Days of Christmas Begins**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Santa V Elf Day**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 Trip – Norton Priory**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Fair**



## Year 5

This week in Year 5 we were visited by some very important people from the city of Troy. They came to speak to the class recounting the events of the Trojan War. The pupils were tasked with interviewing these historic characters and gained an understanding into why the Trojans allowed the Trojan Horse into their city walls.



## Year 3

In DT we have been looking at soft furnishing design and designing a Christmas Emoji pillow, so far the results are looking good, we start painting this week, so fingers crossed.



## Year 4

This week in art, Year 4 were inspired by the artist Andy Goldworthy, who used nature and reflections in his artwork and they gathered a range of natural materials from the playground. The children then worked in groups to create a piece of installation art celebrating nature around us at this time of year.



## Parent Governor & Parent Council



Have you thought about joining our Parent Council or becoming a School Governor?

Please send your enquiries through to the school office at

[office@forestgateacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@forestgateacademy.co.uk)

Many thanks



## Stars of the Week

Nursery = A-Jay Bird & Adam Renshaw  
Rec = Akeelah Allen & Aurora Stott  
Y1 = Alfie Lowery & Avayah Leatherbarrow  
Y2 = Jaxon Green & Kace Denny  
Y3 = Lavanah Chatfield & Mia Kenyon  
Y4 = Riley Smith & Tayo Lamb  
Y5 = Blake Green & Dean Hales  
Y6 = Kenzie Roberts & Malayeka Bettahar



## September 2024 Reception Places

The application process is open to secure a place in our Reception class in 2024. You can apply for their school place via the Trafford Admissions website. [www.Trafford.gov.uk](http://www.Trafford.gov.uk) Or you can call the Trafford School Admissions Team for more information on [0161 912 5007](tel:01619125007)

All applications must be received by Trafford before the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

