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Dear Parents and Carers,

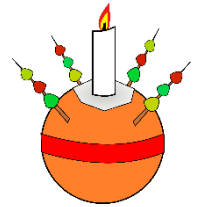
GOODBYE MRS CROSS

Mrs Cross has been on maternity leave this year following the birth of her third child. We are very sad to announce that Mrs Cross will not be coming back to Great Massingham School. This has been a very hard decision for Mrs Cross to make but she feels that she should be at home to concentrate on her young family at the moment. We will miss Mrs Cross very much and send her our very best wishes for the future. Mrs Cross will be popping into school at some point before Christmas to say goodbye to everyone.

We are delighted that Miss Tewkesbury will be staying on to teach the year 3/4's.

Christingle Collective Worship

We will be holding a Christingle Collective Worship, for the children and staff on Tuesday 17th December in our school hall. Please could you send your child/ren in with an orange to decorate on the day.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

9th December. Christmas Lunch in the village hall.

11th December. Christmas Performances at St Mary's Church. KS2 at 9.45am & KS1 at 2.30pm.

12th December. Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children UK

19th December. Non uniform/touch of Sparkle and PFA School disco at Great Massingham Village Hall

7th January. New term starts

CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S GREAT MASSINGHAM:

30 November 10.00-12.30 Christmas coffee morning, Christmas crafts and activities

- children will have the opportunity to write a letter to Santa at this event and each letter will receive a reply from Santa.

15 December 3.00pm Carol Service and live Nativity tableau. If children would like to dress up please contact Anna Burbitt on 07896-040971 for details

22 December 10.30-11.30 am Christmas Family Service - all welcome to come and choose their favourite Carol and to bring along their favourite Christmas decoration to "show and tell"

24 December 4.00pm Our village Christingle service - all are welcome to join in the celebration and receive their Christingle orange. All donations from this service go to the Children's Society

5 January 2025 10.30 - 11.30 am Family service - all welcome to our very informal service which always includes an activity for the children

PLEASE NOTE FROM 2025 THE FAMILY SERVICE WILL MOVE TO THE FIRST SUNDAY MORNING OF EACH MONTH

Readers

Help children learn to read so they can succeed, in school and beyond. We are seeking volunteers who would like to read with our KS2 children. Please contact the office for more details if you are interested.



REGULAR DATES

Monday:

Guitar lessons with Toby Rideout. To sign up please contact Toby via email toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk

Tuesdays

Drum lessons with Tom Relihan. To sign up please contact Tom via email tomrelihan@gmx.com

Thursdays:

Infants go to Lynn Sport - All children to come to school in PE kit.

Fridays:

PE with ICS Coaching - All children to come to school in PE Kit.

3.30pm ICS Coaching after school football club. Book directly with ICS Coaching via

<https://icscoaching.pembee.app>

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship, we have thought about the fact that forgiveness is more than words. We have talked about feelings and actions which are linked with forgiveness.

Our School Vision is: " I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you" (Psalm 32:8).

Our 5 Core Values:



ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
November	96%	97%	96.5%



<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance>

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Stibbon and the Great Massingham team

Week beginning 25th November 2024

This week's learning highlights:

News from Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

What a busy, action packed week it has been! The children have taken part in so much active learning by engaging with all sorts of wonderful learning experiences.

The 'No Pens Day' was a great success and the children thrived on learning through movement, actions and using resources effectively to demonstrate their learning in phonics, maths, dance, construction challenges and speaking and listening games.

The children enjoyed their last session of Lynnsport by showcasing all the skills that they'd learnt over the past few weeks.

On Thursday afternoon we had a brilliant time making a positive difference to our local area and community by planting trees on the playing field by the village hall. We can't wait to see how these develop over the next few years and they will hopefully be around for years to come - please come and take a look when you get the chance!

The week was finished off with the children entering into the festive period by creating Christmas decorations. This was a lovely opportunity for the children to get to know some of the older children in the school and show off their creative side.

Christmas has officially begun at Great Massingham!



Infants: Seth for a great attitude towards his learning and showing positive speaking and listening skills with his friends.

Years 3 & 4: Dexter, for wonderful efforts in class especially PE this week.

Years 5 & 6: Noah W for his enthusiasm in all aspects of learning this week.

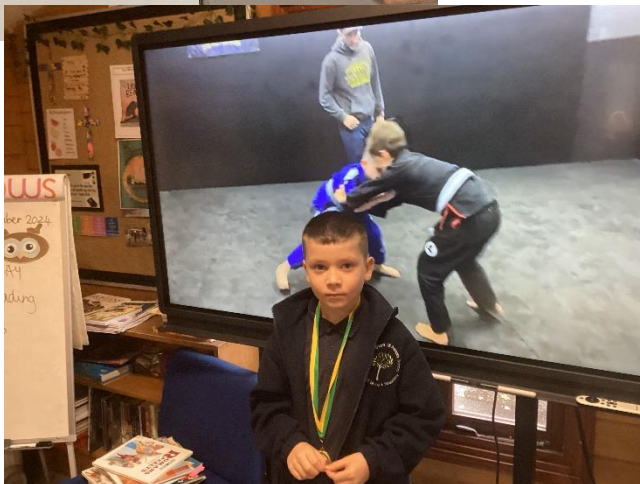
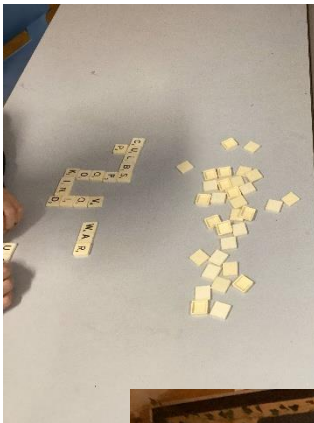
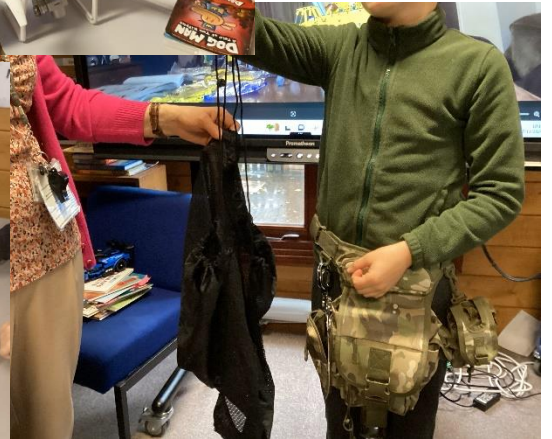
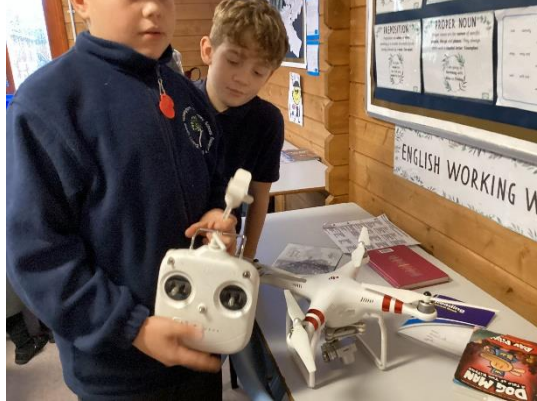
News from the Juniors

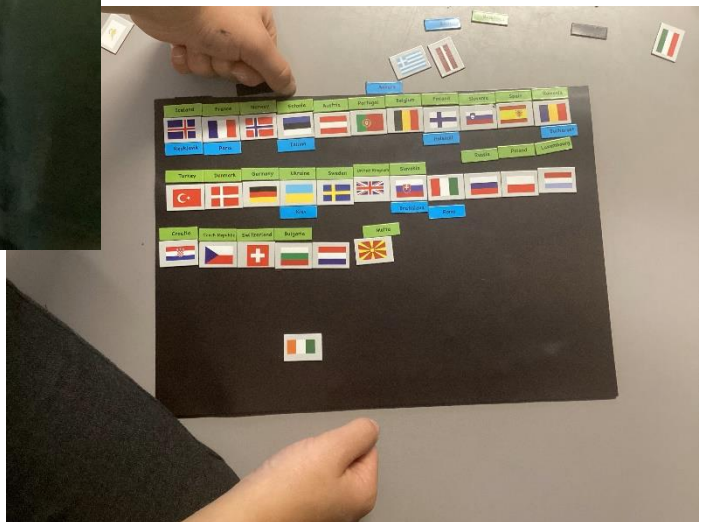
This week in Lower Juniors, we have started writing about our new book, 'The Tin Forest' by making predictions about who might live in the little house in the forest. In Maths we have been learning about factor pairs and using reasoning to find answers without working them out unless we have to!

The highlights this week included the 'Big Show n Tell' on No Pens Day where children were able to show a special object or activity that was special to them. There was opportunity for them to share across the different classes in the school and all the children really enjoyed this. Activities throughout the day focussed on communication without using pens, pencils or any writing equipment. Thank you for your donations.

Also on Thursday afternoon the whole school enjoyed planting tree saplings in the grounds of the village hall. It turned out to be a lovely afternoon and it was great to know the children were part of helping the environment for future generations to enjoy.









GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

- 29th November DNA Band & Hog Roast 7.00pm tickets £20.00
- 6th December Bingo 7.00pm
- 7th December Heart and Soul Choir
- 8th December Afternoon Tea Dance organised by History Society. 3-5 pm
- 14th December Village Hall party, Hog Roast and Band Stone Pony. Tickets £20.00
- 24th December Two Ats singer/ entertainer 7.30-10 pm free to members, guests £2.00
- 31st December Family Disco 8-late free to members, guests £5.00.

Message from the PFA 100 Club

The 100 Club has been launched for this year - if you need any more forms that can be collected from the school office

Please remember to use #easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to Great Massingham CofE Primary School at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shopping or anything else! Please sign up and help us raise more. Please see attached poster for more info.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/assets/blt6c7e7bfb452f7417/easyfundraising-christmas-a4-poster-2024.pdf>