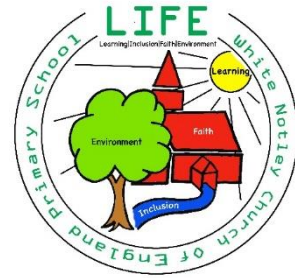


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**Our school vision is: LIFE in all its fullness - now and in the future.**  
*John 10.10 Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".*

12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents,

### **Carol Concerts**

I found a piece of history in the loft when I was cleaning it out over the summer holidays.

*In 1905, the big annual event was a children's concert, which usually took place at the end of Christmas Term. Every child took part. Entrance fee was 2<sup>d</sup>, 3<sup>d</sup> and 6<sup>d</sup>. Proceeds were for the upkeep of the school.*

As we turned 150 years old on 21<sup>st</sup> August this year, we decided to have a whole school carol concert just like they did in the early 1900s. The children performed beautifully and I was very proud of them all.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - the children can wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform if they wish. Santa hats, reindeer antlers or tinsel in hair also welcomed!

### **Thank you light fairy**

Thank you to the light fairy for the new lights down the driveway! I'm trying to figure out who you are... it was a very lovely gesture and very much appreciated.

### **Christmas Train Ride**

Class 3 and 4 enjoyed their Christmas train ride to Braintree on Wednesday this week. Thanks to the Community Rail for organising the trip. The children sang beautifully on the platforms and we saw smiles on the commuters' faces.



### **Retirement News**

Mrs McLeod has been part of our teaching team and school family for many years and will be retiring in January, taking a well-earned step back from full-time teaching. Happily, she will still be working in Class 1 one day a week, so we get to keep her expertise and care a while longer!

Mrs Jefferies, who has been studying for her BA honours in primary education for the past 3 years, will be taking the lead in teaching Class 1, supported by Mrs McLeod and Mrs Baugh.

Mrs Jefferies is a highly experienced practitioner and we are thrilled to have her in the classroom.

I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs McLeod for her expertise, love, caring and total commitment to our children in her many years at White Notley. As a colleague, I have immensely appreciated her support on a professional and personal level. I'm so glad we will still have her at White Notley and that it is not goodbye!

### **Congratulations to the children who received certificates in Celebration Collective Worship this week**



#### **Class One:**

Joshua - for your wonderful singing and imaginative snowman dance  
Emily - for your beautiful enthusiasm and amazing learning in reading, maths and scientific thinking

#### **Class Two:**

Archie - for trying hard to apply his phonics into his writing  
Idris - for improved effort with both learning and behaviour

### Class Three:

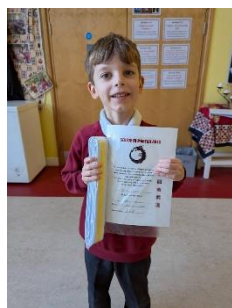
- Ivy - for producing wonderful artwork depicting 'The Snowman' from our literacy book
- Iris - for showing resilience and increased confidence with mathematical calculations. Well done!

### Class Four:

- Mason - for massive improvement in learning your spellings. Well done!
- Daniel - for excellent effort in all tasks and being a consistently marvellous role model

Congratulations to Kikuyu Tribe, who were the winners of the tribe points this week.

### **Congratulations on your achievements**



Congratulations, Ezra, on your karate achievement

Congratulations, Daisy, on your football achievement

Congratulations, Spencer, on your football achievement

Congratulations, Amaia, on your dance achievement

Congratulations, Jacob, on your life-saving achievements

### **Diary dates the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025:**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Multi-Sports Club - 3:15pm-4:15pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity - 9:15am  
Art Club - 3:15pm-4:15pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity - 9:15am  
Christmas Dinner - 12pm  
Netball Club - 3:15pm-4:15pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December:

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Pantomime - Cinderella - 10am  
Class parties 1pm

Have a wonderful week,

*P Fitzpatrick*

Patsy Fitzpatrick  
Head of School

