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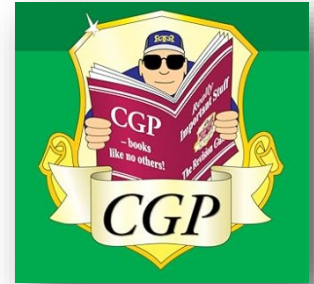


## Newsletter 2nd December 2024

*"Let your light shine"*

Last week, I attended The Licensing of the new Minister-in-Charge at St Leonard's Church, alongside Miss Fearn, Miss McLardy (who sang in the choir) and Nancy from Year 6. Nancy and I welcomed the Reverend Malcolm Ingham and presented him with our school values and vision. It was a wonderful service to be part of and we are looking forward to welcoming Reverend Malcolm into all aspects of school life.

All children have now completed their autumn assessments. These are used to inform the class teacher of what learning pupils have secured and what areas they may need to revisit next term. There are some wonderful resources and books out nowadays which, if you wanted to, could further support your child at home. To the right is a link to CGS books which range from Reception to Year 6 and beyond.



Click [here](#)

### Coventry Cathedral:

Fourteen schools from the Diocese of Coventry MAT gathered for a concert at Coventry Cathedral on Monday. The concert was opened by Bishop Ruth and Revd April Gold was in attendance along with parents of the children. It was a very powerful and joyful occasion in recognition of Advent and the coming Christmas season.

A number of our children from Year 2 - 6 had the fantastic opportunity to perform at Coventry Cathedral as part of the MAT Choir Concert! The children put 100% effort into their performance. They represented Ryton incredibly well and did the whole school proud. Well done!

Miss Cullen, Head Teacher



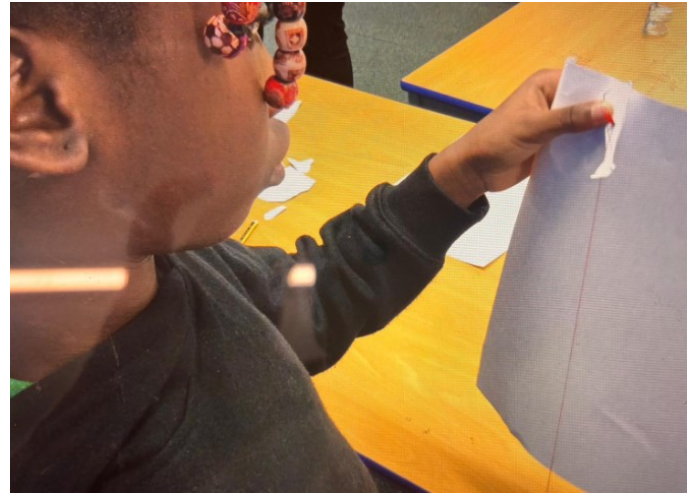
# Design & Technology

The cleaning staff at our school were very patient with us last week as we got started on planning, researching, designing and (the messy bit) creating our DT projects! Dahl Class started to make pencil cases and Simon Class learned about applique techniques for making cushions.

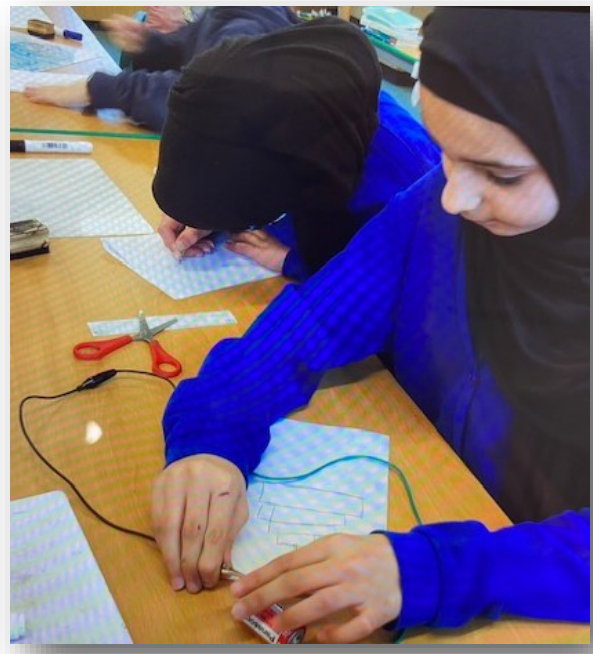
Wilde Class and Rowling Classes had a festive feel as they got started on their more complex creations. Mr Lee said:-

*"Wilde Class were given the brief to research, design and make a bag suitable to keep presents under the tree at Christmas. The children looked at santa sacks and used embroidery and applique to decorate their bags. They also solved the problem of tying the top of the sack using cord".*





Simon Class practised their sewing techniques on paper before committing to fabric.



When Mrs Gayler placed an Amazon order for coloured bulbs, copper tape and batteries, we knew something special was being planned for DT Week in Rowling Class.

Their Christmas Card creations with fully functioning lights look amazing!



## NHS Advice regarding Norovirus

Over the past couple of weeks there has been a rise in norovirus for children, otherwise known as the vomiting bug. Flu is also steadily increasing week-on week too.

**Cllr Margaret Bell, Portfolio for Adult Social Care and Health at Warwickshire County Council said:** *"We all want our children to remain happy, healthy and independent in and out of school. By following good hygiene habits, as well as keeping up to date with the latest vaccination schedule for parents and children, we can help to minimise the impact to our schools. Please do reach out to your GP or preferred pharmacy if you need to check up on vaccinations."*

We can all play our part in reducing the spread of these illnesses by taking note of the following tips:

Please carry on with good hygiene habits in the home, this includes handwashing for 20 seconds and using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes.

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a high temperature keep them off school until it goes.

Stomach bugs spread rapidly around schools and nurseries. If you or your child have diarrhoea and vomiting – please carry on with handwashing with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, along with the following:

Use bleach-based products to clean surfaces, this will help stop infections from spreading

Don't prepare food for others if you have symptoms or for 48 hours after the symptoms stop

Please avoid visiting people in hospitals or care homes

Please don't return to work, school or nursery **until 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped.**

If you haven't already had the flu jab, please speak to your GP or your preferred pharmacy. For children, please note the following:

- Primary and secondary school age children are eligible for flu nasal spray vaccine OR the injectable (gelatine free) vaccine via the School Age Immunisations Service (SAIS).
- If you returned a consent form but your child did not have the vaccine on the day, you will receive an email from SAIS informing you why the vaccine was not given and a link to book a clinic appointment. Clinic appointments can also be booked if you did not return a form, or you have changed your mind via [swiftqueue](#)
- All children aged 2 years (who have turned 2 years old before the 1 September 2024) and all 3-year-olds are eligible for the flu vaccine. If you haven't received your invite, please contact your GP.
- **Routine vaccinations** – did you know that you can also speak to your GP about other childhood vaccinations that can help protect your child and the wider community. These vaccinations include measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and polio.

If you are unsure of your child's condition – you can use this handy NHS guide - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

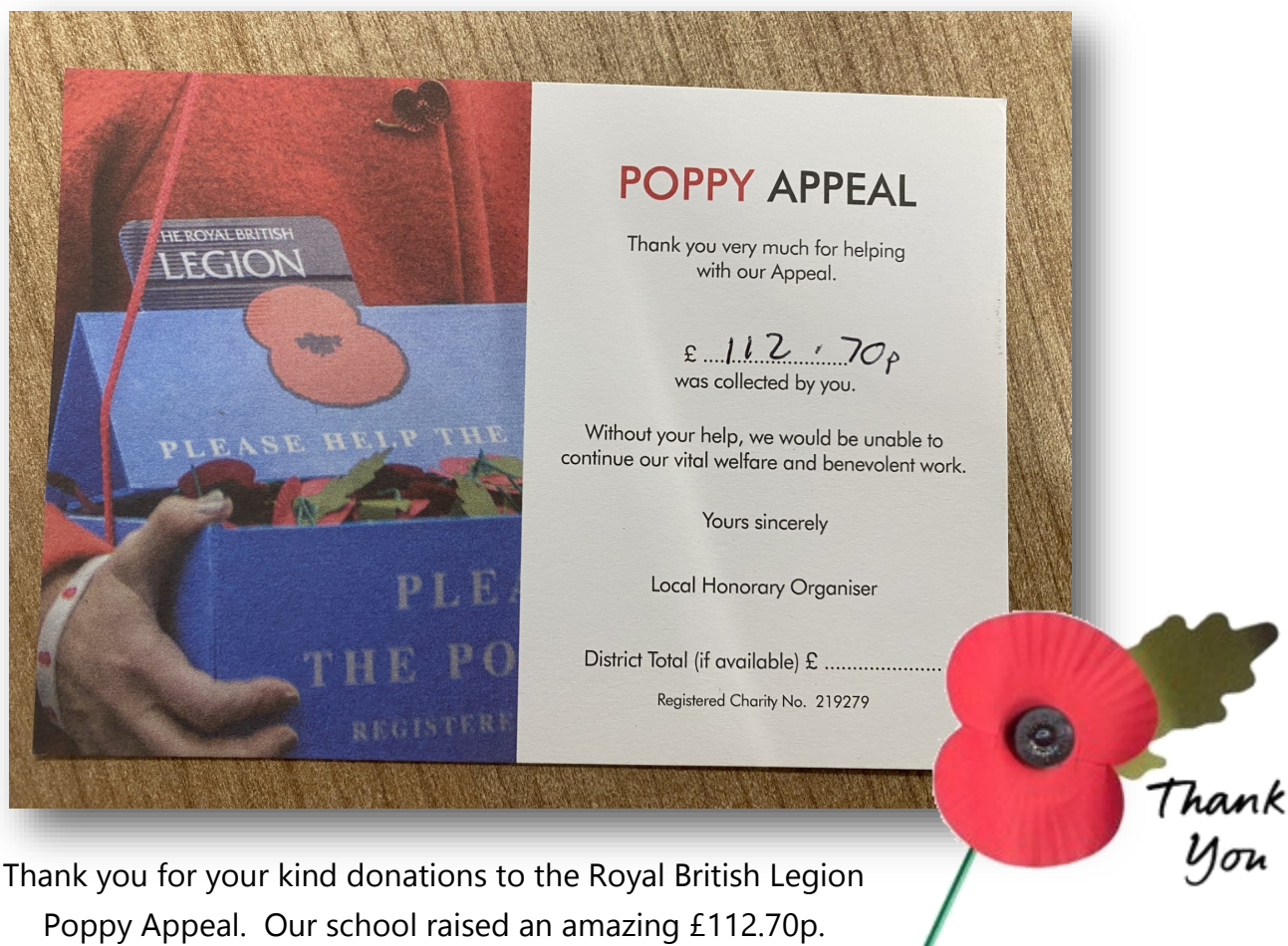
## Parent Questionnaire feedback:

Thank you to those parents who took the time to complete the questionnaire. Just 17% of our school community completed the questionnaire, so with this in mind, we will set up computers next time during parents evening to allow for more uptake and opportunity for these to be completed. Some key results were:

- ◆ 94% of parents said their child/children are happy at school
- ◆ 94% of parents said their child/children feel safe at school
- ◆ 94% of parents said their child/children are taught well at school and they receive valuable information about their progress

There were some areas which have come out lower and I would like to invite parents in to discuss some of these areas so that we as a school can ensure that we are always moving the school forward (more information about this will follow). These areas are:

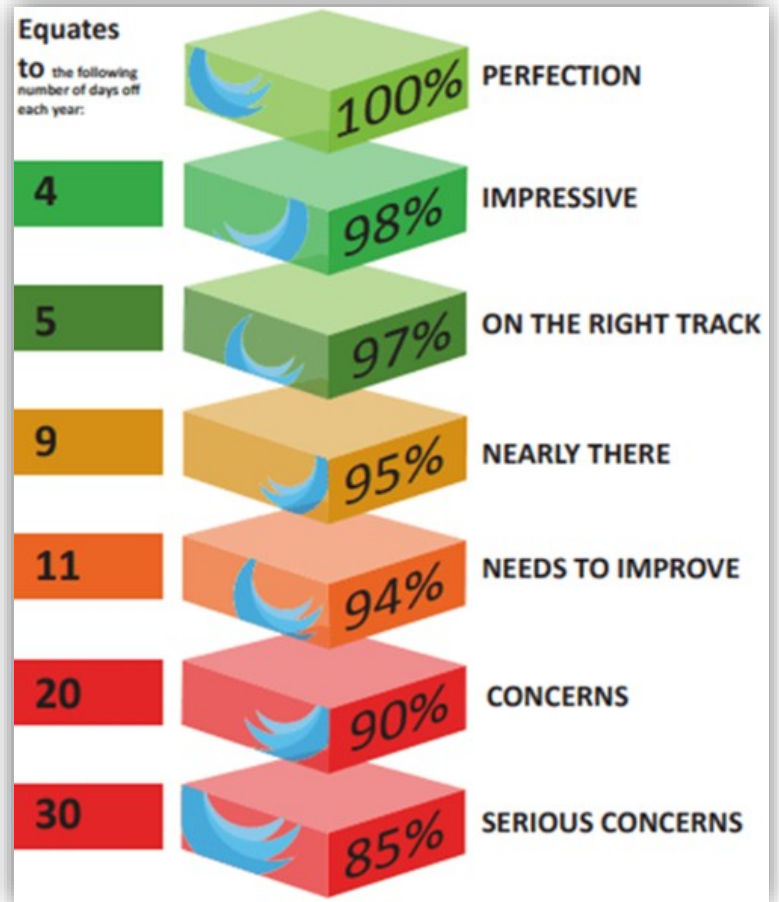
- ◆ Behaviour
- ◆ Homework
- ◆ Responding to concerns



Thank you for your kind donations to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Our school raised an amazing £112.70p.

# Attendance Update

Attendance	
Nursery	100%
Reception	97.8%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	92%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	93.9%



The above attendance data is from last week.

Sadly, several children have been off this week with very similar symptoms so this will impact our attendance figures to be reported next week.

Attendance Matters



Be In **SCHOOL**  
Be On **TIME**



Wednesday 4th December	Year 4/5 Come and Learn
	Choir to sing at JLR
Monday 9th December	Re-scheduled Movie Night
Wednesday 11th December	PTA Christmas Fair
Thursday 12th December	Flu vaccinations for Nursery-Year 6 for children with consent
	Open Day 11am and 3.30pm for prospective parents
Tuesday 17th December	Whole school panto trip
18th/19th December	Early Years/KS1 Nativity
Friday 20th December	Christmas Day in school
	(Breakfast in PJ's, a gift for each child, Christmas Dinner, games and activities)
	Break up

See all Christmas activities on the next page....

Let's celebrate together!

# CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

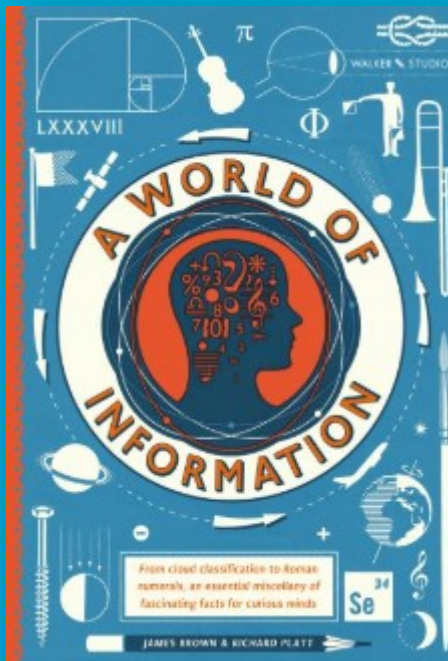
## AT RYTON ON DUNSMORE ACADEMY

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Monthly Movie Monday (Christmas Film)	3.15pm to 5.00pm	Sign up on Parentpay
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PTA Christmas Fair	3.00pm to 5.00pm	Children who travel on school transport can go in early at 3pm.  Fair opens at 3.15pm after children have been collected.
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christingle Service at St Leonard's Church	10.00am to 11.00am	In the afternoon, all children will make Christingles in class.
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Beauty and the Beast Pantomime at Royal Spa Centre	Depart school 9.15am, return approx. 12.30pm.	Payment on Parentpay please, click the "consent" button then paying.
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 performance of "Prickly Hay"	9.30am	Tickets are free. 2 tickets per child, per performance. A link will be sent to book.
	Years 3 4 5 and 6 Carol Service	10.30am	Tickets are free. 2 tickets per child, per performance. A link will be sent to book.
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 performance of "Prickly Hay"	9.30am	Tickets are free. 2 tickets per child, per performance. A link will be sent to book.
	Years 3 4 5 and 6	11.00am (Years 3 and 4 will swim as normal)	Tickets are free. 2 tickets per child, per performance. A link will be sent to book.
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Children can arrive in pyjamas. Open gifts by the "fire" in classrooms. Games and crafts. Christmas Lunch. Christmas Film.	Timings as normal.	Parents to send clothes in a bag for children who arrive in pyjamas. Festive clothes please (Christmas jumpers/dresses)



## Miss Cullen's Recommended Reads

Little Antoine grew up in Lyon, France. He was a curious and creative child who enjoyed reading fairy tales, setting up experiments and writing. Fascinated by planes, he always dreamt of taking to the skies. When he joined the French army during WWII, he finally got the chance. Antoine spent a short time in the air force before leaving to become a mail pilot, all the while writing about his adventures in the clouds.



How much do clouds weigh? Who invented the pencil? How many ways can you tie a knot? Discover the answer to these and many other questions in this elegant and absorbing miscellany of general knowledge. From music notation to Roman numerals and from the skeleton to the solar system, essential facts are brought to life by stylish infographics and fascinating commentary. With pictures by effortlessly stylish print-maker James Brown and fact-filled explanations by celebrated author Richard Platt, there is a world of information at your fingertips in this book - sure to amuse and intrigue even the most curious minds.