



# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

#Growth, #Respect, #Enjoy, #Achieve, #Team  
"The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad" Psalm 126:3

## VALUES

Our five key values are: #growth, #respect, #enjoy, #achieve and #team

These key principles underpin all of the work we do at Great Barton and reflect what we think makes us 'great! They will be linked to our Friday "Greatness" Assembly, which celebrates the achievements of all pupils.

Our Christian value for this half term was TRUST. I hope that you enjoy sharing the 'values' section of the school website with your children at home.  
<https://www.greatbartonprimaryschool.co.uk/our-values-in-action/>

When we return to school in January, the value we will be focussing on is PERSEVERANCE.



## VALUES WINNERS

The CWL team values competition was to take a photograph of anything you think represents the value of Trust.

Our Key Stage 1 winner was **Reuben D** who said "I trust my family. They love and keep me safe"

Our key stage 2 winner was **Darcey S** who said "I trust the carbon monoxide alarm to keep us safe"

Thank you to everyone who entered.



This half term we have had 5 children on "gold". Well done to:

William, Bella, Bobby and Molly in Robins.

Evelyn, Benji, Mason and Sienna in Foxes.

Robyn in Squirrels.

Raif, Mason, Sophia and Isla in Hares and

Hollie, Liberty, Isla, Lilia and Mollie the Wellbeing Ambassadors.

Expected behaviour results in staying on "green". There is no magic formula for 'how to get a gold' as we treat each child as an individual. The reasons why a child is on gold are very personal to them and as a parent, this is communicated to you via a "gold letter".

For every week a child remains on "green", we place a raffle ticket with their name on into a draw for a £5 Amazon voucher. One lucky winner from each class is drawn out every ½ term in the Green Raffle. The **Green Raffle** winners this half term were:

Owl: Raife    Robin: Sophie    Fox: Benji    Squirrel: Lana  
Badger: Rowan    Hare: Olivia    Osprey: Jasmine



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## ATTENDANCE

*The world is run by those who turn up.*

*Attending school every day = 100% attendance*

*Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year*

*Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.*

*Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.*

*An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.*

*Being late for school reduces learning time.*

*If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.*

*If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.*



## 100% ATTENDANCE

|           |             |           |           |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| EVA B     | ESME MW     | JAKE      | SEBBY     |
| ROBIN     | JESSICA     | CHARLIE M | NOAH S    |
| BOBBY     | MORGAN S    | JAXSON    | MYLA C    |
| ISABELLA  | JACOB       | AVA       | SCARLETT  |
| BEHR      | TRINITY     | PHOEBE    | HARRY H   |
| MYLA      | HENRY N     | JOSEPH    | MOLLIE    |
| KIT       | MAISIE M    | HENRY A   | JASMINE   |
| WILLIAM H | CHARLOTTE P | LEO       |           |
| SOPHIE P  | HARVEY      | FREDDIE F | ELODIE    |
| LUCY      | HARRY F     | LARS      | BETHANY   |
| AILA      | TOMMY N     | LILY      | ISLA H    |
| SOPHIE H  | ARCHIE WJ   | ARCHIE H  | ALICE     |
| OLIVER C  | HARRY S     | LOGAN     | AYDA      |
| LUKE      | GEORGE AP   | COURTNEY  | WILLIAM H |
| HUNTER    | SAM         | CLIVE     | ISLA M    |
| LEXTON    |             |           | MATILDA   |

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please check the school calendar on the website for the most up-to-date information. Did you know that you can link the school's calendar to your phone?

<https://www.greatbartonprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/03/>



## SPRING TERM CLUBS

Please go to the "clubs" section on Arbor to book your child a place for next term's clubs. We have a wide range including: ball games, gymnastics, netball, biscuit and book, Taskmaster and tennis, plus lunchtime clubs too!





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## THANK YOU

- Dale Humphreys, David Mouncey and Robert Dyke for volunteering a day's work around the school grounds.
- All of the PTFA members for organising our autumn term events including Sam Shepherd, Monique Jones and Dale Humphreys
- Without the support of all of our parents our school wouldn't be the great place it is.

**GRAT!**



## NATIVITY



We enjoyed a delightful Nativity performance this year. Thank you to everyone involved, but a special thank you to our director Mrs Mayhew and our scenery and prop technician Mrs Boldero

## Sports

We have participated in a number of sporting events this term including:  
September - U11 Cross Country running event at TCC. Ethan qualified for the county round held at RHS. Due to his success in subsequent rounds, he will hopefully compete in the county finals next month.

October - our girls football team played a match against Rougham girls, winning by an impressive 8 - 0.

November - U11 SSP football event at Beyton. We finished 2nd and qualified for the SSP finals held at Stowupland.

December - we had U9 and U11 teams in the SSP Dodgeball events held at TCC.

If your child competes outside of school, we would love to hear about it - please email your child's class teacher to let us know!





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## MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

There have been a range of musical activities, performances and trips taking place across the whole school this term.



Many classes have had the opportunity to play new instruments this term: Squirrel class have begun to learn to play the recorder, Badger class have clarinet tuition from Suffolk Music Service and Hare and Osprey classes began the term learning to play the djembe drums.



We have seen a range of performances to the whole school such as clarinets, recorders, choir and individuals performing in Sing Praise. Even our youngest children in Owls performed their Goldilocks song to Robin Class.

There have also been two music trips this term. Hare and Osprey class attended Sing Up Suffolk at Royal Hospital School, where we were led by a dynamic choral leader. They achieved a huge amount in just one day, and many thanks to our supportive parents who made the long journey to see their 'gig' at the end of the day. From the Oldest to the youngest, Owl, Robin and Fox classes attended a concert by the Britten Sinfonia at the Apex. They listened to music composed to accompany the story of the Robot and the Bluebird. They all listened beautifully and joined in superbly with the songs and actions too.



The final weeks of term have been filled with Christmas performances; choir have sung carols for the village community lunch and to the café run at the Freedom Church and Owl, Robin and Fox classes have put on fantastic performances of the Nativity. So all that is left to say is that we wish you a merry Christmas!

