

## Awards

17th December 2021

### ALL SAINTS

#### Of the Week

Class 1: **Penny** Class 2: **Ella B** Class 3: **Reuben** Class 4: **Jacob** Wrap around: **Amelie**

#### Of the Term

Class 1: **Harvey** Class 2: **Charlie** Class 3: **Oliver S** Class 4: **Elsie**

#### Badges:

Headteacher awards: **Ethan, Jack, Archer, Peter, Mya, Aaisla, Ray, Elsie, Thomas, Elizabeth**

### NEEDWOOD

#### Of the Week

Class 1: **Ellie P**

Class 2: **Sienna E**

Class 3: **Jack B**

#### Of the Term

Class 1: **The Whole Class**

Class 2: **Evie R**

Class 3: **Tallulah B**

Badges: ★ **Albert S (Green Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Thomas C, Bella, Joseph M, Denis, Sienna S, Sebastian S**

	<b>JOY -</b> <i>Ethan</i> <i>George D</i>		<b>LOVE -</b> <i>Seth</i> <i>Aisha K</i>		<b>PEACE -</b> <i>Ibrahim</i> <i>Olivia A</i>
	<b>GOODNESS -</b> <i>Enfys</i> <i>Ella W</i>		<b>FAITHFULNESS -</b> <i>Joe L</i> <i>Mason</i>		<b>PATIENCE -</b> <i>Denis</i>
	<b>KINDNESS -</b> <i>Maisie P</i> <i>Finn J</i>		<b>SELF CONTROL -</b> <i>Poppy</i>		<b>GENTLENESS -</b> <i>Matilda W</i> <i>Orla N</i>

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Wow what a final week we have had, the children have performed amazingly on zoom for their nativities, Christmas party lunch and amazing enrichment activities at both schools, we are all feeling very festive and all finished the term with our Christmas jumpers. I have attached a flow chart to show what to do if anyone is a contact of covid - the guidance changed on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>.

Just a quick message to say thank you to all of you for all of the support over this term, I have loved being acting headteacher across our wonderful schools and will miss working with the children, staff and families at Needwood. Though I am not going anywhere and I am down the road at All Saints back as Deputy and Class 2 teacher. Miss Williams and Mrs Wells have done an amazing job of acting Deputies over this term and I thank them for all of their support. We are, however, going to miss 3 amazing members of staff across our Families, Mrs Edden who is leaving Needwood, and Mrs Mathias and Mrs Isaacs who are leaving All Saints. We wish you the best of luck in your new posts and thank you for all of your amazing work at our schools, you will all be missed.

Below is a message from our new Headteacher, Mr Baxter, who will start in January, we are really looking forward to working with him!

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday everyone and we will see you in the new year.

**Mrs Jones**



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a long time since I got the job in June, but I am delighted to say I'm going to be your new Executive Headteacher in January! I can't wait to get to know you all when I start after Christmas. I have enjoyed visiting both schools whenever possible over the last few weeks, so I have started to get to know the children and staff. I am now looking forward to getting to know the Forest Family parents and families!

My values as a Headteacher strongly reflect the distinctive Christian values of The Forest Family. I believe in providing a learning environment where children feel safe and valued, where friendliness and kindness is shown by all, where children and staff learn to succeed as individuals as well as support one another as a team. I believe that through these values children can receive the entitlement they deserve, as well as the entitlement to high standards of achievement and progress. I have a passion for small schools, I believe small schools are a unique environment where children can be nurtured and supported in a caring, family atmosphere, whilst being given the opportunity to succeed.

I hope you all have a restful and safe Christmas, and I look forward to meeting you all in the new year.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'M. Baxter', written over a light blue horizontal line.

**Mr Matthew Baxter**



**Isaiah 7:14**—Isaiah prophesies that a pure young woman will give birth to God's son. **Matthew 1:18-23**—Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled. **Isaiah 9:6**—Isaiah prophesies that Jesus Christ will come as a baby; Jesus is de-



# Awesome Acorns



*Our Awesome Acorn of the week this week is Amelie Lowe.*

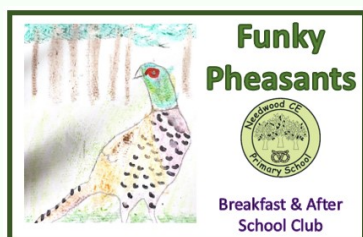
*The children have had a super last week of term in the classrooms and been very busy, excited and worked really well on their Christmas activities in Awesome Acorns. They have all been awesome so have enjoyed watching a couple of Christmas films too!*

*Just a reminder if you still haven't booked provision for your child for Spring Term 1 (Wednesday January 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February) I am happy for you to send a Dojo to me during the Christmas break stating days/times (no later than 30<sup>th</sup> December please) as this gives me time to update the book and send a Dojo confirmation message back to you, confirming your child's place before we come back to school.*

*Could I also just remind parents to send a personal Dojo to me if you need provision at short notice or if your child is being picked up from school by someone else. I realise circumstances can change quickly through work commitments or illness but this is so I can just update the book and let staff know how many children they need to organise activities for and how many children need food for that particular day. Thank you for your understanding as unfortunately I still have to charge parents for the session if I don't get a Dojo message saying your child no longer needs the provision for the session they have already been booked in for.*

*Have a lovely Christmas break with your awesome children and we will see you all on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 ready for another fabulous term.*

*Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Slater and the Awesome Acorns team.*



*Hi everyone from Funky Pheasants.*

*We have kept it quietly festive this week as the children have had such busy days! We have finished off our Christmas wreaths and made a last few Christmas cards.*

*The children made a 'cinema den' to watch a Christmassy film, played with our dolls and prams, had ball games. Also tried out their presents of blow pens and stamper pens.*

*We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we look forward to seeing you all next term when we will have some brand new activities available.*

*Best wishes from your Funky Pheasant team. Xx*





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When parents and carers finally have the chance to spend some quality time with their child over Christmas, many face a familiar struggle to prise their young one's attention away from their phone, console, tablet or computer. Fun family bonding over the festive period, however, doesn't have to exclude devices. There are sackfuls of Christmas activities and ideas online which grown-ups and children can enjoy together. We've compiled our own 'nice list' of seasonal suggestions for how to ...

## MAKE THE MOST OF THE ONLINE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS

### 1 EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

Budding bakers will relish helping out in the kitchen with some tasty festive treats. Spend some time together researching child-friendly Christmas recipes online (the BBC Good Food site is an excellent place to start), and then you and your little elves can rustle up gingerbread santas, marshmallow snowmen or reindeer shortbread. The only thing that's more fun is eating your creations afterwards!

WHEN THE SNOWMAN BRINGS THE SNOW...

### 4 A WORLD OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW

From turkey on the beach in Australia to roller-skating to church in Venezuela, Christmas is celebrated in a variety of ways worldwide – curious youngsters might enjoy discovering other nations' festive traditions online. Google's Santa Tracker is a brilliant (and free) starting point, with games, activities and animations to help children enjoy learning as they count down to the big day!

### 2 THE OLD SONGS ARE THE BEST?

We've all had that Christmas compilation CD that was almost perfect, if it wasn't inexplicably missing one of your best-loved tracks. In this era of music streaming, however, your little helpers can assist you in compiling a definitive playlist of all your favourite seasonal songs – no more pining for The Pretenders or wishing for Wizzard.

### 5 THE NEAR AND THE DEAR ONES

Between time constraints, distance, the weather and Covid precautions (or a combination of all four) for many families it just won't be possible to physically spend time with everyone they'd ideally like to this Christmas. Video calling technology, of course, takes some of the sting out of the disappointment by virtually transporting loved ones into your living room.

### 3 DECK THE HALLS

There's no such thing as 'too many' Christmas trimmings! Let your child channel their excitement into some creative crafting, and you'll make memories as well as your own DIY decorations. There are loads of step-by-step guides online (including video walkthroughs on YouTube) for seasonal showpieces like paper plate angels, handprint wreaths and cupcake wrapper Christmas trees.

### 6 KIDS FROM ONE TO 92

If Santa's brought your young ones a console this year (or they already had one), it's a perfect excuse for some quality time while they gleefully trounce you at FIFA or Mario Kart. Digital versions of traditional board games like Monopoly and Cluedo are available on most platforms, too; get the whole household together for a modern take on some old-school family fun.

### 7 A WINTER'S TALE

Everyone enjoys a story at this time of year: after all, the whole celebration is based on an engrossing yarn. Sites such as Audible are an excellent way of entertaining excited young ones, with classics like Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and seasonal short stories by Enid Blyton alongside more contemporary Christmas tales by the likes of Tom Fletcher, JK Rowling and Ben Miller.

### 8 CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THOSE FACES

People used to express their gratitude for a thoughtful Christmas gift with a thank you card or a dutiful phone call. Not in the digital age: now your relations can see first-hand on video calls how delighted the children are with their presents – and even how they look in that slightly questionable hand-knitted pullover.

### 9 BROUGHT ME SOME CORN FOR POPPIN'

Snuggling up against the winter weather with the family (and a generous helping of chocolates) to enjoy a well-loved movie is a delightful Christmas tradition. The usual streaming services have some classic candidates on offer: *Home Alone* and *The Santa Clause* are on Disney+, while Amazon Prime has *Elf* and *The Grinch*, and Netflix goes with *The Princess Switch* and *The Christmas Chronicles*.

### 10 GUESS WHAT I FORGOT?

Friends and family pitting their wits against each other on Zoom, Teams or Skype really took off during lockdown, so why not revive the tradition over the holidays? Your questions could be on the biggest news, sport and showbiz stories of 2021, or be Christmas themed, or you could stick to classic general knowledge. Ideal for those days between Christmas and New Year.

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# KIDS EAT FREE EVERY MONDAY

**DARWIN  
and  
BEAR**

ONE FREE KIDS MEAL WITH EVERY MAIN MEAL PURCHASED

**RETRO VIDEO GAMES  
FREE TO PLAY IN ALL OUR BOOTHS**

## Parish News

24TH DECEMBER - 5.30 PM CRIB SERVICE - NEWBOROUGH CHURCH

24TH DECEMBER - 11.30 PM MIDNIGHT COMMUNION, RANGEMORE CHURCH

Disclaimer: We are proud to have a newsletter which shares information with you for our parish, village, WI, social club, Rascals and our local communities. We do try to vet all items which go into

School information can be provided in different languages, large print, simple text only or Braille.

Please speak to Mrs. Gethin if you have a particular requirement.

