



Aslacton Primary School

Half Term ending Friday 20th December
2024

Head and Deputy's Messages

Dear Parents, and Carers,

School is such a magical place over the festive season, glitter is everywhere, decorations and cards are being made, carols are being sung and versions of the nativity are being performed. The variations in Christmas/winter jumpers always make me smile, especially when it's a dinosaur with a Christmas hat on.

I want to say a big thank you to all staff, for making Christmas at Aslacton special for our children and families and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. We will see you back on the 7th January 2025.

Mrs Haines

As we come to the end of term I have been looking back at all we have done in the last 15 weeks— such a lot has happened. Our new Reception have settled well and have made lots of friends in KS2. Our older children have transitioned well into their new classes and appear to be enjoying their learning. We have all had new core stories with many more to come. It has been a privilege to have many visitors into school to talk to the children and I have been given lots of positive feedback about their behaviour and manners. I particularly enjoyed my time away with KS2 to Horstead in September. After Christmas we will be sending out information about our next proposed trip there, it was great to see them grow in confidence and challenge themselves to do better, go higher or further. I am looking forward to seeing what the rest of the academic year has in store for us as we go into 2025.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for the kind cards and gifts the staff have received and to wish you a very Happy Christmas from everyone at Aslacton Primary.

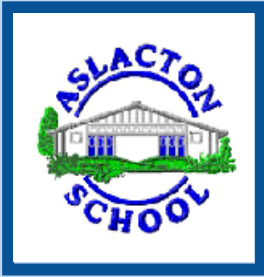
Mrs Turk

Please see the final page regarding changes to ordering lunch
for a late arrival at school

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Around the School

Owls have had an exciting half term reading and exploring the book Rapunzel by Bethan Woolvin. This version is a little different from the traditional tale. We have written our own story based on the book and have also written instructions on how to catch pesky pixies or wicked witches. Reception have had fun retelling the story and making their own small world props and characters. KS1 Owls have designed and made their own Rapunzel puppets after researching materials and how to join them effectively.

What a busy half term we have had in **Kestrel** Class! In maths, we mastered column addition and subtraction with exchanging, and began our work on multiplication and division using arrays and repeated addition. In English, we analysed texts such as The Fox, crafted similes and began writing our own fables with the moral "Don't trust a stranger." In science, we investigated solids, liquids, and gases, debated whether sand is a solid or liquid, studied melting, freezing, and condensation with chocolate and mirrors, made oobleck, and observed flowering and non-flowering plants, invertebrates, and vertebrates. We have focused on online safety, creating strong passwords, and identifying bots, age restrictions, and misleading information in computing and in music, we studied the features of rock and roll. We also created beautiful poppies and angels for our displays and enjoyed performing a fantastic play. Well done to Kestrels for all their hard work this term!

Eagles have worked hard to complete all four operations in maths. We have improved our fluency and calculation skills in long division and multiplication. In English, we have enjoyed reading the powerful picture book 'FaRther' and we have written emotional character and setting descriptions. In Science, we have explored and investigated light, how it travels and the power of shadows. In History, we have enjoyed Word War Two topics on evacuation, women during the war and the Blitz. We have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Christmas performance, the community tree and helping the younger members of our school community. A super, hardworking term - well done Eagles! ☐

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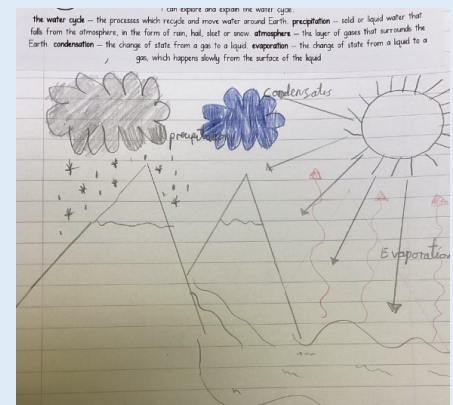
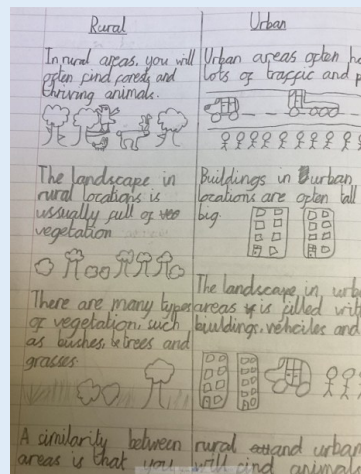
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Owls:

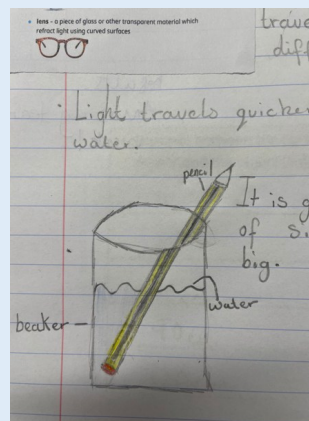


Kestrels:

1.	2	X	3	=	6
2.	7	X	5	=	35
3.	8	X	2	=	16
4.	4	X	5	=	20
5.	3	X	10	=	30
6.	5	X	11	=	55
7.	7	X	13	=	21
8.	8	X	10	=	80
9.	7	X	5	=	35
10.	12	X	3	=	36
11.	2	X	4	=	18
12.	0	X	5	=	0
13.	2	X	5	=	60
14.	2	X	10	=	70
15.	3	X	4	=	12
16.	11	X	10	=	110
17.	5	X	3	=	15
18.	10	X	3	=	30
19.	10	X	2	=	20



Eagles:



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Christmas and THANK YOU!

Invite from St Michael's Aslacton

Mary and the congregation of St Michaels invite everyone to join them for their carol service with the blessing of the memory tree on Sunday at 11am and for their family communion service on Christmas Eve at 7pm in church.

All the children have contributed a decoration again this year towards the decoration of the church: Angels from Kestrels, a flowerpot Nativity Scene from Owls and the decorations on the tree outside from Eagles, so do try and pop in and see them over the holidays.



Thank you to **TESCO** who kindly donated the crackers for our Christmas Lunch. We all enjoyed the jokes!



Friends of Aslacton

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends hamper raffle, calendars and refreshments recently. The running total currently stands at **£516.29**. Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas cards as well as **£115.00** was raised this way too. Thank you to the Friends for organising all these events. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the cost of the play we raised £143.00 to help cover costs.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs **Leeder** who once again kindly donated the beautiful Christmas tree on the playground.

Christmas Jumper Winners

Elma, Willow and Frankie!
Thank you to the Friends for the prizes.



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Information

Family Friday for the Spring Term - 9am

17th Jan: Eagle

24th Jan: Kestrel

31st Jan: Owl

7th Feb: Eagle

14th Feb: Kestrel

7th Mar: Owl

14th Mar: Eagle

21st Mar: Kestrel

28th Mar: Owl

KS2 LUNCHES

Over the holidays please check your child's lunch balance on your Pupil Asset account and settle any debts you may have. Please contact Mrs Booth in the New Year if you have any issues. Thank you.

PARENT READERS for the

Spring term **ALL AT 2.50PM**

Owl: **Tuesday**

Kestrel: **Thursdays**

Eagle: **Monday**

CLUBS

Clubs re-start on **Tuesday 7th January 2025.**

Please book your space at the office. Sports clubs will be £15 for the half term again.

UNIFORM

Please can we remind you that if hair touches the shoulders it should be tied back in class for safety and practical reasons. It also helps prevent the spread of lice. Thank you.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Over the Christmas Holidays our adventure playground will be being removed. The playground has served the school for over 20 years and has reached the end of it's life. With Friends we will be raising money to fund a replacement—more details to follow. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Philpott and their company JP Demolition who have offered to remove the play equipment for us.

**JP Demolition
& Recycling**

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Save the date!

January	
Tuesday 7th January	Term starts for pupils
Week beginning 7th January	Clubs start this week
Thursday 9th January	2025 Reception starters stay and play
Wednesday 15th January	Owl class learning café– 9-10am in the hall—open to all Owl parents
Thursday 16th January	Kestrels start swimming @ Diss
Wednesday 22nd January	Eagle class learning café– 9-10am in the hall—open to all Eagle parents
Wednesday 29th January	Kestrel class learning café– 9-10am in the hall—open to all Kestrel parents
February	
Friday 7th February	Library Van visiting school– details to follow.
Friday 14th February	Friends cake sale—cakes to be provided by EAGLES on the theme of Valentines 3.15pm Break up for half term
Monday 17th—Friday 21ST February	Half Term
Friday 28th February	Non Uniform for an item for the Easter Hampers
March	
Week beginning 3rd March	Parent Consultation week—times and days be confirmed. Some clubs may not take place this week.
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day –details to follow.
Friday 21st March	Wear a red item with school uniform for Comic Relief
Tuesday 25th March	Y6 parents meeting re Y6 SATs. 9am in the hall

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Attendance

There is room for improvement to be made with pupil attendance at school. It is a legal requirement that your child attends school everyday unless they are genuinely unwell. IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON, YOU MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL ON EACH DAY OF ABSENCE before 9.00am. In most cases there are very simple explanations for absence, but if you do not tell us, your child's absence has to be recorded as unauthorised.

Our attendance:

Attendance target: 96%

This half term's attendance: 96.13%

Class with the best attendance: Owl with 96.88%
Once again it was very close between all classes—well done everyone.

Late minutes this half term: 576 which equates to 9.5hrs
of missed learning time.

Late arrivals: We have seen a significant increase in late arrivals this term. When the gate is closed at 9am you will need to sign your child in through the main office. If you arrive after 9.15am, and have made no contact with us prior to your arrival, we will not be able to order a lunch for your child as this will be after the kitchen cut off time and you will need to provide a packed lunch. If your child has an appointment which will cause them to arrive late please complete a medical form in advance and you can pre-order their lunch if required.

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