



**December 2023**



# NEWSLETTER



We so enjoy the last week of the autumn term even though it's incredibly busy and there are lots of very tired angels, shepherds and of course, this year, doors!! Take a look at the photos from Tuesday night's KS1 Nativity Show. All the children were amazing and so many wonderful costumes. Well done children and parents!

All the children have achieved so much this term with some superb learning across a range of subjects. Over the last couple of weeks the children have made some brilliant 'gadgets' and moving vehicles in their design technology learning enquiries. It's been wonderful seeing their designs come to fruition! Do look at the Y6 children's light up lanterns in this newsletter!

I met with a very small number of parents last week to discuss after school clubs. Many thanks to those parents for holding such constructive meetings with me and, once again, do please come and talk to the school about any issues you feel you need to raise. In January we'll send out a newsletter giving you details of all the clubs that are available in school.

Finally, you'll see in this newsletter your many generous acts of kindness and compassion to those who need our support. We know that times continue to be tough for many families but you have given so generously to some worthy causes this year; Children In Need, Christian Aid, the Shoe Box Appeal, Brixham Food Bank, Beyond Borders and of course Galmpton school funds. Thank you for your continued support.

We look forward to seeing you all on 3<sup>rd</sup> January and wish you all a wonderful and very enjoyable Christmas and New Year.





# Thank you!

Huge thanks to all who donated to this worthy cause. Each year we're blown away by your generosity and we've dispatched 101 boxes this year to children across the world. A very special thank you from Lyndsay Williams to Mr Amner and the Lamsin/Jeavons family who donate multiple boxes every year.



### Attendance Data for the period 6/9/23—8/12/23

Year Group	% Attendance
Whole School	96.31%
Reception	96.55%
1	95.47%
<b>2</b>	<b>97.79%</b>
3	95.38%
4	96.22%
5	96.46%
6	96.42%

Well done to **Year 2** who have achieved the highest attendance this term!

# FUNDRAISING



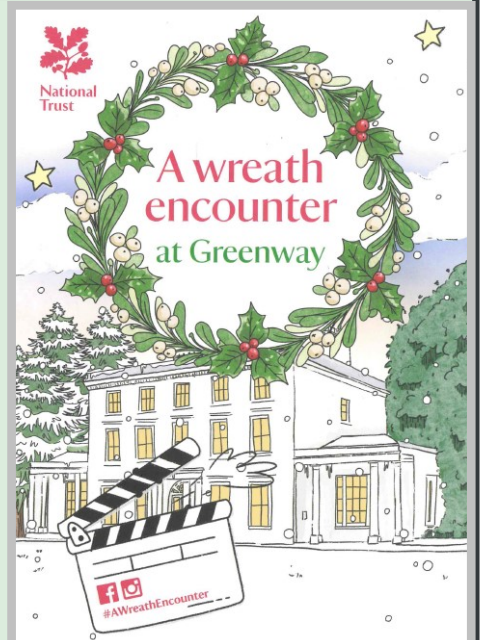
# Tree Planting



Galmpton Residents Association along with The National Trust, would like to thank the families who went along to support the planting of three Oak trees at the Coronation Tree Planting event. The event took place at Coronation Meadow on Saturday 25th November.

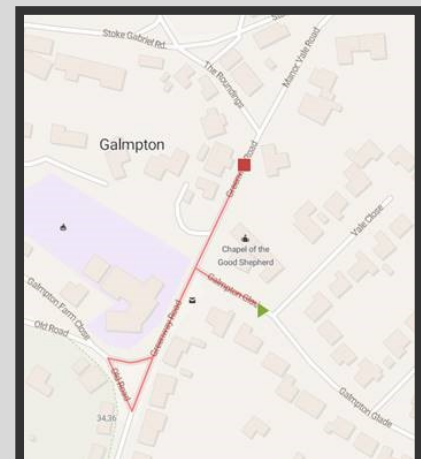


Year 2 helped the National Trust to produce an Elf Christmas Wreath. This is now proudly situated on the school shed at Greenway, overlooking the allotment garden. If you would like to see the wreath, visit Greenway House and enjoy the Twelve Wreaths of Christmas Trail.



Following a productive meeting with Rose Wallace from the Galmpton Residents Association regarding parking and accessibility, we would appreciate it if parents would refrain from parking on any double yellow lines at drop off and pick up. A suggestion has also been put forward to request parents and carers who drive children to school, to observe a one-way traffic flow route when exiting the Village during morning drop off and afternoon collection.

The suggested route for those who park in Vale Close/ Galmpton Glade (opposite the main school entrance) is to exit Galmpton Glade taking a left turn onto Greenway Road, then using the roundabout at the big tree (behind school) to exit the Village using Greenway Road heading towards Manor Vale Road.



# KS1 Nativity

This week our KS1 children performed an amazing Nativity Extravaganza! The children were all amazing, from the dashing doors, creative carol singers, noble narrators and wondrous wise men. We are all so proud of you. Thank you so much to all the parents for the amazing costumes and support.



On 27th November, Coach Jamie escorted our Y3/4 children to Paignton Academy for their football tournament.

They played three matches, winning two and defeated in one.

Curledge Street Academy 1-2 Galampton (Mylo and Isaac B)

Collaton St Mary 1-3 Galampton (Mylo 2 and Ollie)

Roselands 3-2 Galampton (Mylo and Isaac B)

The children were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

A brilliant effort from everyone!

## Y3/4 Football Match





# Christmas Extravaganza

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, our children had a Christmas themed day to remember. We started proceedings by all wearing Christmas jumpers, then enjoyed a superb Christmas lunch provided by our wonderful Catering Team and served to the children by FROGS volunteers. Following the lunch we had Christmas Carols in the playground and a wonderful visit from Santa who delivered a gift to each child.

The FROGs annual Christmas Fayre then followed and it was absolutely fabulous - thanks go out to all who made the Fayre such a fantastic success. Total funds raised will be announced after the Christmas Holidays.



## Childcare Choices

Supporting families  
with childcare costs



Did you know that you may be eligible to receive tax free childcare benefits in relation to our in house after school club?

You may also be eligible to claim extra support if you are in receipt of Universal Credit or Tax Credits.

Once you have an HMRC tax free account, let the office know and they will advise how to book after school club sessions going forwards.

Please click on the link below for more information.

Click the link: [Government Tax Free Childcare](#)

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Last month we welcomed Joanne Isemde to come to talk to us about diversity. Joanne comes from Nigeria and now resides in Torbay. Last year, she donated some beautiful books to the School about equality and diversity.

She came in to talk to us about Nigerian culture and read one of the books she donated.



Our Christingle Service took place in School this year and it was a huge success. We led a lovely service and Mr Mantell from the Trust Board delivered a lovely sermon.

Thanks to all the parents and carers who attended and to the children who were an absolute credit to us and themselves!



## Carol Singing

The Carol Singing around the Village on Monday evening was so well attended. It was lovely to have so many residents join us too — a real community event. Thank you so much to all who attended and many thanks to our PTFA for the lovely refreshments afterwards!



## Y5 Space Trip

Year 5 visited a Space Dome on Tuesday 21st November.

They were brilliant role models for Galmpton, showing their excellent behaviour and listening skills.

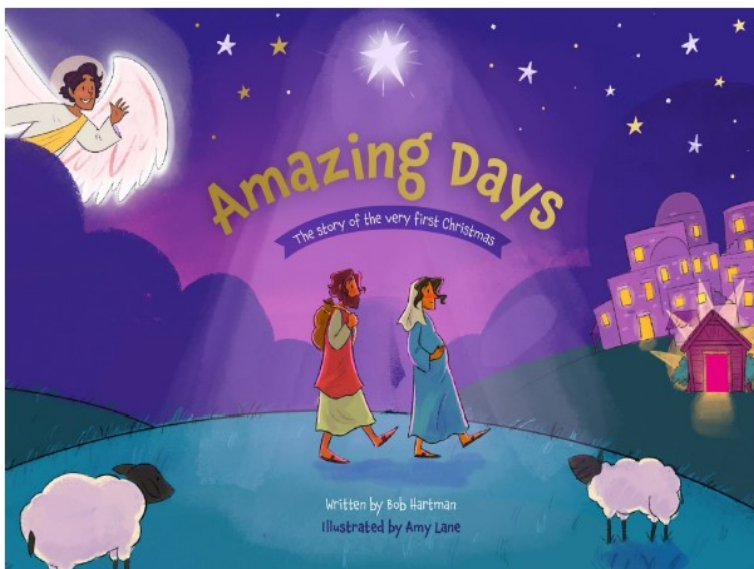
The children really enjoyed the interactive dome, especially when it looked like a meteor was going to collide with us!

They all were able to learn valuable facts and information from the science expert and would love to do it again.



## The Christmas Nativity

St Mary The Virgin Church, Churston  
Christmas Eve  
3.00pm



You are invited to dress up as the Angel Gabriel, Mary or Joseph, Donkeys, Shepherds, Innkeepers, Kings, Angels, King Herod, Stars or Animals at the stable such as Sheep, Cows or even Camels!  
*An interactive informal service for all.*  
*What fun!*

## Year 6 Football Match

The Paignton Academy Football Tournament took place on Monday 13th November.

Our boys won their first game against Collaton 3-0, and the second match against Curledge Street 6-0. Evan made some wonderful saves in goal and the three boys in defence; Henry, Danny and Rowan, stood firm with some strong tackles and excellent distribution. Captain Oliver along with Roman and Leon were the midfield trio who were superb in getting up and down the pitch and passing the ball, whilst James worked hard as the lone striker. Goals were scored by Roman (6), Oliver, Rowan and Leon.

The boys were absolutely amazing and a real credit to the school.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

## PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content or download expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

## SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

## FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives your child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

## ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

## FAMILY SHARING ON A MAC

Families using a Mac get similar screen time options to iPhone and iPad users. Again, if you're setting up a Mac for a child, make yourself the main admin and add them as a user. This is handled through Apple's Family Sharing service, which not only allows you to put controls on child accounts but share apps and other purchases with them too. Search 'family sharing' at <https://support.apple.com>.

## Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



## SET AN ADMIN ON PCS

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate account: Settings > Accounts > Family & Other Users > Add Other User.

## SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

## TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be used to apply parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console, so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

## PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to [PlayStation.com](http://PlayStation.com) and search 'family account' for instructions.

## INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of game being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

## DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

## STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.



### Year 6 DT Project December 2023

In these last few weeks of term, Y6 have completed a learning enquiry combining design and technology and science. The learning question was, 'How can I make a Christmas gift that incorporates a light-up circuit?' The class worked extremely hard to gather ideas, produce design briefs, draw up plans (including measurements) and make and decorate their final creations. The final pieces were impressive and, as I'm sure you'll agree, great Christmas gifts for their planned recipients!



## Galampton Primary School Calendar Dates

Mon 18th Dec—Tues 2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
Tues 2nd Jan	Non pupil day (staff training)
Wed 3rd Jan	Children return to School
Thurs 4th Jan	Y3 trip to Kents Cavern
Fri 12th Jan	Y3 leading Worship 2.45pm
Fri 12th Jan	PTA (FROGS) Meeting
Thurs 18th Jan	Census Day
Tues 23rd Jan	Fire Service visiting Y2 & Y5
Fri 26th Jan	Y2 leading Worship 2.45pm
Fri 9th Feb	Y1 leading Worship 2.45pm

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