



# Apple Press

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Newsletter

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## What's Happening

*It's that busy time of the year where our calendars are filling up so here are a few dates we wouldn't want you to miss...*

**School Christmas Dinner** will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December; if your child would like a Christmas dinner, please choose a Main or Vegetarian on Wisepay by 4<sup>th</sup> December at the latest. There will be no other meals offered that day so please send a home packed if not having a Christmas dinner. 🍷



**Christmas Carols** – Banham School's annual Christmas carols will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 5:30pm at Banham Church. Be prepared for lots of tunes being sung at home over and over and over again... 😊🎵



**Christmas Party** – Due to popular demand, we are bringing back our lunchtime Christmas party for the children and are kindly asking for donations for this event which will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, i.e. crisps, busicuits, carrot sticks, cucumbers etc. *We hear from FOBS there may even be a surprise visitor...* 👁️🎁🎄

Well done to Swifts & Skylarks for a fantastic day out in Bunwell making us all proud with their behaviour, sense of fun, confidence and above all, for everyone joining in and giving their all at the cross country!



*Banham Primary School overall winner!*



**THE RESULTS  
ARE IN!**

A big shout out to FOBS for organising the Christmas Fete & all who helped & YOU all for your support & making it a success! Thank you!

Results are as follows:

Swifts game room: £89.20

Raffle: £674.00

Tombola: £210.00

Refreshments: £278.15

Father Christmas: £36.45

FOBS stalls: £106.50

Silent auction: £138

Stall holders: £50

**Wreath Making Workshop**  
Monday 11th December, 7.30pm at Banham School



**£30**  
including mince  
pies & mulled  
Wine

To book a place contact Rachael on [rjbarnard80@gmail.com](mailto:rjbarnard80@gmail.com) or 07900 027220

All materials provided, but feel free to bring extra greenery or decorations from home

All proceeds to FOBS in support of the school

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**Due to high demand  
New date added!**

**Wreath Making Workshop**  
Friday 15th December, 7.30pm at Banham School



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LOOK what we're  
LEARNING!

**Robins** have been continuing their celebration topic by finding out why Remembrance Day is celebrated and we made a poppy wreath for our classroom. This week we have been focussing on the Hindu celebration of Diwali. We discovered that Diwali is not on the same day each year, it is determined by the position of the moon. One of the traditions of Diwali is Rangoli Patterns and we have made our own patterns out of coloured rice to welcome people to our classroom. In phonics we have moved onto digraphs and we are beginning to write our own words independently. We have been so busy I nearly forget we had visits from the Police and Fire Brigade. We got to try on uniform, hold the handcuffs, sit in a fire engine and have a go with the hose!

**Wrens** have had a fantastic two weeks continuing to explore all their new topics. Their writing is developing each week and all the hard work they are doing at school and at home to learn their phonics is being noticed in their writing and reading. In math the children have enjoyed challenging themselves and putting their mathematical skills to the test. They are really enjoying learning about money and also practising counting in their multiples of 2's, 5's and 10's. Well done Wrens, keep up the good work!

**Swifts** Another busy 2 weeks in Swifts! We designed and created our games for the Christmas fete and absolutely loved running them and seeing so many people there! The Year 5s also got the opportunity to spend a morning at Old Buckenham High School for a taster day, we did lots of activities including a bit of food tech where we made our own bread! Overall, it was a busy but very fun day and everybody had a great time. We have also just finished our unit in English based on The Mafeseance written by Alan Bold. We have used his structure and rewritten the poem with a twist - instead of being a negative and dark creature, our poems were based on a bright and positive one, bringing light wherever it went. We have also begun planning and rewriting our readings ready for the Christmas event at the church - which we have been learning lots of songs for!

**Skylarks** have been busy learning about non-chronological report writing and starting their own on volcanoes. We are enjoying making artefacts in art and creating some super creative pieces! We have done a lot of times table practicing in the last two weeks and getting quite competent with it too! Lastly, in PSHE we learnt all about giving consent and what that means in different situations. Lots of great work Skylarks, well done!

# JOB VACANCY

## Midday Supervisor Assistant

We are looking for an MSA to join our team. If you are someone who enjoys being part of a team with strong interpersonal skills and care about the welfare of all children, then we would love to hear from you. For further details and a job application, please contact the office. [office@banham.cce.coop](mailto:office@banham.cce.coop)

### Diary Dates

**Highlighted dates are new/amended ones**

- 1 December – Wrens trip to Banham Zoo to watch Brambles
- 7 December – Y6 & R Nurse Visit
- 8 December – National Santa Dash
- 11 December – Christmas Carols rehearsals
- 11 December – FOBS Wreath Making Workshop for Parents
- 13 December – Christmas Lunch
- 13 December – Christmas Carols at Banham Church
- 15 December – FOBS Wreath Making Workshop for Parents
- 18 December – Christmas party
- 20 December – Rock Steady Concert for Rock Steady Members
- 21 Dec – 3 Jan – Winter Break
- 5 January – Sleeping Beauty Panto at the Norwich Theatre
- 22 January – Y5/6 Norwich City Football League Competition
- 19 – 23 Feb – Half Term
- 28 March – 12 April – Easter Break
- 22 April – Y5/6 Norwich City Football League Competition
- 6 May – Bank Holiday
- 27 – 31 May – Half Term
- 19 July – Last Day of School