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Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

As I reflect upon this term personally and professionally, it has been great to see how Banham Primary School has continued to move forwards, a year on from the Ofsted Inspection, now over a year ago.

The time has gone quickly and there have been a number of changes across the Trust. What remains the same is fantastic children, staff and parents who continue to work hard together.

Personally, some of the challenges have been surprising as I have begun to take an overview across the three schools. It has been incredibly rewarding to see the same curriculum being delivered consistently across the three schools, in particular, I have really enjoyed seeing the children in Banham continue to grow and for the CARE values being embedded across the schools.

I wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and I would like to thank the school community for their continued support.

Best wishes,

Mr Gamble





The children did a wonderful job in the Christmas Carols! Shout out to the staff for making it happen!

Robins first performance was fabulous!

Thank you to everyone for all the hot chocolates, cakes, wreaths, toys, carol service treats and fun at the Christmas fete, as in the last six weeks FOBS have raised over £2,000 to fund enrichment with the school!!!!
Thanks for all your help and support. Merry Christmas,
The FOBS Committee 😊



LOOK what we're LEARNING!

Wrens have enjoyed designing and constructing their moving books based on Little Red Riding Hood for our DT project. We have worked hard on these and we enjoyed sharing them with the Swifts. We have found out lots about Rosa Parks and Edith Cavell in our history lessons, and we have been writing about the people we find significant and special for our homework. In maths, we have been adding and taking away and finding out about length. We made bug hotels in Forest School to link with our habitats work in science. We have worked hard in our computing lessons and we can now log in and use Sketchpad on the Chromebook. We really enjoyed using the apparatus in our PE lesson this week! Well done Wrens! We were very proud of you all at the Carol Concert, too!

Robins Last week Robins learnt all about the Jewish Festival of Hanukkah. We discovered it was another Festival of Lights and enjoyed learning the story of the Maccabees. This week we have been focusing on the Nativity Story and why as Christians we celebrate Christmas.

We were amazing with our singing and signing at the Christmas Performance. Miss Rout and I are extremely proud of you all.



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Swifts What a fantastic end to 2025! Swifts have worked so hard over the Autumn term, and they all need to be incredibly proud of themselves. In Maths we are now coming towards the end of our Multiplication and Division B unit - we are now able to do long multiplication (4 digits x 2 digits) and long division! We are going to be moving on Fractions B when we come back!

In English, we have written diary entries from the point of view of either Ellie or Daniel from our class book *The Nowhere Emporium*. We had to remember to write in the first person and in the past tense to describe events that have already happened. We will also be writing a wintery narrative next week using description and dialogue to move our story forward.

We have really enjoyed our Science this term - we have looked at how different organisms are classified. We then looked at microorganisms and carried out an investigation on bread to see how mould grows.

We're looking forward to the new term and the new year. We can't wait to learn even more and keep on progressing and getting better! Have a wonderful break and a merry Christmas.

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Skylarks have continued to enjoy learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age. They have now completed their Stone Age stories and will be moving on to a Stone Age fact file. The children are loving computing lessons, and they are now beginning to look at 'Scratch' - a website used for coding where they can make games or animations! As a class, we have been reading '*The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*' and they have been taking turns in reading this aloud to the class. We explore vocabulary, make predictions on what will happen next and they try to recall what they have read so far, they are enjoying the story! During the next few days, they will be enjoying DT lessons about fastenings - types of and how they work. Their RE work around the Christmas Journey has produced some great work - there are some lovely pictures which are being displayed on the windows of Skylarks.



Diary Dates

- **18th December** – Christmas School Dinner
- **19th December** – FOBS Christmas Buffet
- **22nd – 5th January** – Winter Holidays
- **4th January** – Last day to order lunches for the second week back (week of 12th Jan)
- **Tuesday 6th January** – First day of term

There will be no after school clubs (sports & choir) the first week back. Monday sports club will be offered to Wrens next term. Thursday CSF sport will be offering dodgeball next term. Stay tuned, but I think for now, it is time to get ready for the last week of term and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays from us all at Banham Primary School! 😊

