

Twizel Classroom News



Term: Autumn 2 2024

What we have been doing this term:

We started this term off commemorating Remembrance Day. Three of our students (Dante, Ethan and William from Calshot class) who had worked at the National Trust's Sandham Memorial chapel in Burghclere were invited to attend their memorial service. We listened to some very moving accounts from some ex-servicemen. It was a beautiful ceremony! It was not, however, uneventful; Maryjane's car got stuck in the mud in the car park, and the boys had to get out and push!

Our students made some reindeer grazing cones for the Christmas market (which actually took place in November). Students used their Life Skills sessions to research the cost of sweets, and the packaging in order to establish a price for the bags.

We are all extremely proud of the students in Twizel who have been working so hard (particularly during their early morning intervention tasks. Those 25 minutes each morning have proved to be very valuable and have given students the opportunity to take a closer look at ideas and activities that have been introduced during lesson time.

In Functional Skills Maths, we have been looking at perimeter, area, bar charts, line graphs, fractions and division. In our cooking sessions, students have been converting measurements and reading scales, as well as working with budgets when shopping.

In English, the students have been working in different groups. Students have covered a range of topics such as adjectives, compound sentences, writing letters, and using punctuation.

Early in the term, some students went to the cinema in Newbury to see the film 'If'.

Some photos from term 2



Our lucky students have had two further trips to the theatre this term to see the production of the Little Mermaid at the Watermill and Robin Hood at the Corn Exchange. I must give a mention to those Twizel students who walked to and from the Corn Exchange. They were caught in a downpour and the poor things had to watch the pantomime absolutely drenched from head to foot. Luckily, some of them were able to change into their PE kits whilst the rest of their clothes dried.

The highlight of our term has got to be the Post-16's Got Talent show. We had some fabulous acts. Charles has been working with Twizel class on Wednesday afternoons practising 'Rocking around the Christmas Tree' on ukuleles! The students dressed up and they were amazing! Oscar was our compere for the afternoon and he also sang an outstanding solo from Les Miserables!



Ethan was up on stage to show off his football skills and he, Joe and Jack did an extremely funny Toilet Riverdance parody!



There were some very talented students and we all had a great time!

Dates & Points to remember:

**HAVE A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

End of term 2 - Thursday 18th December 2025

School starts back – Tuesday 6th January 2026

End of term 3 – Friday 13th February 2026

Thanks must go to Chris from Odiham class who organised the Twizel technical team to set up the stage.

We enjoyed seeing lots of parents for our sing-along on Tuesday of our final week and on Wednesday we had a wonderful Christmas lunch with extras prepped by Twizel students (particular mention must go to Joe who also helped with the cooking).

Students have been playing football, basketball and badminton in our PE sessions in Newbury College Sports hall on Fridays.



Finally, huge congratulations to our very own Siân, who got married over half-term! She is now the very happy Mrs Champion!

CONGRATULATIONS SIÂN!