

# Classroom News



Class Name: Windsor

Topic Heroes and Helpers

Term: Autumn term 2 2025

## What we have been doing this term:

In English, we have been writing about our experiences and trips into the community. We use switches, communication aids, Makaton, gesture, and our voices, to communicate. We have been working on our Heroes and Helpers topic and have been visiting people who help us in our community. We had a brilliant trip to the fire station, and we were able to communicate with the fire fighters. Thank you to White Watch for being so helpful. We were able to spray the fire fighters' hose and explore all the equipment and helmets. Lots of us sat in the fire engine. Next term we will have a paramedic visiting the school, with an ambulance, so will be able to continue our work communicating with people who help us, in the community. We have also developed our understanding of how fire fighters help us, in our PSHE lessons and have been exploring a sensory story about a fire fighter's journey.

We visited Newbury library and chose books, based on our interests. We were able to communicate with librarians. Next term we will continue to visit the library and take part in a Book Trust story project. We will be given books to read and review. We have been working hard to develop our reading. It has been great to continue to explore different environments in school, including the soft play and the library.

We are proud that everyone experienced the whole school silence for Remembrance Day, and added handmade poppies to the school display. We took part in bonfire night activities and were able to follow instructions to make chocolate sparklers. We learnt about bonfire safety including wearing gloves with sparklers.

We are taking part in lots of Christmas activities and have worked hard to prepare our Peter Pan Christmas show. We have decorated the Christmas tree and have made some Christmas surprises to send home. We enjoyed a visit to the Garden centre to see the Christmas lights. We loved our Singing Hands visit.

Windsor have continued to work on the Agricultural Challenge this year. We will take our work to the final in June, at Arlington arts, and will showcase our work, alongside special schools from across Berkshire. We are working on our Collage based on the story Oliver's Vegetables. We have been exploring the vegetables in the story and have made lots of vegetable prints to add to our

## Some photos of us!



collage. We have made a giant Oliver and Grandpa by drawing around each other, which was very enjoyable.

Windsor class have been working on developing our understanding of number in maths this term. We have been competing individual target work involving adding, counting and number patterns. We have also been exploring shape, through individual target work.

In music, we have been exploring Open orchestra, a special app that allows us to create music through touch. Some of us have been taking part in the Open Orchestra project with Berkshire Music Trust too. In drama we have been exploring sensory stories. In art we have been exploring shape and colour.

In our communication session, we have been exploring a weather song and a what's in the bag game communicating more and finished really well. We have been using visuals to choose who is next.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas holiday. We are looking forward to lots of exciting trips and activities next term.



### Dates & Points to remember:

End of Autumn 2 – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

INSET day – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Start of Spring 1 – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Start of Autumn 2 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Trip to Newbury Library to collect our Book Trust books - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Ambulance visiting school – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

Deliver our Book Trust work to Newbury library for a display- 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Last day of Spring 1 – 13<sup>th</sup> February