



# Newsletter:

## Friday 28 November



As we reach the final weeks of the autumn term, excitement is building throughout the school for the festive season. The children are very excited about the Christmas activities, the first of which was the trip to Waddesdon today, then next week we have our Nativity performances, followed by the School Fete, Elf Day and Christmas Lunch! Details of all the events can be found in the diary dates at the end of the Newsletter.

### Staff News

Sadly, Mrs Wall will be leaving us at the end of this term; she has worked with us for 4 years and has been an invaluable member of the Early Years team, and also been a supportive parent with both her children having attended the school. We are sure parents will join us in wishing her all the best in her new adventures.

### NOTICES

#### Children in Need



A huge thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need via our ParentPay fundraising page: **We raised an amazing £220!!** This is a huge amount for such a small school.

#### Franks Coffee Truck



Just a reminder that Frank's Coffee Truck will be with us for the last time this year on:

**Thursday 11th December**

Every hot drink sold raises money for the school, so it is a great way to start the day with a good coffee whilst raising money for the school! Parents are welcome to enjoy their coffee on the playground (if the weather permits!).

#### Rotary Boxes

Thank you to everyone who has filled and returned a box for the Rotary Shoebox Scheme. Please could all boxes be returned to us by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We also ask that all unused boxes be returned to school so we can return them to the Rotary Club.

Details of what you can put in your box can be found here: [Advice on filling your shoebox – Rotary Shoebox Scheme](#)

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### “Born in a Barn” Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

The children are super excited to perform for parents and carers next week. We will be sending home the contact prints of the photos early next week and orders can be placed via ParentPay. The group photos will be available to view in school and ordered the same way.

We will be offering refreshments before each performance and ask for cash donations, please bring your own reusable cup if possible. The School Council will decide where the funds raised from refreshments and photos will be spent.



### Instagram page

Don't forget that we now have an Instagram page! Find us here: [@littlemissendenschool](https://www.instagram.com/littlemissendenschool)

## School News

### Whole School

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November the whole school walked down to the Village Hall to watch the Panto, Beauty and Beast with Lee Common School performed by M&M production. Everyone had a great afternoon and even the teachers got involved! A big thank you to PSALMS for organising this event to kick off the festive season!



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## Robins & Little Robins



Little Robins have been exploring the theme “Winter.” The weather last week was the perfect opportunity for us to hunt for ice and snow and we were not stopped by the rain – colouring puddles with powder paints and using the water in the mud kitchen!



Robin Class has been busy practising the songs for the Nativity Play and learning about the Christmas story in RE. Our focus text has been the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have retold the story and made up our versions. We have looked at signs of winter and are creating our own winter scene in the home corner using different types of printing techniques.



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## Owl Class



Owl class have been busy during DT lessons looking at moving picture books. We have explored making books using levers, wheels and sliders. We plan to design and make our own moving books over the next few weeks.

In science we are looking at Autumn changing into winter. We have talked about animals that hibernate, those that migrate and those that change within their own environment. Last week we enjoyed an autumn walk, observing plants and animals and the changes that occur during autumn. Over the course of the following weeks we will be exploring the weather more directly; looking at wind, temperature and rainfall.



Our RE lessons have been filled with nativity and the excitement of learning lines and songs. The children are all doing incredibly well and will be so excited to share their special show with the parents next week.

We have had a mix of indoor and outdoor Forest School over the past weeks due to our every changing weather. The children have enjoyed both in equal measure! We made indoor dens then outside the children got stuck in with more den making, clay creating, whittling sticks, grating chalk to decorate and add to our potions, swinging in the hammock and generally exploring the area.



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Diary Dates for the rest of the term:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Waddesdon Manor Trip
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Nativity Performance – 1.30pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Nativity Performance – 9.30am
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	PSALMS Christmas Fair 1-4pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Elf Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch and party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Church Service 9.15am School Closes for Christmas Break 1.15pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	School Re-Opens for Spring Term
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Gymnastics Festival – Robin & Owl Class

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