



NUTLEY NEWSLETTER



28th November, 2025

**A Foundation for lifelong learning, to reach our full potential,
following the example of Jesus**

Dear parents and carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at Nutley. Our Christmas tree arrived today and Mrs Marshall and Miss Watts were busy putting it up this afternoon.

Our Foxes class had a brilliant time at Forest School this week with Dormouse and enjoyed being out in the fresh air and using natural objects for a range of activities.

Rehearsals are well underway for our nativity and our EYFS and KS1 children had their church rehearsal today. We look forward to watching the rehearsal with the preschool later in December.

Emma from Little Deers visited the school this week to see how the pre school can use our space.

She particularly liked the coziness of the nest! We look forward to welcoming them on an ad hoc basis to use our playground, library and hall space.

Wishing you all a safe, peaceful and happy week

Mrs Denton



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Class News



Rabbits

What a super icy cool week we have had in Rabbit Class! We have been learning all about the season winter and enjoying exploring ice! We predicted what might happen if we put water in the freezer and then had an exciting time Friday afternoon playing with the ice we had made! Rabbit class have produced some excellent writing in literacy, all about winter, using their phonics knowledge. In phonics, we have been consolidating our level 2 sounds but will be moving on to level 3 phonics on Monday! In maths, we have been learning about the composition of numbers 4 and 5 and starting to learn our number bonds. It was also very exciting on Friday to have our first rehearsal for our wonderful Nativity performance at the church! Have a restful weekend!

Hedgehogs

Another full-on week of learning in Hedgehog Class. In English we have begun our new text of 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. It is a beautiful book about a lost creature. We have written about his character in terms of his emotions and begun to learn how to use 'contractions' in our learning. In Maths we have been enjoying learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shape. We have also recruited two new TA's in my class – RG and JG from Year 2 – who spent time teaching GV (in Year 1) about 3D shapes and their properties when he returned after being poorly. We also found out how to use a ruler to make our shapes accurately. In Art we have been learning how to paint landscapes like the artist Eric Ravillious, a local artist from Sussex born in 1903, who created paintings based on local landscapes of Sussex. We used watercolours to create texture and tone. In Science we are watching a garlic bulb – an investigation to see how roots and shoots will grow on a bulb. We also planted daffodils in our front space, learning how to do this by following instructions carefully. Our Nativity is going well – we have even begun saying our lines without a script this week! Look out for costume letters which will be coming out in bags today!

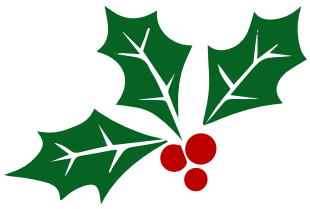
Foxes

This week Foxes have been enjoying English as it is all about Horrible Histories. We are working on producing a non-chronological report in a horrible histories style which includes jokes, puns, and interesting facts. In maths we have been focusing on times tables, particularly 4's, 8's and 3's. In science we had an interesting investigation, where we made tin foil sculptures and measured their shadows. We discussed how the tin foil was an 'opaque' object. In PE we have been creating lovely group performances in gymnastics, using different speeds. In RE we learnt all about what happens at a Baptism and the stages of it. In computing, we worked in pairs to program two animated names. We had a FANASTIC time at forest school, we got to go on the slack line, the hammock, create dens, create woodland leaf crowns and we even got to make bird feeders. Have a lovely weekend.



Badgers

Badgers just keep smashing it out of the park! In maths, we have continued with fractions, converting, comparing and ordering. In English, we have planned our own endings to Rose Blanche and began thinking about 'show not tell' writing to improve our descriptions. In science, we completed our shadow experiment, measuring a member of our group's shadow on the playground every hour to see how it changed. We also began learning about specular reflection, and will complete an experiment to explore this next week. In art, we experimented with monotype printing, drawing on top of paper resting on ink to see what patterns we'd create. In RE, we read the Parable of the Tenants and produced a piece of artwork to reflect it. In French, learnt instructions and tried to respond in the correct way to them. In Geography, the children used laptops to research the climate of a European City. In computing, we learnt about the Mars Rover, and used our computers to calculate the distance between Earth and Mars – measured in buildings, sharks and other random objects! We also began learning about binary code, playing a great game to work on our understanding.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER 2025

Tues 2nd

Tues 9th

Wed 17th

Thurs 18th

Fri 19th

Forest School Badger Class

Forest School Rabbit Class

Nativity 9.30 in church

Nativity 1.30 in church

Christingle Service

End Term 2



JANUARY 2026

Mon 5th

Thurs 8th

Thurs 15th

Thurs 22nd

Start Term 3

Y3/4 Swimming – Cumnor House

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FEBRUARY 2026

Fri 13th

Mon 23rd

End Term 3

Start Term 4

MARCH 2026

Mon 9th – Fri 13th

Fri 27th

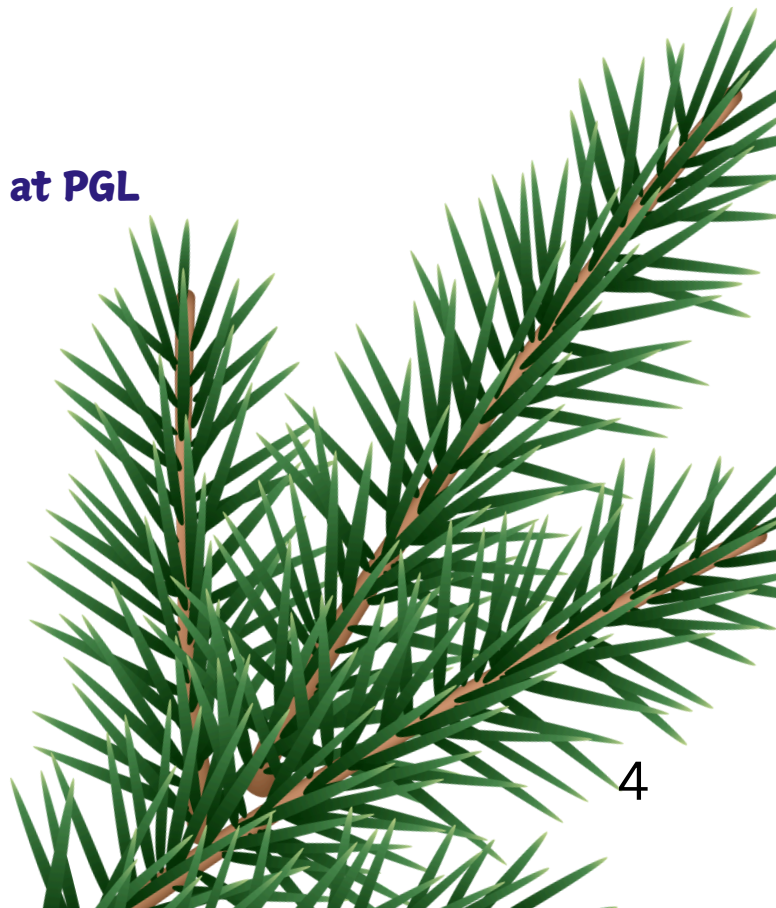
Badger Class at PGL

End Term 4

APRIL 2026

Mon 13th

Start Term 5



Achievement Certificates

Rabbits: Jack and Rex

Hedgehogs: Georgia and Danyil

Foxes: James and Lachlan

Badgers: Orla and Milo

Values Award – Trust

Rabbits: Ruby

Hedgehogs: Reagan

Foxes: Bea

Badgers: Poppy

Attendance this year to date: Whole School: 95.1%

Rabbits: 94.1%

Hedgehogs: 94.8%

Foxes: 96.2%

Badgers: 95.0%

Red under 92%

Amber 92–96%

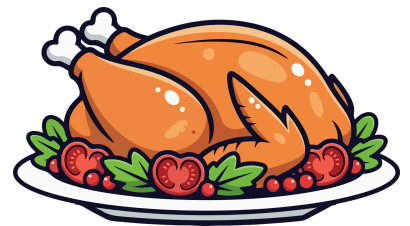
Green above 96%

A couple of reminders ...

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday, 10th December

Thank you to all of you who have let us have your child's Christmas lunch order. If you have not done so, please complete the Microsoft Form link which was emailed to you.

Please order and pay as normal on Studybugs. Chartwells need to know how much turkey to order!



Imago Photography

The cut-off date to ensure free delivery of your photos is Monday, 1st December. You will still be able to order after this date, but there will be a delivery charge.

Christmas Post

Our lovely red postbox is in place ready for all the childrens' Christmas cards! Deliveries will begin next week.



HOLY CROSS CHURCH UCKFIELD
FESTIVAL OF

CHRISTMAS TREES

100+

Uniquely Decorated
Christmas Trees

TREE OF aN
Remembering loved ones

*Festive Music &
Local Entertainment*

GRAND PRIZE
DRAW

Refreshments, Cakes & Hot Lunches
Mulled wine & Hot Chocolate

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER | 10AM-9PM
SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER | 10AM-7PM
SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER | 11AM-4.30PM

Festival Closing Service with Carols 5pm

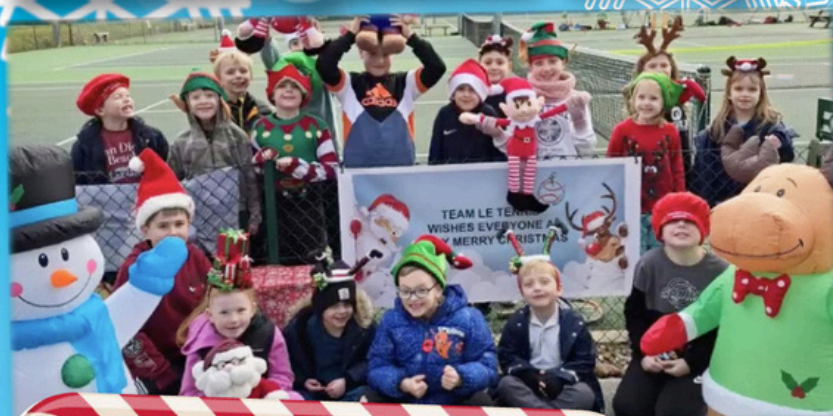
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Team Le Tennis Christmas Extravaganza! Camp



Merry
CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM TEAM LE TENNIS



MARESFIELD LTC

Monday 22nd December
From 9.30am - 1.15pm
Ages 5-12 years

Level: Beginners / Development

Please bring a packed lunch
and snacks

Variety of prizes and
certificates for all.

Limited places so please book
early to avoid disappointment

Cost £37.00

Please do not make payment
until Sunday 21st December

Christmas Themed Matchplay



Crazy Christmas Creators

Hungry Polar Bears



Sledge Race



Christmas Quiz

Elf Delivery

Giftwrap the Tennis Player



Snowman Skittles

Snowball Dash



Plus all your favourite tennis games and activities

To reserve a place please email: team@letennis.co.uk

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