



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of the Autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our festive calendar throughout December. We carefully planned our events to provide exceptional experiences each week on the run up to Christmas.

The Christmas Fair was extremely well attended and raised the Academy just over £1000 – a huge thank you from everyone at #TeamRedwood. The children also enjoyed their visit to see Santa and his elves in his magical Grotto.

Christmas Concerts provide an opportunity for our children to shine on the stage during their nativity performances showcasing their oracy and confidence.

Our Early Years concert 'It's a baby' was a take on the classic nativity story and the children enjoyed performing on the stage for their very first time. Years 1/2/3 performed 'A Midwife Crisis' which featured a midwife and his savvy donkey trying to make it to the birth of Jesus and meeting some traditional characters along the way.

Year 4/5/6 performed 'A Christmas Quarrel' - a tale of friendship and spending quality time with the family over the Christmas period.

On Tuesday the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch; we were thrilled to welcome the Maltby Lions and MLT Central Team to enjoy the festivities with our children.

In the new year we will sadly say goodbye to Miss Moody who is leaving us to pursue her love of curriculum design and we will be welcoming Miss Hobson to Redwood to teach Year 4 Elm Class.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at #TeamRedwood.

KEY DATES:

First Day Back
Monday 8th January

Y6 Bridge Building event
Wednesday 17th January

Y4 Austerfield Study Centre
Friday 26th January

KS2 Prime VR
Thursday 11th January

Y3 Stone age workshop
Tuesday 16th January

Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Monday 22nd January

NSPCC Number Day
Friday 2nd February

Young Voices
Wednesday 21st February

For more upcoming dates please see our website:
[Maltby Redwood - Upcoming Events](#)



RotherHive KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

Rotherhive is a website which has been created for Rotherham residents and provides a range of support for adults. Adults who have the right support are in the right place, both mentally and physically, to support their children and families.

The website focuses on different aspects of wellbeing and there is a quiz which parents/carers can complete which will then signpost tips as to how to feel better or stay happy. There is advice around bereavement, stress, low mood, finding balance in your life and sleep as well as links to local groups which could support. There is also advice around debt, homelessness and domestic abuse. For more information and advice, visit the website - [RotherHive – The wellbeing and mental health resource for Rotherham](#)

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Cinderella Pantomime

The whole school enjoyed a magical afternoon at the Pantomime. The children laughed, danced and sang along with Cinderella, it was a truly exceptional experience!

Christmas Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our Christmas Fair, it was a truly unforgettable experience. We hope you enjoyed meeting Santa's reindeer, seeing Olaf, and playing outside in the snow! It was lovely to see everyone there enjoying the Christmas spirit!



CLASS ATTENDANCE FOR THE AUTUMN TERM:

Nursery Acorns: 93.1%

Reception Saplings: 93.8%

Y1 Willow Class: 92.8%

Y2 Maple Class: 94.6%

Y3 Pine Class: 96.9%

Y4 Elm Class: 94.9%

Y5 Cherry Class: 93%

Y6 Oak Class: 96.5%



EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE UPDATE

December is a very special time in our Early Years calendar as Christmas is such a magical experience for the children. Nursery have enjoyed their Christmas Movie morning where the children came to school in their pyjamas armed with their favourite teddy and enjoyed a hot chocolate and popcorn. Reception Saplings also enjoyed their first educational visit out of school to the Rotherham Civic Theatre to watch Cinderella. Our stay and Christmas Crafts was a huge success - we were overwhelmed with the number of parents / carers that joined us for the morning and the children loved spending time with their grown-up crafting in school.

We have welcomed our new January starter children into Maltby Redwood with transition visits; this was a really positive experience and the children left feeling very excited about starting school and we can't wait for them to join us in the new year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the EYFS Team!