

The second half of the Autumn term has been an extremely busy and productive one and the children have worked incredibly hard. The KS1 children continue to make us feel proud with their efforts and enthusiasm for learning. We would like to share some highlights from this time and celebrate our children's achievements.

### This Half Term's Attendance

Attendance remains a high priority for all of our Northwood children. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers who have fully supported the school by ensuring their children have attended school daily. Please can you ensure that your child arrives punctually at the start of the school day. Year 1 children should be in school at 8.45am and Year 2 children should arrive for 8.50am. We aim for a child's attendance to be 96% or above by the end of the year.



Class 3 – Year 1 – Mr West	85.2%	Class 5 – Year 2 – Mrs Taylor	90.3%
Class 4 – Year 1 – Miss Farrell/ Miss Kelly	87.8%	Class 6 – Year 2 – Miss Craig	89.9%

### Year 1: Remember, Remember the 5<sup>th</sup> November

The children in Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about The Gunpowder Plot and the history behind why we remember the 5<sup>th</sup> November. To finish the topic, the children enjoyed creating their own Guy Fawkes and putting him on our own bonfire.

### Year 2: PE

Year 2 have been showing great balance, control and coordination during our Yoga sessions this half term. We have been learning how to relax and breathe and focus our minds on specific tasks. We have also had great fun with Tracey from HoopStarz learning how to hula hoop and then how to perform tricks with the hoops. We also enjoyed skipping day and learned how to skip with a partner.



### Year 2: Follow the Star Christmas Journey.

Year 2 were lucky enough to be invited to St Matthew and St Luke's church to take part in the Follow the Star Christmas Journey. The journey took them from meeting Mary in Nazareth, to the shepherds on the hillside as they were visited by the Angel Gabriel, to the stable in Bethlehem where the baby Jesus was sleeping in a manger, then to the three King's palace, ending up in a modern living room with a story about how Jesus is the light of the world.



### **KS1 – Outdoor Learning**

For Outdoor Learning Day in Year 1, the children took part in a leaf hunt to identify all of the different types of leaves in the school grounds. The children then used some of the leaves to create their own leaf sparkler for Bonfire Night. The children in Y2 looked for leaves in different shapes, sizes and colours, they then made some super animal artwork using their leaves. They also made bird feeders to hang in our outdoor spaces to feed the birds in this cold weather.



### **KS1 – Tree Dressing**

For our annual tree dressing day, Year 1 used oil pastels to decorate leaves and then used them to create a leaf wreath. In Year 2 the children created reindeer out of pine cones.



### **KS1 – Christmas Performance**

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have had a wonderful time performing and singing in our Christmas concert 'The Elf who didn't like Christmas'. We hope you enjoyed watching the show!



### **This term's certificates:**

	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Week 1 A Good Start	Jack Yarrow Nola Simpson	Jack Geldard Amelia-Jean Atkinson	Dea Hasandoci Tyler Douglas	Millie Booth Taylor Bruce
Week 2 Being Thoughtful	Ava Ridout Theo Jones	Darcy Flannigan Thomas Hartley	Kate Blakeborough Poppy Schroeder	Asher Awolusi Caitlyn Hiles
Week 3 Respecting Others	Charlotte Flannigan Eliza Boswell	Hannah Brennan Danny Wright	Esme Singh Clara Harper	Johnson Welch Scarlett Munro
Week 4 A Good Influence	Gilbert Maguire Alfie Carolan	Emilia Henderson Noah Russell	Elizabeth Coates- Carey Larry Welch	Mason Keith Maeleigh Omer
Week 5 Encouraging others	Charlotte Flannigan Aidan Johnson	Violet Allen Edward Mathers	Esme Barker Kate Blakeborough	Christine Harrison Asher Awolusi
Week 6 Kindness Award	Nathaniel Storey Francesca O'Brien	Edward Mathers Viola-Grace Wardell	Eva Burton Jack Brennan	Maximus Barker Randana Jayasinhage
Week 7 Tremendous Term	Mmessoma Udo Theo Jones	Rebecca-Lu Higson- Smyth Alistar Lee	Tommy Newton Dea Hasandoci	Paulamarie Hartley Taylor Bruce

From the Key Stage 1 team, we wish you a happy and safe Christmas holiday. We look forward to starting the Spring term on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.