



Welcome to the Christmas Special edition of our school newsletter

What an amazing few weeks we have had! Alongside their normal classwork, the children have shown us what a talented group of young people they are. All our children have played an active part in our numerous Christmas performances and inside this edition of the newsletter you will find a selection of photographs. There will be more photographs on the website, so please take time to have a look at these too.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, parent (and grandparent!) volunteers who help make events like these happen. From building the set and sewing costumes to coaxing shy young performers to take to the stage we all contribute to making Ecton Village Primary Academy a special place for our children. Thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments and to all of our parents for bringing the children back to various evening performances – not always easy with busy lives.

I hope you all enjoy a well deserved break over Christmas and we look forward to see you back at school on Thursday 5 January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kate Cleaver
Principal

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LAST DAY: 20th Dec

FIRST DAY: 5th Jan

Pupil of the Week

Each week the class teachers will nominate a:

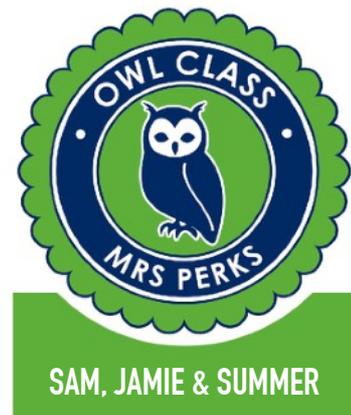
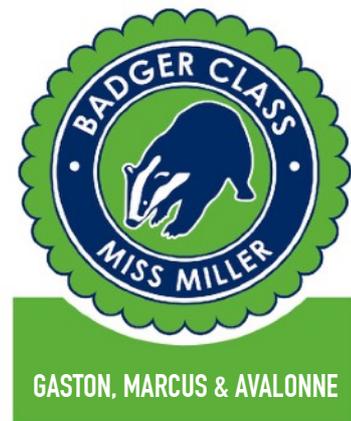
- Super Squirrel
- Happy Hedgehog
- Brilliant Badger
- Outstanding Owl

The children are chosen for consistently demonstrating the Ecton values of Resilience, Kindness, Co-operation and Engagement. They are recognised for their excellent attitude in all areas of school life. As a reward, they have lunch with Mrs Cleaver. We have our own special table and receive waitress service.

We will let you know which children have been truly amazing in our fortnightly news.



"I look forward to my lunches very much each week - it is a lovely opportunity to chat to the children more informally and hear what they have to say." *Kate Cleaver*



KS2 Christmas Performance

Christmas 1914

The children in KS2 have been studying WW1 as their topic this term. It made choosing this emotional play an apt decision. Featuring some well-known war time songs such as 'It's a Long way to Tipperary' and the Christmas carol 'Silent Night' sung in two languages, the children captured the Christmas spirit of life at home and in the trenches 100 years ago.





Hatton Academies Trust Christmas Concert

The Ecton Village Primary Academy choir made their debut performance at the HAT Christmas Concert last week. Children in years 1-6 joined pupils from all four of the Trust schools to take part in this wonderful annual event. Singing two songs, the children made a great impression on an audience of Trust Directors, the Mayor and Mayoress and many proud parents!



Christingle Service

Each of the children made a Christingle this year. In class they learned about the symbolism of this fruit and why we light a candle at this time of year. The staff and children then attended a Christingle service at the church in the Village. The short service was led by Rev. Jackie Buck and the children enjoyed singing some traditional Christmas songs. Both the vicar and the verger complimented the children on their excellent behaviour.



Ecton Golden Oldies

The choir also performed for the Village Over 65s lunch club. They too were very impressed by our children – commenting on their enthusiasm and confidence. They were particularly enthralled by Gabriel's confident solo.

KS1 Christmas Performance

Whoops-a-Daisy-Angel

On Wednesday our very youngest children entertained us all with their version of the Christmas story. With shepherds and angels, kings and wise men the children sung their hearts out to enthrall a large audience of friends and family members.





Please visit the school website for more photos from all of our recent events.

www.ectonvillageacademy.org.uk

Christmas Lunch

All the staff and almost all the children shared a wonderful Christmas lunch provided by our new caterers Dolce. Joined by Megan and Daniel, Head Girl and Head Boy from Sir Christopher Hatton Academy, we sat at tables with table cloths and wore party hats, there really was a festive feel in the hall!

Thank you to our lunch team who work hard to support our children every day, and a special thank you for facilitating the Christmas meal so spectacularly!



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