

# Winter Newsletter 2022

Dear Families and Friends,

As we come to the end of a great Autumn Term here at Sherbourne Fields, I hope that we are all able to take time to look back and reflect on the achievements both big and small that our children have made since September.

We have had so many proud moments that make the hard work of our staff and the support of our families all worthwhile. One magical moment was enjoyed at Coventry Cathedral last Friday when a group of Primary classes joined other schools from across the City to take part in a wonderful performance of The Nutcracker. This was the second performance this term by our pupils in our beautiful Cathedral and our children rose to the occasion once more.

The Primary children continued to create magic this week with their performance of A Time to Remember. The hall was filled with pride as our little ones took to the stage to take us through the decades with music, movement and lots of nostalgic moments. I hope our families enjoyed the production as much as we did; it was particularly special as this was the first time we have been able to welcome our families to a production for three years.

Further afield children from across school have taken part in a range of sporting fixtures including Power Chair football this term. Our children continue to be commended for how they represent our school. Our other curriculum-based trips have also enhanced our children's learning. We have enjoyed trips to the City Centre; the Transport Museum; the Herbert Art Gallery; Albany Theatre and West Midlands Safari Park to name but a few! A big **THANK YOU** to our staff for organising so many trips and visits to enhance our children's experiences and their learning and thank you to our families who have contributed to the cost of these trips when we know every penny counts.

The wonderful new pupils that joined us in September have quickly become part of our school family, and as our school grows so does our building with the exciting development of our new school entrance well under way. Our new sensory room opened just a couple of weeks ago and what a fabulous addition this is to our school. We hope our new entrance will be complete by the end of February, this will give us a much more secure site as well as providing us with a purpose-built Café for our older pupils to have the opportunity to run as part of their employability skills course.

As always, we want to say a big thank you to the Community Coaches from Coventry Rugby Club who continue to support us and work closely with the school. Their commitment to supporting our pupils never wavers. We also enjoyed a visit from some more members of the Coventry Team last week who spent the morning supporting pupils from across school in lessons. Open Theatre practitioners have also continued to work with us this term in both Primary and Secondary bringing another creative dimension to our curriculum.

Congratulations to our pupils that were selected for a World Class School Award this term, we are particularly proud of Raelie from KS3, who was recognised for her brilliant work in Science lessons.



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Earlier in the term we celebrated another achievement when we once again successfully gained our 360 E-Safety Award. This award recognises our commitment to safeguarding our pupils a wide range from risks on line. Our Student Council did us very proud when the external assessor was in school for a day, they discussed how they kept themselves safe and the resources they were aware of to protect themselves from online bullying etc. It was wonderful that the staff, pupils and our families were recognised for their commitment to this.

We finish our term on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, at 12.00pm when we will wave our children off to enjoy a lovely Christmas before we pack the decorations and the Christmas trees away for the start of the New Year. It has been a very full and busy term packed with lots of learning and fun and this wouldn't be possible without everyone working together. A big thanks to our Nursing Team for supporting us as a staff with our children and to our other visiting Therapists from a wide range of disciplines.

I would like to finish by thanking all of the staff at Sherbourne for their commitment, their hard work and their wonderful support and humour throughout this term; I would also like to thank all of our families for their continued support and for working with us so positively.

So finally, I wish you all a wonderful holiday and I look forward to 2023 being another successful year for Sherbourne Fields where we can continue to celebrate many more achievements and create many more special memories.

See you all on Tuesday 3rd January 2023!

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

**Shivaun x**



*Blue Angel by  
Marc Chagall*



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## PRIMARY NEWS

It has been an action packed Autumn term in Primary. Pupils have immersed themselves into lots of learning across the curriculum and have continued to make us all proud of the progress they make. The learning on show has been wonderful to see, within our classrooms we continue to see creativity, independence and communication embedded at the forefront of everything we do.

Our pupils have also represented our school impeccably on a vast amount of school trips within the local community and further afield. We have had students visit Dudley Zoo, Hoar Farm, Warwick Castle to meet some birds of prey and a local bakery which have all supported our pupils experience of stories they have been studying. We have made use of our local community by rambling within the Coundon wedge and used our functional skills within local shops. I would also like to say a huge well done to all of our pupils who have represented Sherbourne in different sporting events such as cross country through swimming and a dance festival.



Representatives of pupils from several classes across the phase came together to create a beautiful version of the Nutcracker in conjunction with the Royal Opera House. These pupils performed at Coventry Cathedral to a huge audience. Our pupils received a huge standing ovation and there was not dry eye in the house. A big thank you to all of the staff who supported with this wonderful event.



This week saw the return of our annual Christmas performance. It was the first live performance in 3 years due to the COVID pandemic. Our pupils took us on a journey through time, celebrating the big events of the last 100 years. Our pupils showed great bravery standing on stage in front of over 100 people. It was great to see our pupils celebrate their achievements and show everyone what they can do. I would also like to add a huge thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly to choreograph, write scripts and create some of the fantastic props.

**Sara Nelmes**  
Deputy Head - EYFS & Primary

**Matthew Blowers**  
Assistant Head - EYFS & Primary



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## YELLOW CLASS

The pupils in Yellow Class have settled well into their new school and have enjoyed a range of activities and learning alongside their new friends.

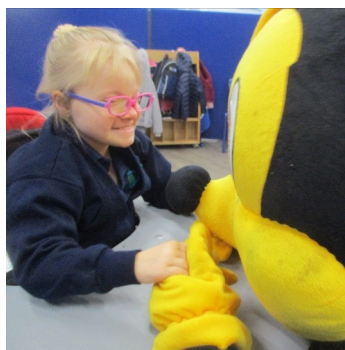
They have had fun joining in with lots of different activities. They have especially enjoyed the sensory stories 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Room on the Broom' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' as well as lots of counting and action songs. As part of our topic, we have been looking at how people celebrate different festivals such as Harvest festival, Diwali and Christmas. They have been taking lots of turns with their friends and we have begun exploring different areas of the school. The pupils were amazing in their performance of the 'Nutcracker' at the Cathedral, as well as their performance in the end of year production.



**Suzanne Balmond**  
Class Teacher

## BLUE CLASS

This term Blues Class have been exploring our families and the city around us. We have done lots of sensory work in the world around us including exploring animals, how they feel, smell and look. One of our favourite lessons was learning about the Sherbourne bees; we even had one special bee come to visit!



We have been learning about big and small in Maths. We made different size pizzas from scratch smelling and feeling them. We got to taste or smell them after and they were super yummy!

Blue Class have moved into our new class room and it is great! We love it and have all settled well.



**Merry Christmas!**  
Blue Class Team



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## GOLD CLASS

**G**old Class have worked extremely hard at mastering the actions and signs to rhymes in English. Our favourite songs have been Row, Row, Row your boat, Little Peter Rabbit and Dingle Dangle Scarecrow.



**I**n Maths, Gold Class have been working on finding big and small, sequencing our routines and matching coins. We have all made some incredible progress.



**T**his term Gold Class have enjoyed going on our first trips. We have explored our local community, the wedge, been to the post box and practiced crossing the road using a Zebra crossing. We are looking forward to our trip to the snowdome to further our knowledge about 'The Arctic'.

**Jasmin Swain**  
Class Teacher

## GREEN CLASS

**T**his first term Green Class have really enjoyed settling into our new class, getting to know each other and learning new routines. We completed a class challenge which involved us taking on a five and a half mile walk across five days in our local countryside. All members of Green Class were incredible during our challenge and managed to raise a large amount of money. Green Class have been extremely lucky this term and have attended some incredible trips. We were lucky enough to be invited to attend an inclusive swim at Newbold Comyn which was so much fun and allowed us to explore a new swimming pool and play some games.

**W**e also attended a Trampolining session with Central Galaxy Trampolining Club, we had great fun bouncing on the big trampolines and trying out some of their gymnastics equipment. Both sessions provided us with opportunities to develop our gross motor skills and offered us the sensory stimulation to ensure we had a fantastic time.

**G**reen Class would like to wish all our family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**Katie Warden**  
Class Teacher



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## ORANGE CLASS

This half term Orange Class have been working really hard. We have enjoyed trips out where in Maths we went looking for circles and triangles around school. The pupils have also been working hard in PSHE where we have been looking at the different stages of growing up.

The pupils have explored photos of themselves at a younger age and then explored jobs you might do as an adult.



We have really enjoyed the run up to Christmas, where we took part in The Nutcracker performance at Coventry Cathedral.

We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



**Megan Lewis**  
Class Teacher

## SILVER CLASS

It has been a very busy term for us all in Silver Class this term. We really enjoyed our English topic; Books by Julia Donaldson. We focused on the story 'The Paper Dolls'. Pupils immersed themselves within the story and placed themselves in the position of the characters by making their own paper dolls and joining in with the rhymes.

The pupils have also worked tirelessly within their Math's lessons. Pupils have been identifying all of their numbers to 20; ordering them and representing them in various different ways such as cubes, toys and numicon. We have also been exploring the concept of heavy and light.

Silver Class have been on several trips throughout the term. A particular highlight was our trip to Hereward College to partake in a dance festival with SENDactive. The pupils had to learn a brand new dance and perform it in front of an audience of five other schools, they were all so brave.

We have also been able to embrace the dare devil within us by using our zipwire at school for the first time. After some initial nerves on the ascent to the top, all of the pupils went down with huge smiles and even asked for more. I am really proud of everything we have achieved in Silver Class this term, well done all!



**Matthew Blowers**  
Class Teacher





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## WHITE CLASS

**W**hat a fun packed term White Class have had. We have certainly enjoyed the beginning of the year. We have been taking part in lots of exciting activities. Firstly, we learnt all about our local environment. Then, we went on to learn about the countryside and farms. We thought about why farms are often at the countryside and why there are animals at the farm. We finished this learning with a lovely trip to the farm. We met lots of different animals and even fed them!



In English we have been learning about description and sentences, we have done this by listening to lots of new stories. We have thought about how the characters feel, how they look and how they behave. We used all of this information to create our own sentences, ordering the words and doing some lovely writing. More recently, in Math's, we have been learning about shapes. We went for a walk to find shapes in the environment, we painted with shapes, we made collages with shapes and we cut and drew shapes. It was all so much fun.

**We** have all had a great first term. Enjoy your Christmas break White Class!

**Rebecca Gane**  
Class Teacher

## PINK CLASS

**A**utumn has been a busy term for Pink Class. The pupils all adapted really quickly to their new classroom, class mates and staff. We started off the first half term looking at some of the poems from Roald Dahls Revolting Rhymes and enjoyed acting out the stories like The Three Little Pigs where the wolf came to a gruesome end. We then looked at Hansel and Gretel, following trails of pebbles and learning how to infer and predict. This half term we have had fun with the 'Salty Dogs' where we recreated an island with sand, dressed as pirates and sailed a pirate ship to an island to find treasure. We finished by reading a book called 'If I had a Gryphon' where we compared looking after pets. We had an exciting visit to Warwick Castle to look at birds of prey and discovered that they might not be the easiest pet to look after.

In Humanities we have learnt all about the history of bikes and the important links to Coventry. We rounded this off with a very interesting trip to Coventry Transport Museum. It's been a very busy fun term and Pink Class have been an absolute pleasure to teach. Their behaviour in class and on trips and their attitude to learning has been exemplary. Well done to all of you and Happy Christmas to everybody!



**Kevin Wake**  
Class Teacher



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## RED CLASS

This term, Red Class have enjoyed some amazing and exciting activities. During English lessons we read the story "Nim's Island". We further explored the book by making our own Island, being brave like our main character and going on the zipline as well as going to the Zoo to find facts about the animals in our story.

Red Class have also recently read a poem on Birthdays. We explored items we might need to throw our own birthday party and wrote our own invitations to ask Pink Class to join us. At our party we made decorations and games then set up the classroom with food and music. We used this experience to then help us write our own poem on birthdays.

We have also been working really hard in our Science topic "Hot, hot, hot". Red Class learnt all about different ways we get heat such as the sun, fire and chemicals. Then we explored how to keep safe around the different types of heat. We applied our knowledge of fire safety and had our own campfire to do some cooking. We all did good listening and followed the fire safety rules to allow us to cook and eat some yummy food!



Well done for all your hard work Red Class! Merry Christmas!

**Beth Lambert**  
Class Teacher

## PURPLE CLASS

Purple Class have had a wonderful Autumn term. We have been very busy exploring a variety of different topics. Within our English lessons we have been exploring adventure stories, poetry and traditional tales. The pupils have also been identifying 2-D and 3-D shapes in the environment whilst recalling their properties!

During our Countryside and the City topic the pupils have been comparing the features of the two environments. We created a miniature rural area including key features which they used to create their own aerial maps! During the Local Heroes topic the pupils learnt about Lady Godiva and Mark Wood linking to a timeline of Then and Now.

We have lots of favourite days, such as when we went on the zip wire and when we went to the bakery, we love going into the soft play area too! As a class we really enjoyed dressing up, practicing and performing in the Christmas play.



From myself and the class team it has been a thoroughly enjoyable term in Purple Class. It has been a pleasure to see how well they have settled and all of the pupils achievements and progress they have made this term! We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and an enjoyable break.

**Rachael Charley**  
Class Teacher



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## GREY CLASS

**G**rey Class have had a super first term. We have really enjoyed settling into our new class, welcoming new members, getting to know each other and have enjoyed working together to create food for our Teddy Bear's picnic.

**W**e have been working incredibly hard in all subject areas and particularly enjoyed a trip to Dudley Zoo to explore lion characteristics to enhance our writing for a character in our story: 'The Lion and The Mouse'.



**I**n addition we had an exciting trip to Moor Farm stables; linked to our English book 'The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses' where we learned about horse's body parts, characteristics and some of us were lucky enough to ride them!

**I**n Maths, we have been building our knowledge of 'more' and 'less', counting and understanding quantities and creating tally charts and pictograms.



**W**e have enjoyed our enterprise project 'Grey Class Christmas Shop' which has managed to raise funds to enable us to visit Cadbury World next term! Thank you to all staff, family and friends who have supported us with this.

**I**n Humanities we have been exploring the different cultures and understanding what migration is and how this has made Coventry a diverse and interesting City.

**G**rey Class would like to wish all our family and friends a Merry Christmas and we are looking forward to welcoming in the New Year and a new term of learning at Sherbourne Fields.



**Jenny Page**  
Class Teacher



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## KS3 NEWS

### Class 3.1

This Term Class 3.1 have been busy completing their Prince's Trust unit on Customer Experience. During this unit the class have looked at what makes good and bad customer service, how businesses retain customers and attract new customers as well as thinking about how complaints can be dealt with.

In English students studied 'Autobiographies and Biographies' where they worked at creating biographies on David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg which coincided nicely with their Humanities topic 'Weather and Climate'. Students kept a weather chart over the first half term and learned about changing climates and how we can all help to stop climate change. During the second half term pupils read 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett which they engaged really positively with. Pupils spent time considering the over-all character arc and inferring how the characters felt at each stage of the story. The class then recapped the story and could recall all of the main events.

Class 3.1 have worked hard in Math's, learning about greater than, equal to and less than, ordering numbers, and column addition and subtraction.

In My Religion and Culture, the class has explored their cultural heritage, where their family originate from and things that are special to them.

**Brilliant work all!**



**Linzi Savage**  
Assistant Head - Key Stage 3

### Class 3.2

This term Class 3.2 have been reading and exploring the text 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett, a story that follows Mary Lennox and the range of emotions she experiences on her path to discovery and healing.

As a class we have explored characters and made predictions about their journey within that story, and examined classical text in order to greater understand the author's meaning. In Math's we have been working with greater than, equal to and less than, ordering of numbers, and column addition and subtraction.

Science has been very fun! We have been looking at the Earth's geology and exploring the structure of our planet; which has included rocks, their formation; and volcanoes. It was exciting to build our own volcanoes and replicate a volcanic eruption.



We have also enjoyed learning about our and others heritage, Austria Day, rambling, map reading, competing at the Rotary Sporting Event, and for some, a trip to the theatre in Stratford Upon Avon to perform on stage as Scrooge or Marley. Well done Class 3.2!

**Travis Beswick**  
Class Teacher





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## Class 3.3

In Class 3.3, we have had some exciting times in English this term working on our autobiographies and biographies of inspirational people. We've had characters in role for Stevie Wonder and this carried through to meeting the White Queen on our journey through Narnia in the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

In Mathematics, we have worked hard at understanding and working out place value of numbers and using that knowledge to complete column addition and subtraction problems. We have also been challenging ourselves with lots of problem solving and taking our learning into the outdoors.

In Humanities we have explored the weather and climate in the UK and compared it with other countries. We became meteorologists, building our own weather stations and visiting the Wedge to observe the weather patterns. We moved onto migration, learning about which factors push or pull people to leave or come to a new country. To support our learning, we had a visit from one of our families who shared their own migration story with the class. We also learned that some people who migrate, do so for reasons to keep themselves and their families safe, such as refugees. We then learned that Coventry is a city that welcomes refugees and charities such as Carriers of Hope. We have been collecting essential items to deliver to Carriers of Hope.

In My Religion and Culture, we have been exploring each other's special cultures and items from home and talking about our family trees. One of our pupils could show us that their families date back to the 1920's.

**Cindy Lynch**  
Class Teacher



## Class 3.4

It has been a busy term of Art for Class 3.4! First, we enjoyed learning about Street Art and the infamous artist, Banksy. To support our learning, we took a trip to Fargo Village to look at and photograph the amazing street art there; some of which is clearly influenced by the work of Banksy. Everyone did a great job of locating all of the examples of street art and we even had the opportunity to visit an artist's studio and talk to the resident artist there.

We then worked together to create our own street art inspired piece, incorporating silhouettes, graffiti and colour. We worked very hard and were really proud of our artwork! Since half term we have been learning about different types of needlecraft, we have all had a go at knitting, crocheting, cross stitch and have also had the opportunity to use a sewing machine to make bookmarks. We are now just in the process of finishing off our hanging display to show off our fab work. We look forward to our new Art topics in 2023!

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from all of us in Class 3.4.*



**Jo Franklin**  
Class Teacher



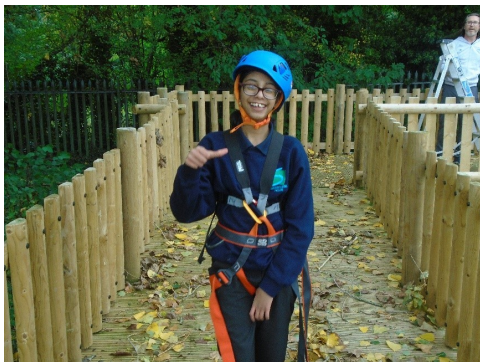
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## Class 3.5

This term Class 3.5 have been working very hard. In Maths they have been focusing on column addition and subtraction, and fractions of amounts. They have learnt how to identify  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of various amounts using arrays.

In English, all students wrote an autobiography and more recently they have enjoyed listening to 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S Lewis. The students have made character predictions and used a Story Mountain to recall key parts of the story.

Class 3.5 have also enjoyed building resilience on the school zip wire, walks to Coundon Wedge to study the weather, experienced shopping at the local Tesco Express to support financial education and visited Nauls Mill Underpark to view a display of street art which linked to our art topic. All students should be very proud for what they have achieved. Well done everyone!



**Emma Durrant**  
Class Teacher

## Class 3.6

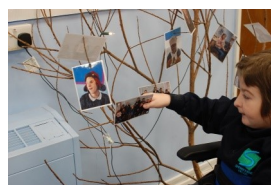
This Autumn term Class 3.6 have been learning about autobiographies, starting with Greta Thunberg then moving on to creating our own ones all about our lives, our families and our interests.

We've had trips to Coundon Wedge to monitor changes to the environment through the seasons. We've been to the shops to cement our understanding of counting money and paying for items on our list. We also visited Naul's Mill linear park as part of our focus on street art.

In Science we've been learning about rocks and soil, collecting samples with different textures from the school grounds and learning about all the layers that make up the earth's crust. We've also helped to build a working volcano!



In English we've been reading The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. We role-played different parts of the story to help us remember the characters and the order of the main events. The students have continued to form great relationships with each other and are always eager to celebrate and congratulate when a friend does well in class. We are looking forward to creating more fun memories over the Spring term.



**Kayleigh Totten**  
Class Teacher



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## Class 3.7

This term in English Class 3.7 have been looking at the classic fiction book 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe'. We have been really engaged in finding out what happened at the start of the story. We have played hide and seek like the children from the story, when they found the magical wardrobe. We have had the fantastic opportunity to explore our own wardrobe. Just like the wardrobe to Narnia, our wardrobe was filled with fur coats and icy branches. We all spent time feeling, smelling and describing how it felt to be in the wardrobe.



We had to go outside like the children in the book, to see how it would feel without a coat. We quickly came back in and put our fur coats on, then we felt much warmer! We found out that in the story Lucy went into the magical land of Narnia, through the wardrobe. When she was there she met Mr Tumnus, who became her friend. We talked about our friends in the class and in school and how we need to be kind to each other. We have even had our own visit from Mr Tumnus! We prepared a special afternoon tea of toast and butter, sardines and toasted teacakes and a cup of tea! We knew Mr Tumnus likes those, as it is the same afternoon tea he shared with Lucy when she visited his home at the beginning of the story. Brilliant work, Class 3.7!

**Sue Wookey**  
Class Teacher

## Class 3.8

As we move to the end of the term we reflect on how far our students have come since September making new relationships with staff and peers, engaging in their work and exploring the enjoyment that school has to offer.

Class 3.8 have been working incredibly hard in SMSC showing they can work as a team and all the different skills this entails such as determination, dedication and being responsible. Students have taken part in a cross curricular task where they collected apples from our apples trees and washed, prepared and bagged them up to deliver to all the classes across the school for the students to have as their snack. Class 3.8 worked really well as a team and did themselves proud, delivering the apples also allowed them to meet new students and staff, improve their communication skills and allowed them to explore new places around school.

In Humanities, the class have taken part in many work relating tasks covering the topic of 'Migration to Coventry'. Students have looked at what migration means and why people migrated to Coventry. We have focused on the industrial jobs of ribbon making, weaving and car manufacturing. We designed and made ribbon focusing on colours associated with Coventry, weaving making beautiful placemats for our Christmas dinner and the most fun we had was being automotive factory workers working on an assembly line building cars. Some students were given the task of fine motor skills building, some quality control and others making sure the assembly line was running smoothly. Students thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this functional practical skill sessions and we can definitely see some future job roles.



**Carla Swaffield**  
Class Teacher



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As you can see, Key Stage 3 have been very busy over the Autumn Term, they have been working very hard across the curriculum and taken part in a variety of extra-curricular activities and trips.

A particular highlight for us was our cultural submersion day where we learned all about Austria! It was fantastic to welcome another wonderful cohort of pupils in to Year 7 and it has been a pleasure to watch them settle and grow in confidence.



The Key Stage have enjoyed getting to know each other and lots of new friendships have developed.

I wish you all a restful winter break and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

**Linzi Savage**  
Assistant Head - Key Stage 3



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## Music at Sherbourne

### Primary Phase:

Pupils have settled into the music room really well and are familiar with myself as their music teacher. We have been focusing on experiencing musical foundations and exploring them through a variety of instruments.

Classes have used shakers, drums and glockenspiels to play together as ensembles as well as exploring new instruments such as gongs, ocean drums and Soundbeams.

Pupils have also been singing and vocalising a number of Christmas songs and Carols ready for the festive season.



### Secondary Phase:

Students have become familiar with myself and the music room and have studied core musical fundamentals such as rhythm and pitch. These have been explored through different contexts such as Pop and R&B as well as through different instruments such as keyboards, piano, djembe drums and xylophones.

Students are encouraged to participate through the use of microphones, working both as individuals and as groups.



**Nicholas Green**  
School Music Teacher



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## Horticulture/Outdoor Learning

It has been a very busy term for us with lots of projects being worked on outside. It started with some groups working on clearing the raised beds in the allotment and getting them prepared for the growing season next spring. We planted our onion sets which can survive the cold winter months and learnt that garlic actually needs a frost to form the cloves. We have also been able to get our broad bean, pea and sweet pea seeds sowed and stored in the greenhouse.



In September we were able to harvest our first batch of Sherbourne Honey. A number of classes across school were able to take part in some of the processes this involved. From spinning the honey from the frames, sieving the honey and jarring it. We also learnt about the legal requirements for labelling our jars. We hope that our bees will provide us with a lot more honey next year. We entered our honey and honey products into The Coventry Bee Societies Honey Show and were delighted to win the 1<sup>st</sup> prize Trophy in the Novice Honey Category.

There has been a lot of planting of young tree saplings around school that we received from the Woodland Trust. Different classes have been involved in this project, not only have we been learning about the process of planting and protecting a young sapling but also beginning to learn about the environmental advantages of planting more trees.

We have also started a project that aims to provide year-round planting that will provide seasonal flowers both for pollinators and to aid curriculum learning. We have begun by planting a number of raised beds with bulbs that we hope will provide us with a lovely display in Spring.



**Jo Smith**  
Class Teacher





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## KS4 NEWS

It has been another amazing term for Key Stage 4. There have been so many great experiences that the pupils have participated in to enhance their curriculum, as well as lots of high-quality work within classes.

This has ranged from visits to local attractions, sporting competitions and DofE adventures. In which our students have not only participated but also been very successful, indeed victorious on numerous occasions.



The coursework that the examination students have produced also needs recognition as they have really “raised the bar” in terms of the quality and overall standard of work.

The Art and Design GCSE portfolios are truly beautiful, and it is hoped that the pupils will gain an impressive result from them.



The holistic progress across all of the groups within the Key Stage has been very pleasing, with all students now settled into their routines and timetables.



It has been so lovely to see the students back together and enjoying their education at Sherbourne once more. So many smiling faces!

I would like to wish all of the families and students a very Merry Christmas and New Year, enjoy the break!

**Andy Lewis**  
**Assistant Head - Key Stage 4**



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## Arts Across Sherbourne

In the Art room and throughout Key Stage 3, our pupils have been creating some amazing outcomes. Before half-term, projects were based around 'Street Art' and many pupils designed their own 'TAG' which is a graphic signature around which they explored words that represent their character and how other pupils see them.

We used strong colours and textured backgrounds to create a graffiti wall with our ideas sketched around signs and symbols. This half term pupils have explored a range of textiles skills; weaving, sewing, and on the computer have explored to create exciting results where colour, pattern and textures have developed into personal designs that show off our making skills with our hands and different materials.



In Key Stage 4, pupils have been building up their coursework for the different qualifications they will be working towards at the end of the year.



Some of our pupils have produced fantastic projects around the theme of trees whilst others have explored 'Safely Contained' as their starting point. All pupils have been drawing and painting in impressive ways with exciting personally developed studies that show off their skills beautifully. We have incorporated photography, printing, 3-Dimensional work, Computer Aided Design, gallery visits and written reflections about other art works and artists to show our knowledge and understanding. It has been a very successful term for everyone and the focus and effort shown in all our pupils creative outcomes has been incredible.

**Paul Connelly**  
Art Teacher



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## Class 4P

Class 4P have been working hard to look after our Sherbourne Fields animals all term during their 'animal care' Science lessons each week.

They have been cleaning out the animal's homes, providing the rabbits with fresh bedding and supplying fresh food and water for all... whatever the weather!

**Well done 4P!**



**Paul Connelly**  
Class Teacher

## Class 4Z

The students in Class 4Z have had a great start to the academic year and have settled well into their new courses and routines. They have a busy timetable covering a range of different skills. In English they have been focusing on their book of the term, *Escape Room*. This has taken them on an action packed journey through an escape room experience which takes an unexpected twist! They have been busy practicing their independent imaginative writing, exploring online information, leaflets and posters and have designed and promoted their own escape room ideas. Maths has given them some data handling challenges including preparation for their Entry Level qualifications.

Class 4Z have enjoyed trying out new techniques in their Art course including printing, sketching and learning about the colourful artist Grayson Perry. They are working hard towards their coursework portfolios for their GCSE qualification. The Duke of Edinburgh award this term has given them the opportunity to try either Health and Beauty, the Wedge Workshop or Cookery Skills. There have been some delicious pizzas and crumbles produced, new skills such as sawing wood and using tools safely and how to maintain healthy hair, skin and nails.

**Zoe Civzels**  
Class teacher





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## Class 4AD

**T**his term Class AD have been working really hard and we have produced some great work and made fantastic progress. The pupils have settled well into their new classroom and they have adapted to their new routine. Whilst studying our 'All About Me' topic we have explored how we like to communicate in our intensive interaction lessons. Pupils have been making some great vocalisations and they have become aware of their peers vocalisation.

**W**hen learning about our likes and dislikes, we have selected our favourite motivational toy when given a choice between the objects or TOBIs. We have also experienced a range of different hygiene routines when exploring our sensory story Mr Stink.

**I**n our 'World Around Us' lesson we have taken part in a range of cleaning routines such as washing up, hoovering and using the washing machine. When using the washing machine we pretended to be inside the washing machine and focused on all the key stages such as adding the washing powder, water, spin cycle and rinse cycle. We then hung our washing on the line to dry.



**W**e are currently enjoying our new topic which is learning about iconic people. In our Creative Arts lessons we have developed our knowledge of famous artists and we have created a piece of art work in Mondrian style using a wide range of different rollers and we created a class firework picture in the style of Pollocks art work.

**I**n our World Around Us lessons we have flown to the moon like Neil Armstrong, we have made potions and cast spells with Harry Potter. We have also been on our first class trip to Brandon Marsh to join the soundabout practitioners for a magical multi-sensory music making session. Pupils were engaged throughout the trip and explored a wide range of Christmas songs and musical instruments.

**G**reat work 3AD. Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year!



**Amy Downey**  
Class Teacher



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## Class 4JM

Class 4JM have had such a wonderful term, enjoying all sorts of different learning experiences. Everyone has had a brilliant time learning with our sensory story for term: Jurassic Park.

We have been a 'To a New World' and worked hard on our reading, writing, and numbers. We have been on some great trips out, learning about our local area and visiting different places, while also going for walks out in the country.



I am really proud of everything that the group have achieved, both individually and as a collective and I am very excited for what is to come in the new term. Until then I hope the whole class has a fantastic Christmas holiday!



**James Maxim**  
Class Teacher

## Class 4KM

This term we went on our first trip to Brandon Marsh. The students got to experience a multi-sensory winter music session set up by Soundabout. The students had a great time and loved experiencing all the different sensory resources, that included feeling the snowflakes and snow balls, listening the crackle of the open fire, smelling the Christmas smells, cinnamon, nutmeg and they also loved the drive on the minibus!



This half term we have been reading "The Witches". We have had great fun dressing up as the evil witches and making magic potions. The students have used their listening and responding skills well, they have experienced and explored lots of different and exciting resources and had lots of laughs!!

Class 4KM would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

**Kate Mulcahy**  
Class Teacher



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## Class 4H

Class 4H have had a very busy start to the year and settled well into their final year of KS4. They have been working hard on their curriculum, undertaking some really challenging Math's and English work for their upcoming examinations in the summer. As well as their English and Math's qualifications, Class 4H are undertaking a range of exciting subjects. In Art they are working towards their GCSE, they have visited the Herbert Art Gallery for some inspiration for their work, and really enjoyed making their wire sculptures.

In Science they have been learning about fire safety, undertaking experiments involving chemical reactions and becoming experts on our fire emergency protocol. They have also had lots of opportunities to participate in learning outside the classroom. They contributed to the success of the Christmas Bazaar in outdoor learning by helping to make reindeers.



All of Class 4H have been fully involved in DofE, undertaking a range of different activities, hair and beauty, cooking, using the zip wire, helping in the workshop and litter picking. We are really proud of the progress our students have made and we look forward to the Spring term to see what it will bring. We hope you all have a very well deserved rest over the Christmas holidays and look forward to hearing what you all got from Santa!

**Hannah Ogden**  
Class Teacher

## DofE Award

Over the Autumn term the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh groups have been focusing on the skills section of their award, where we continue to build on independence, social awareness and responsible decision making during each of our lessons. Key Stage 4 were split into 3 groups where they were able to learn and develop lots of new skills in a variety of activities. The Hair and beauty group had the fantastic opportunity to learn all about skin care, applying makeup, styling hair and nail design. The woodwork group helped to maintain and make new specialist equipment for our pupils in and around school in the Wedge workshop and the cookery group researched recipes, mastered knife/slicing and dicing skills and prepared and cooked a delicious assortment of both sweet and savoury dishes.

Key Stage 5 split into 2 groups and developed their skills in different activities. The First Aid group learnt how to apply basic first aid skills that might prove vital in an emergency such as choking, treating shock, stopping bleeding and performing CPR. The Yoga group focused on the importance of physical health and wellbeing by practicing and learning some yoga poses, breathing techniques and flexibility.

I would like to thank our amazing staff who continue to support the groups to learn new skills, overcome obstacles, challenges and build on their confidence and resilience.

**Angela Collins**  
Class Teacher



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## Class 4MG

**We** have had a busy first term in Class 4M. The group have participated in a number of offsite educational trips.

**This** month they all headed over to Hereward College to showcase their unbelievable curling skills. Staff who supported the trip were so impressed with their attitudes and manners throughout the trip, they were a credit to themselves.



**As** well as a number of sporting trips, the group also took the short trip over to The Brooklands as part of their communication course in English. The group had to demonstrate independent communication skills and relay to Brooklands staff what they wanted to order. Again, the students excelled themselves – great manners and fantastic communicating in the local community.



**Marie Geary**  
Class Teacher



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## KS5 News

In September, Key Stage 5 staff and students worked hard to ensure we could once again hold our annual MacMillan coffee morning. As well as fabulous donations of a wide variety of delicious homemade cakes, there were a number of games and a whole host of fantastic raffle prizes on offer. The students were polite, helpful, organised and enthusiastic; we were delighted to raise **£815** for such a wonderful cause!



This half term some of our Year 14 students have been busy revising for their Functional Maths and English assessments. They have demonstrated a positive attitude throughout and a great determination to get the results they will need to go on to their Post 16 education destination. As we await the official external moderation, teachers are hopeful that their hard work has paid off and they will get the results they deserve.

Once again, this year there are two Enterprise groups in Key Stage 5 who have been both busily prepping and working towards their enterprise projects. My group have sold many orders of their hot chocolate mugs and reindeer decorations and are busy counting the profits. Zoe's group have also sold lots of their stain glass window biscuits. Thank you to all the families that supported the Enterprise groups; we hope you enjoyed them.



This half term our leavers have had their annual reviews; and we now have 5 confirmed supported Internship placements we will be pursuing. This is fantastic and we are so proud that these young people are leaving school with the employability skills they need to pursue this opportunity.

I look forward to seeing what the students achieve in the term ahead.

**Jodie Lynch**  
Assistant Head - Key Stage 5



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## Future Plans

**K**ey Stage 5 have been joined on Friday's this term by Nicky Claybrook who is a job coach. A job coach is an individual who is employed to help people with disabilities learn, accommodate, and perform their work duties. A job coach may work with individuals one-on-one and/or in a small group. In addition to working on skills related to performing specific job tasks, a job coach also helps with interpersonal skills necessary in the workplace.

**N**icky supports young people on supported internships and has been coming in, talking to pupils and also attending annual reviews to answer any questions parents/carers may have about supported internships.



**A** supported internship is a structured study programme based primarily at an employer. They are unpaid, and last for a minimum of six months. They are designed to help young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan to achieve sustainable paid employment by equipping them with employability skills through learning in the workplace.

**A** successful supported internship will see the young person to move into paid employment at the end of their programme. Alongside their time at the employer, young people complete a personalised study programme which includes the chance to study for relevant qualifications in English and Maths. This will be through a specialist teacher and a job coach.

**L**ast year we had one pupil who went on to do a supported internship in a nursery after she left school. This year we are hoping to have 5 pupils going onto a supported internship in areas they are interested in such as café, garages, maintenance crews and sports centres, when they leave school in July.

**I**f you have any questions about supported internships, please feel free to contact me for further information.

**Jodie Lynch**  
**Assistant Head - Key Stage 5**



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## Employability

### Hospitality

We have two 6<sup>th</sup> form groups working towards their Hospitality qualification this year. They have been incredibly busy learning about new techniques and different cooking methods in the kitchen. One group have been focusing on lots of practical tasks this term including making the following dishes: Mexican black bean soup, Minestrone soup, curried Cod, Chickpea Curry and many more. Students have been improving their knowledge on how important temperatures and cooking times are in ensuring their dishes take the best they can.

Three of our students kindly stepped forward and offered to host this year's refreshments stall at our family open evening. Each of them were a credit to the 6<sup>th</sup> form. They greeted parents and families Politely; they talked about the refreshments they had prepared earlier in the day and they also talked about what their course involved. Well done!

**Marie Geary**  
Class Teacher

### Student Council

After some class elections at the beginning of the term, in true Sherbourne style, our newly appointed student council members were raring to go. We have held two meetings so far and both have been as busy and productive as each other. The group were really keen to restart our buddy system again. This has got off to an amazing start. Secondary students have put themselves forward and given up one lunchtime per week to support our primary students at lunch break. This has been amazing to see. The primary students have really enjoyed and benefitted from some excellent role models and our buddies themselves are growing in confidence and learning valuable new skills.

The student council have also elected some new members to form a working party. This group of students have been working alongside students from other special schools across the city to ensure their voice is heard in matters relating to their future and current support networks in place for young people with additional needs. We have already been to Friar Gate to take part in a meeting to meet council employees. A special mention to Jack from KS2 for outstanding participation in student council so far this year!

I look forward to more meetings and tasks we will take on in the New Year. Watch this space!

**Marie Geary**  
Class Teacher

### Wedge Workshop

This term in the workshop students have been covering topics, an introduction to carpentry and joinery and removing, replacing, cycle saddles, seat posts and handlebars. All students have worked really well as a team which contributed to a wonderful collection of items (Snowmen, Wreaths, Reindeer and name tags) that all sold out at the Christmas bazaar. Around school we have made 3 Step stools and created four beehive winter feeders which we found very interesting.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a very happy new year from the Workshop.

**Paul Doolan**  
Teaching Assistant





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## ASDAN

This term we have looked at a number of different topics; 3D shapes, counting in 2, 5, 10's and positional language. We enjoyed moving ourselves into different positions and programming the Beebots to move in different directions.



We have recently visited a local recycling centre, where we were given the opportunity to learn all about the different materials that can be recycled. We even got to use some of the equipment ourselves!

This half term has been about understanding the times that we need help, and the people that help us. We went to the Wedge and had to navigate our way back to school with no help from staff. We have looked at the following topics; All about me, My friends and my body. We spent a lesson labelling our body parts and putting together a skeleton in groups.

This term we have cleared an area of the school using different tools, and grown seeds ready to plant after Christmas.

**Matt Hancock**  
Class Teacher

## Expressive Arts

For our ASDAN Silver Expressive Arts module, we were required to visit a local arts venue to watch a performance. We have not had many opportunities for visits of this kind during the past two winters so we were very excited to head to The Albany Theatre on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December to see their production of 'A Christmas Carol'.

The students conducted themselves excellently as we arrived at the Theatre, introduced ourselves to the staff and found our way to our seats. As the room filled up we began to feel the excitement and buzz of a live theatre. When the lights went down the students quietened to watch and listen intently throughout the 90 minute show. There was some wonderful live music, some fantastic effects and a few scares which had the students almost bouncing out of their seats. The students all left the theatre with smiles on their faces and lots of ideas for what we could write up about our experiences for our coursework folders, a lovely morning for all involved



**Sam Kendall**  
Class Teacher



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## 6th Form Sports

This year has seen the introduction of the NCFE level 1 Certificate in Sport in 6<sup>th</sup> form. Not just a sports course, it allows the students to develop a number of skills for life which can also be implemented across the curriculum.

The focus for this term has been developing our sports coaching and leadership skills. We have spent our time planning sessions and delivering the session to our KS3 students. Through these sessions we have developed many skills which have caused some of us to feel a little bit outside our comfort zone, however all of the students rose to the occasion and were able to deliver excellent sessions to our KS3 students, resulting in both the KS3 students and 6<sup>th</sup> formers feeling proud of their accomplishments.

We have been able to reflect on our practice and look at areas where we can develop for our next sessions, again gaining essential skills for life.



Moving forward we will be looking at our own personal fitness and organising and planning a sports event. We are really proud of what the group has achieved so far and look forward to seeing what the new year has in store for them!

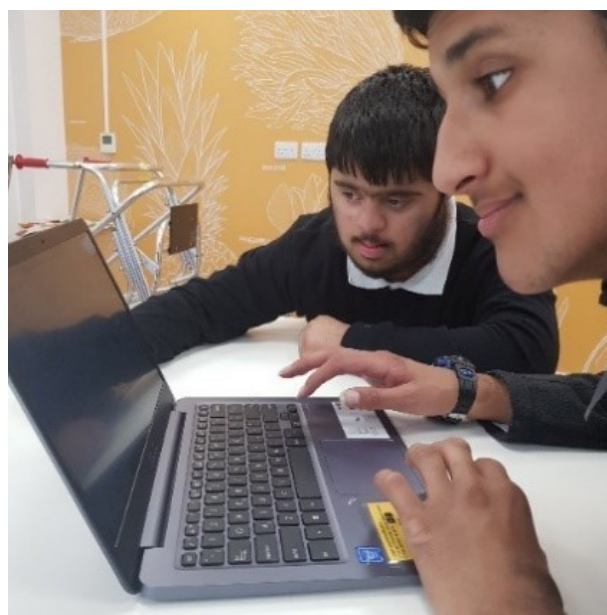
**Angela Collins**  
Class Teacher

## KS5 Current Affairs

Our focus this term has been to explore the news through a variety of different ways. Pupils devised a questionnaire and asked various staff their favourite method of accessing the news. The results showed that a large number of staff use their phones or I-pads to keep up to date with the latest news.

Pupils were surprised how few staff members actually bought newspapers.

We have continued to study newspapers both broadsheet and tabloids – pupils have been really interested in how the newspapers layout differs.



**Claire Antrobus**  
Deputy Head - Secondary



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Next term events at a glance...

Monday 2nd January 2023	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3rd January	All return to school
Tuesday 31st January	Whole School ICT Day
Friday 17th February	Break up for Half Term
<b>HALF TERM</b> Saturday 18th February to	<b>TERM</b> Sunday 26th February
Monday 27th February	All Return to School
Tuesday 2nd March	World Book Day
Friday 10th March	Whole School Science Day
Friday 31st March	Break up for Easter 12.00pm finish
<b>EASTER</b> Saturday 1st April to	<b>HOLIDAY</b> Sunday 16th April

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We welcome donations to our School Association. The Association is a charity that helps support the young people at Sherbourne Fields to fulfil their potential throughout school. We run fundraising activities throughout the year to support the curriculum, and help provide additional materials for pupils, and also assist with residential costs.

If you would like to donate to the Association, we have a **Just Giving page** setup, where you are able to donate a sum yourself, or you can use the Fundraise for us button to link your own fundraising pages to us if you are doing a sponsored event.

Thank you to all of our families and members of our community who have supported us so far. Your contributions enable us to do so much more for our amazing children and young people.

**Claire Antrobus**  
Deputy Head & Chair

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