Kingshill Church School
Learning, Community and Friendship

Newsletter 02.10.26

'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Kingshill Church School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Hope Respect Compassion Courage Perseverance Responsibility

Staying Safe

- If you have a Child Protection (Safeguarding) concern, please speak with Mrs Harvey or Mrs Trudgeon, Mrs Mackie, Mrs Evans or Mrs Davies. You can also ring 01275 888690
- If you have any concern about a child being radicalised, please see a Safeguarding Lead
- If you have a cyberbullying or digital safety concern, you can contact the UK Safer Internet Centre on 0844 38147
- If you notice a Health & Safety concern, please report it to Lisa Harvey or Claire Webber

Value of the Term - RESPECT

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of one another. Help us to treat everyone with kindness, fairness and respect.

Teach us to listen carefully to others, value our differences, and think about how our words and actions affect those around us.

May we show respect in our classrooms, on the playground, at home and in our community.

Help us to follow Jesus' example by caring for others and treating everyone with dignity, love and respect.

Amen.

Whole School Attendance to date: 92.9%



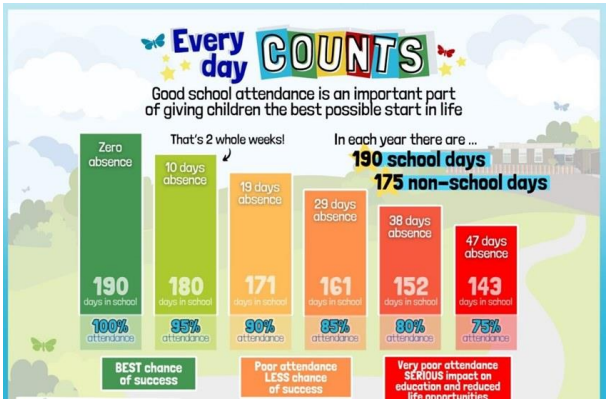
The Department for Education (DfE) is clear that good attendance is a key part of helping children succeed at school. National guidance asks schools to promote and support excellent attendance so that every child has the opportunity to benefit fully from their learning and school life. National guidance highlights that pupils with attendance below 90% are considered persistently absent, and research shows that even small amounts of missed learning can affect progress, attainment, and well-being over time.

Schools are expected not only to monitor attendance carefully but also to promote and encourage excellent attendance through positive approaches and incentives. This is why we have introduced the 100% attendance rewards, but kept the challenges manageable for families, which is why we have worked hard to offer 6 separate rewards, rather than just one at the end of the year.

At the same time, we must follow government health guidance to help keep everyone safe. If a child has been sick or has had diarrhoea, they should remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode before returning to school. This helps prevent the spread of illness within the school community and protects both children and staff.

We understand that this can sometimes feel frustrating for families, and we truly appreciate your support and understanding. Our aim is to encourage strong attendance. Thank you for working with us to support both good attendance and the health and wellbeing of everyone in our school community.

We will continue to communicate with you as our whole school community and communicate with families on an individual basis to continue our strong working partnership and ensure clarity for all.



1 - This term, we will be holding an extra Forest School session for the children with 100% attendance for Term 1.

Dear Families,

We have had another brilliant fortnight at Kingshill. There has been a wonderful buzz of learning around the school.

We have been learning and talking about our value of the term, Respect. We have spoken through scenarios and how we would like to be treated in those times as well as continuing to think about the parable of the Lost Sheep.

Our Barn Owl class have had a very busy few weeks settling in to their new routines. The older children have been brilliant role models to our new children. The class had their first visit to the library. They walked through town and chose 2 books each to read and share with their friends. They even had time to show their parents what they have been learning about in their first Showcase. Eagles and Barn Owls have had their first Reading Buddies session together, where the children share books and get to know each other.

Falcon class have been engrossed in their work about Brunel and in science, they are conducting an egg-speriment about teeth as part of their digestion topic. As well as learning about WW2, Eagles have been learning about Worldviews; they have considered what their worldviews are and how our Worldviews are formed.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you for our Harvest Service at Christ Church on Friday 9th October at 9:30am.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Harvey, Mrs Trudgeon and the Kingshill school team.

Harvest Festival - 9th October



Please don't forget we have our Harvest festival service taking place at 9.30am on Friday 9th October at Christ Church.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

On this day can all children please bring in something to donate to the local foodbank such as tinned ham, tinned salmon, tinned tuna, tinned fruit, tinned custard, biscuits for Christmas, fruit juice (long life), stuffing, chutneys, cereal, pasta, rice, tinned beans and tinned soup.

Non-uniform Day - 16th October - wear something green

On Friday 16th October we will be having a non-uniform day for a donation of £1, to raise money for 'Just One Tree' Day.

Just One Tree, an official partner in the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, is an award winning non-profit removing CO2 from the atmosphere and reversing biodiversity loss through global reforestation. Just £1 plants 1 tree. Just One Tree supports reforestation projects in Brazil, Haiti, Madagascar, Indonesia, Mozambique, Nepal, Kenya, Zambia, Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru.

If possible, please wear green on this day to show your support.

Greenslade Cake Sale



Greenslade Pre-School will be having a cake sale on Monday 19th October at 3pm.

Please show your support and make sure you take cash.

Thank you

Parents Evenings - 20th and 21st October



Parents Evenings this term will be on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October.

From Monday, the lists will be outside your child's classroom for you to book yourself on.

If you do not bring your child to school then please contact the school office after 9.30am.

School Photos - 22nd October



It's that time of year again!!

On Thursday 22nd October Tempest Photography will be in school to take individual photos. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform so they look nice and smart.

Thank you

Feather of the week



Barn Owl - Naomi, Darla

Falcon - Finley, Emily

Eagle - Lucy, Flo

School Gates - Reminder



We would like to remind you that the **school gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am**. If you arrive later than this you will need to come in through the school office.

Registers close at 8.55am. Pupils who arrive later than this will be marked as late and will also need to come in through the school office.

Please remember that lateness affects attendance.

Thank you

Work of the Week



Barn Owl - Nation, Arthur

Falcon - Rose, Lily

Eagle - Billy, Amber

Family Forest School Photos









Kingshill Friends Association (KFA)

Kingshill Friends Association (KFA) Update

A huge thank you to everyone who came out to support our AGM this past Wednesday.

Welcoming Our New Committee for 2026/2027

We are pleased to announce the election of our new KFA committee:

- **Chair:** Hannah Manning
- **Vice Chair:** Kasia Slowik
- **Secretary:** Magda Bartel
- **Treasurer:** Tawny Watkins
- **Committee Members:** Tracey Rutter, Teresa Crossley, Vanessa Harris, and Nanette Stone

During the meeting, we reflected on all the fantastic ways our children have benefited from the funds raised through KFA events this past year. We also celebrated the tremendous effort and dedication of the volunteers who organise and run these events, we couldn't do it without you!

A Special Fond Farewell

Rachel Kent has officially stood down as Chair and formally resigned from the KFA after an incredible **10+ years of service**. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Rachel for her unwavering hard work, leadership, and dedication to our school community over the decade. You will be missed!

Important: Upcoming Constitution Vote

We discussed our current constitution and are proposing a review to update our governing rules. If you would like to have your say and cast your vote on the regulations under which the KFA operates, please join us during the **week of 19th October 2026** (exact date, time, and venue to be confirmed shortly).

Get Involved & Stay Connected

Please continue to support our upcoming events, whether by attending, helping out, or joining the planning! If you haven't already, make sure to join our WhatsApp Broadcast Community to stay up to date on all things KFA. Simply scan the QR code on any of our posters around the school.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The KFA Committee

Barn Owl Class

We recently took our very first trip to the library, and we had such a lovely time exploring all the wonderful books. The children enjoyed looking at the different stories, discovering new characters and choosing some special books to bring back with us.

We talked about how to look after library books carefully and enjoyed sharing our favourite choices with our friends. We are already looking forward to going back to the library in two weeks, when we can return our books and choose some more exciting stories to enjoy together!

Our learning has also taken us on a little adventure around London! We have been busy building some of London's famous landmarks in our role-play area. The children have worked together to create their own versions of well-known buildings and landmarks, using their imaginations and construction skills.

We even have a big red London bus in our role play! The children have loved pretending to travel around London, taking on different roles and creating their own stories and adventures.

It has been wonderful to see the children using their creativity, communication and teamwork as they bring their ideas to life.








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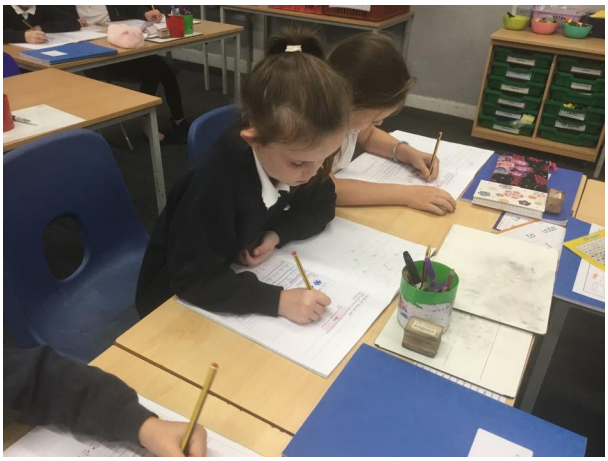


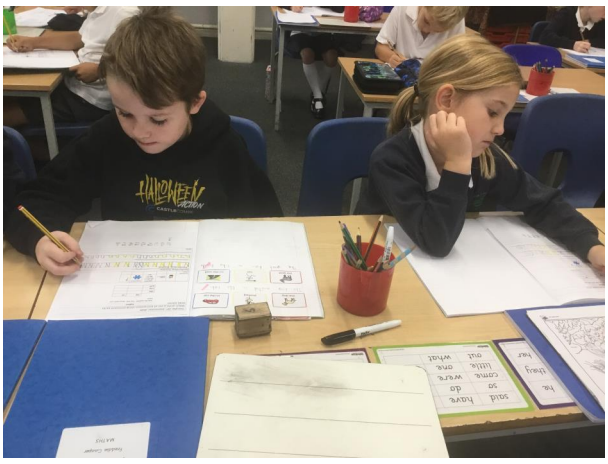
Falcon class

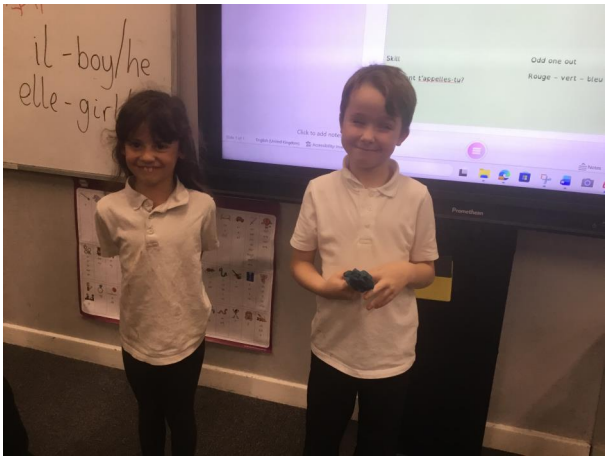
In Maths, we have been working with numbers to 1,000 and some of us have been exploring numbers to 10,000. We have been partitioning numbers using part-part-whole models and making numbers using place value charts to develop our understanding of place value.

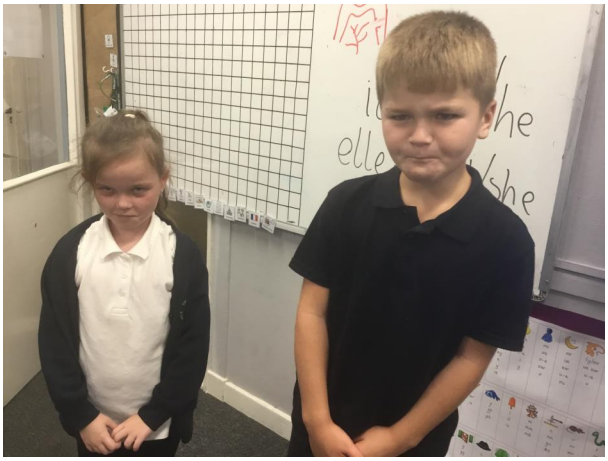
In French, we recapped French greetings and learnt how to identify whether someone is feeling happy or serious.

During our morning learning sessions, we have been enjoying our spelling lessons and revisiting how to use apostrophes correctly. In handwriting, we are working hard to form both lower-case and upper-case letters neatly and consistently.











Eagle Class

Eagle Class have been working hard over the first few weeks of term.

In writing, we have been recapping some punctuation and grammar basics and have had a go at writing a setting description of a street in The Blitz, based on our class book 'When The Sky Falls'.

In maths, we have been working on place value - identifying the value of digits in a number, creating them using Dienes and place value counters, ordering and comparing and rounding.

We are all enjoying our history topic of 'Britain at War' and have started learning about WW1. We have studied how the war started as well as ordering key events in a timeline. This week we learnt about life in the trenches.

We have continued to enjoy forest school on a Friday - we have made use of the guttering to transport a ball as a team and also had fun making dens for a 'googly'.




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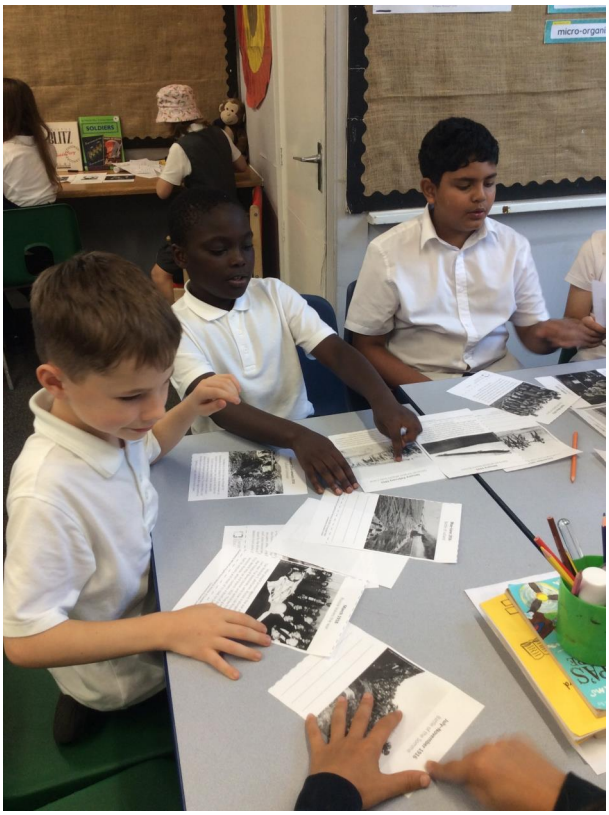






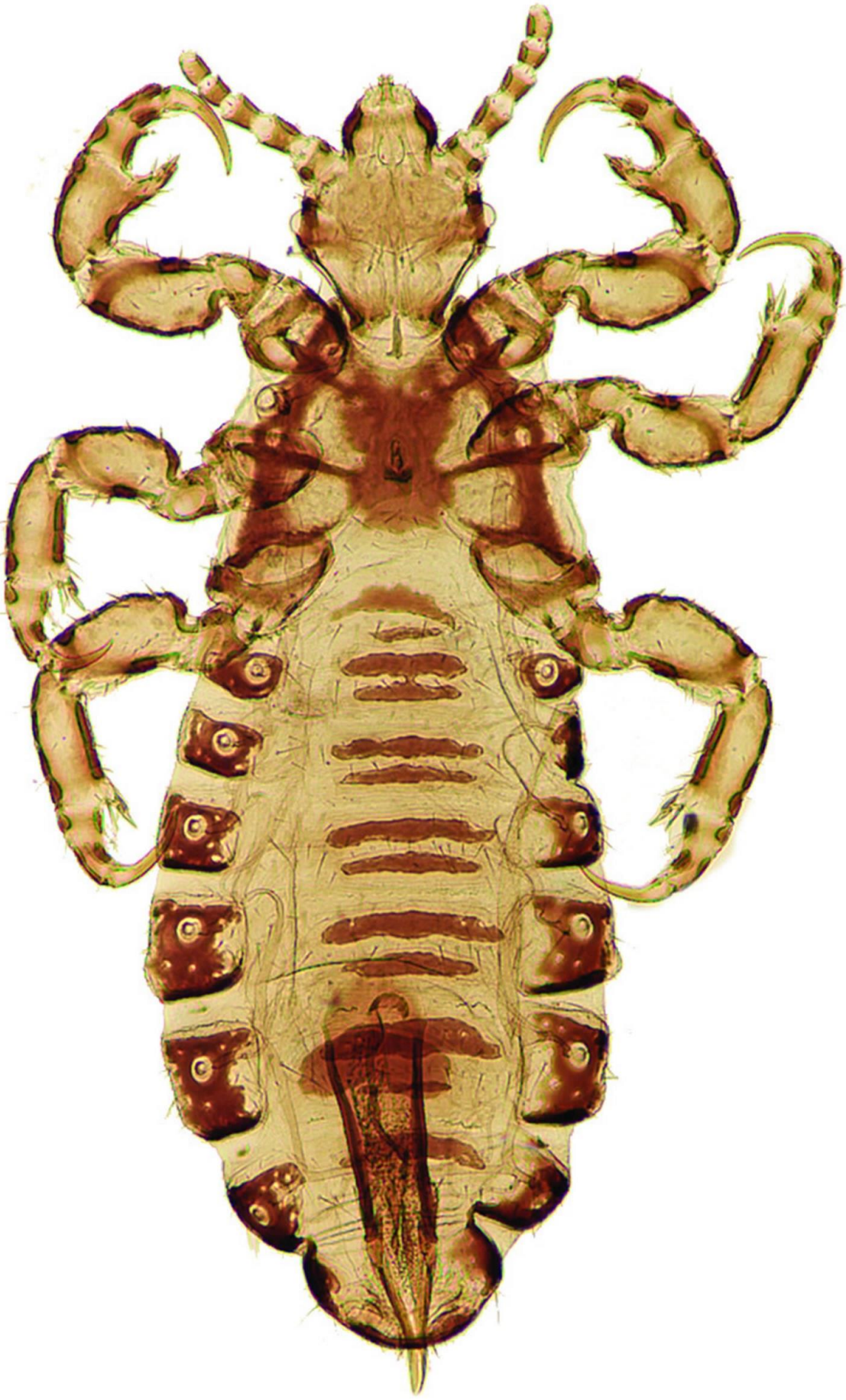





SOLDIERS



Head Lice



To support our school community, please check your child's hair carefully and regularly.

If your child does have live lice, the school nurse has recommended the 'Bug Busting' approach to eradicate the problem. The procedure to follow is:

- Wash your child's hair normally
- Rub conditioner into the hair
- Use a nit-comb to brush through the hair thoroughly until all lice are removed
- Do this every other day for two weeks
- Continue to check the hair weekly.

If the head lice infestation is particularly bad, specialist treatments can be bought from pharmacists but the school nurse recommends that you check that the product kills the eggs as well as the head lice.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation in this matter.

Reminders

- **Please remember that we are a nut free school.** ***Please check all packed lunch items to ensure they are nut free.***

- **Only healthy snacks are to be eaten at breaktimes** ***such as fresh fruit or vegetables. Crisps and chocolate is only allowed to be eaten at lunchtime.***

- ***In colder weather, please remember to bring in coats everyday.***

- ***In warmer weather, please remember to put sun cream on your child and ensure they have water bottles and sunhats.***

- **Please remember no toys** ***are to be brought in from home. We cannot be responsible for lost items.***

- **Please do not use your mobile phone while on school site.** ***Many thanks for your support.***

- ***Please remember to name all of your child's clothing.***

- ***Please remember that if you move house, change your phone number or change your email address it is important that you let the school office know ASAP.***

Academic Year 2026-2027

Term 1 – Thursday 3rd September 2026 to Friday 23rd October 2026

Term 2 – Monday 2nd November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026

Term 3 – Monday 4th January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027

Term 4 – Monday 22nd February 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027

Term 5 – Monday 12th April 2027 to Friday 28th May 2027

Term 6 – Monday 7th June 2027 to Friday 23rd July 2027

INSET DAYS – Pupils not in school:

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Friday 4th September 2026

Thursday 25th March 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Thursday 8th July 2027

Calendar Dates Term 1 and 2

September

23 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

October

9 Harvest Service at 9.30am at Christ Church

14 Coffee morning at 2pm

16 Just One Tree day – please wear something green

20 Parents Evening 3.30 – 6pm

21 New Reception Open Session at 1.30pm

21 Parents Evening 3.30 - 6pm

22 Tempest in for individual photos

w/c 26 HALF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSED)

November

4 Year 6 visit to the LifeSkills Centre

9 New Reception Open Session at 10am

11 Remembrance Service in school

12 Falcon Class trip

w/c 16 Anti-bullying week

16 Coffee Morning at 9am

16 Odd socks day

20 Children In Need – please wear something spotty

25 Falcon class showcase at 2.45pm

December

3 New Reception Open Session at 10am

4 Coffee Morning at 2pm

8 EYFS Nativity performance at 10am

10 EYFS Nativity performance at 2pm

11 Eagle class showcase at 2.45pm

14 Year 6 height and weight measurements

14 Christmas Service at 9.30am at Christ Church

14 Christmas Carol Service at Christ Church at 6pm

16 Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch, KFA Santa's Grotto

w/c 21 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (SCHOOL CLOSED)