



SOUTH WITHAM ACADEMY NEWS



It is officially Christmas season now we've hit December! The stage is set up for our nativity, there's an odd looking elf lurking around, as well as a Gary the Gingerbread man! There's excitement each morning as children have arrived after opening advent calendars! It is always a really fun and exciting time to be in a primary school and it is certainly my favourite time of year.

The children continue to work hard in classrooms and the occasional Christmas activity has appeared on the timetable.

The weather has certainly dropped in temperature this week and if we have to make a call regarding school opening we will ensure to make the decision early and communicate through all of our usual channels. We will only do this in severe conditions, if we feel it is unsafe for staff or families travel to school.

Have a wonderful weekend, and remember our children have beautifully decorated a Christmas tree, which is standing proudly in St Wulfram's church until Sunday afternoon.

Mr Atter



UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Dec 4	Bikeability Y5/6	04.12.2023 - 07.12.2023
Dec 12	PANTO VISIT	12.12.2023
Dec 13	KS1 Christmas movie night	13.12.2023
Dec 15	Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper Day	15.12.2023
Dec 18	Breakfast with Santa	18.12.2023 07:40 - 08:40
Dec 20	Christmas BookNik	20.12.2023

Calling parents of reception 2024 children!

We are now taking bookings for school tours for our reception 2024 intake. If you know anyone with a child who turns 4 before August 31st 2023, then please pass on our website link where they can book a tour.

<https://www.south-witham.lincs.sch.uk/>



Scan this code to take you to the website

HOUSE POINT TOTALS

BURGHLEY

BELTON

WOOLSTHORPE

11333

10803

11459





Little Hedgehogs



This week in Little Hedgehogs we have been making splash pictures on the big screen. We pick the colour we want to use and then tap the screen and it makes different sized splashes and dots. We have explored the garden on the very cold mornings and found some ice in some of the bowls that were left out. Some of the Hedgehogs have enjoyed playing in the sand this week filling different containers and working together to fill the sieve to then watch the sand fall out and a few of us have been working together to match the animal dominos.



Woodlands



What a week we have had in Woodland, we have been super busy this week practicing our nativity. The children have been great at remembering the songs we are very proud of them! This week our focus text has been the stick man we have loved reading it together as a class. We have been focussing on sequencing the stick mans adventure this week – this will help us write our post cards next week.

In geography we have been looking at the human and physical features of the world, we worked as groups to sort the features into hoops – the children were super stars.

In maths we have been working on our practical maths skills, using number lines, numicon and base ten, you can have a look what we did on Tapestry.

We have had an amazing week this week with lots of learning we are very proud of everyone and their hard work.



Badgers



This week in Badgers we have been busy completing assessment papers to see how well our learning is developing. The children have shown resilience and focus to complete these to their best ability. The children have listened well to the marking feedback in order to understand effective answering of each question. This information will feed into the next steps of the learning journey in class.

In science, we have been learning about dissolving, testing various solids to see if they dissolve and understanding what effect the temperature of the water has on the dissolving process.

Work has already begun on the Christmas cards that the children will be bringing home so please save a special place for these when they arrive!

Otters



Another busy week has flown by in Otters, with lots of children getting very excited for the start of December! In Maths, we have been learning more about multiplication, looking at patterns and links between the times tables. We also helped out Baz Wynter, from TT Rockstars, by answering his survey - we were one of only 100 schools asked to take part! He sent us a special message, which you can view on our Facebook and Instagram pages. In English, we have continued our work about non-chronological reports by adding to an information text about landmarks in the USA. We have looked at mountain ranges in Europe, and thought about light sources, as well as practising Christmas songs to sing at the Village Hall next week for the Over 60s Lunch. If anyone is available to help us walk the children over, we would be very grateful! Thank you to those who sent in photos of the Willow Tree sculptures from home - it has been lovely for the children to realise that art is all around us!

PRIDE OF SOUTH WITHAM



Always Club



Readers of the Week!

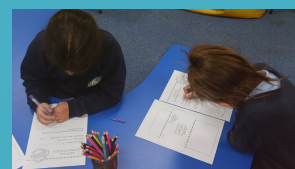


Attendance Superstars!
BADGERS & OTTERS with 95%

The Wrap Club

In the wrap club this week the children have been very busy.

We have finally finished our nutcracker and paperchains! They have worked hard and had lots of fun making and decorating saltdough decorations, we been warming up with a festive hot chocolate and have started working on our letters to Santa. To finish the week off we are having a Christmas pizza and film night!



Attendance is something we celebrate each week in our Celebration Assembly on a Friday.

We are required to collate and update the attendance figures for the local authority each week.

Going forward we will be monitoring attendance closely to ensure that we are hitting the targets given to the school by the DFE.



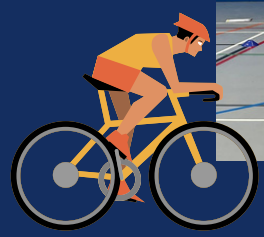
BIG Happy birthday to

- ★ Arthur ★ Zainab ★
- ★ Ethan P ★ Isla O ★

who all celebrated their birthday recently



Recent Sporting Events



NEW CHILDCARE FUNDING AVAILABLE!

The government have recently released details of further funding available for early years childcare over the next few years. The chart below details new funding that will be available soon.

The first one will be 15 hours funding for 2 year olds of working parents from April 2024

If this applies to you, please contact the school offices and we can give you details of how to access the funding to secure a place for your child in Little Hedgehogs nursery from April.

Support with childcare costs - the road ahead





Omegle Parent Guide

Omegle is a website offering a free video chat service which will connect you to a random stranger who you can interact with through text chat and webcam. **There is no Omegle app currently available to download.**

No account or username is required to use the service and users are anonymous unless they choose to tell other users about themselves. Users should be 18+ or over 13 years with parental permission.

The main page of the site has a direct link to an adult site which streams adult sexual content.

There are no parental controls or privacy tools available at all through Omegle other than the ability to stop a chat and move to another user.



Talk to strangers!

By using Omegle, you accept the terms at the bottom. You must be 18+, or 13+ with parental permission.

Mobile video chat is an experimental new feature. Video is monitored, so keep it clean!

Go to [an adult site](#) instead if that's what you want.

Start a chat

Video

Meet strangers with your interests!

Add your interests (optional)

▶ College student chat

Omegle (*oh-meg-ull*) is a great way to meet new friends, even while practicing social distancing. When you use Omegle, we pick someone else at random and let you talk one-on-one. To help you stay safe, chats are anonymous unless you tell someone who you are (not suggested!), and you can stop a chat at any time. Predators have been known to use Omegle, so please be careful.

www.omegle.com says

Because this section is not moderated, you are more likely to encounter sexual behavior. As with the rest of Omegle, users in this section are solely responsible for their own behavior.

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18, or you would prefer not to use this section, press CANCEL. By pressing OK, you affirm that you are at least 18 years old.

Cancel

OK

There are both moderated and un-moderated video chat features.

The un-moderated chat carrying an 18+ age requirement and a warning that there is a high likelihood of viewing sexual content and coming into contact with potentially predatory individuals.

You can restrict access to this site by using parental controls on devices or home broadband. Visit Internet Matters to learn more.

**internet
matters.org**



Omegle Parent Guide

Many children and young people have used this site to seek new friendships given the isolation they may have experienced during the pandemic. While some individuals will use this site appropriately, there have been many reports of highly inappropriate behaviour by users towards under 18's and children in primary schools accessing this service.

Omegle will connect children with strangers of any age, with no controls at all, putting them at risk of exploitation. We would highly recommend prohibiting access to the platform for all children under 18.

Use parental controls to restrict access

Keep an eye on apps or sites they use

Keep technology in family friendly areas

Encourage them to talk about their online experiences without fear of being banned

If you have concerns about your immediate safety or that of a friend, you can call Lincolnshire Police on 101 or, in an emergency, dial 999

If you feel a child may be a victim of abuse or have concerns over their safety or well-being, you can call the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) or 01522 782333 (outside office hours)