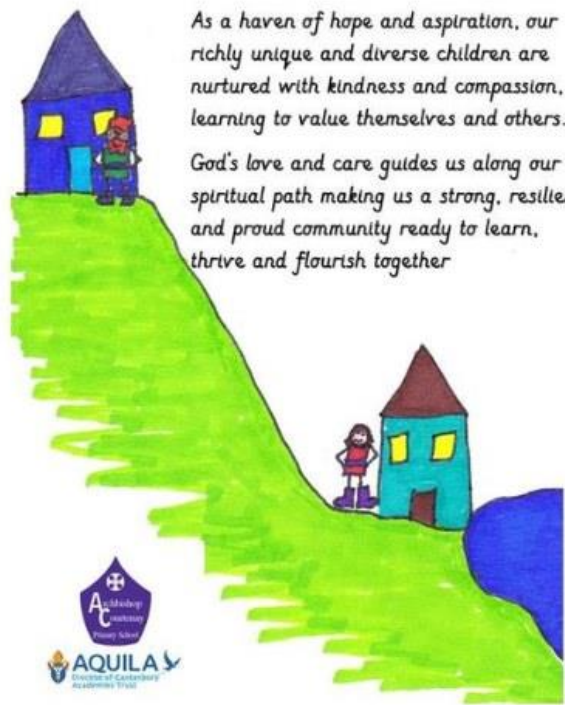




Archbishop Courtenay Primary School -
Friday 19th December FB

Merry
Christmas



As a haven of hope and aspiration, our richly unique and diverse children are nurtured with kindness and compassion, learning to value themselves and others.

God's love and care guides us along our spiritual path making us a strong, resilient and proud community ready to learn, thrive and flourish together

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[A Christmas Wish to Our Wonderful Parents](#)



Dear Families,

As snowflakes dance and carols play,

We wish you joy this Christmas Day.

With hearts so full and spirits bright,

May your season be pure delight.

Thank you for all the love you share,

Your kindness, time, and endless care.
Together we've grown, learned, and thrived,
With you, our school is truly alive.

Rest, rejoice, enjoy this cheer,
And welcome in a brand new year.
We look forward to seeing you,
On January the fifth, anew.
Merry Christmas, warm and true,
From all of us, here to you.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone!
Thank you as always for your kindness and support.
Sue Heather
Headteacher



SEND & Inclusion



The festive season is now upon us. It can be both the most magical time of year and the most stressful at the same time. For some SEND families Christmas brings change to routines and large family gatherings which can often be very difficult for our children. So I have found some great advice and activities to get you through the holidays...

<https://pdparenting.com/2018/12/19/christmas-survival-guide-for-parents/>

Wrap-Around Care Opportunity



Make a Difference After School: Wraparound Care Assistant Needed!

1 hour per week - £12.82 per hour

Hours: 7:30am-8:30am – Friday (term-time only)

We're looking for enthusiastic and caring individuals to be a part of our new After School Wraparound Care team! In this rewarding role, you'll play a vital part in providing a safe and stimulating space for children to relax and play after school hours.

What you'll do:

- Supervise children in a variety of engaging activities, both indoors and outdoors (think arts & crafts, board games, sports, etc.)
- Ensure the safety and well-being of all children in your care
- Assist with homework and schoolwork upon request
- Help prepare and serve healthy snacks
- Maintain a clean and organised environment
- Communicate effectively with parents and guardians

What you'll bring:

- A genuine love for working with children (of all ages!)
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- A positive and energetic attitude
- The ability to work effectively as part of a team
- Patience, flexibility, and a sense of humour

- A DBS check (or willingness to obtain one)

We offer:

- A supportive and friendly work environment
- Competitive salary and benefits package (dependent on experience)
- The opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of children

Please submit your application letter outlining your experience and suitability for the role to Sue Heather, Headteacher

Closing Date: Tuesday 6th January

We look forward to hearing from you!

Wrap Around Information



Wraparound:

<https://archbishop-courtenay.cbfs.uk>

Breakfast (7:30am-8:30am) £4

Social Club (3:15pm-4:15pm) £3

Wraparound (3:15pm-6pm) £12

Tax-free childcare vouchers = 20% off

Universal credits = claim up to 85% back

FOR SUPPORT CONTACT:

archbishop-courtenay@cbfs.uk

01444 523 335

Dates for Diary



- Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd - Christmas Holiday Club 10am - 4pm
- Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th - Christmas Holiday Club 10am - 4pm
- Monday 5th January - Term 3 begins
- Thursday 15th January - Year 4 & 5 St Augustine Academy Shrek the Musical
- Wednesday 21st January - Choir Young Voices
- Tuesday 3rd February - UKS2 Netball Match - Allington
- Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day
- Friday 13th February - Last day Term 3
- Monday 23rd February - Term 4 Begins
- Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
- Friday 6th March - British Science Week begins

Collective Worship



A Christingle Celebration

On Tuesday, our school gathered together for a very special Collective Worship as we celebrated our Christingle service. The worship was thoughtfully led by our Worship Warriors, who did a wonderful job of guiding us through a meaningful and reflective time together.

During the service, the Worship Warriors retold the Christmas story, reminding us of the birth of Jesus and the message of hope, love and joy that Christmas brings. They also explained the different parts of the Christingle and what each one represents. The orange reminded us of the world God created, the red ribbon symbolised God's love and the blood of Jesus, and the sweets or dried fruit showed the fruits of the Earth and God's generosity. At the centre, the candle represented Jesus as the Light of the World, bringing hope into dark places.

We sang a range of hymns throughout the service, including *Starry Night*, *Midnight* and the joyful *Christmas Calypso*. These songs helped us to reflect on the Christmas message while also celebrating together as a school community.

One of the most special moments came near the end of the service, when we lit our Christingles and the lights were turned off. The glow of the candles filling the room was truly beautiful and created a calm, peaceful atmosphere. It was a powerful reminder of how even a small light can shine brightly in the darkness.

Thank you to our Worship Warriors for leading such a memorable service, and to everyone who took part. It was a lovely way to pause, reflect, and prepare our hearts for Christmas.

EYFS: Darling and Rashford



What a busy and exciting term it has been in EYFS! The children have worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of how much progress they have made. They continue to amaze us every day with their enthusiasm, resilience and love of learning.

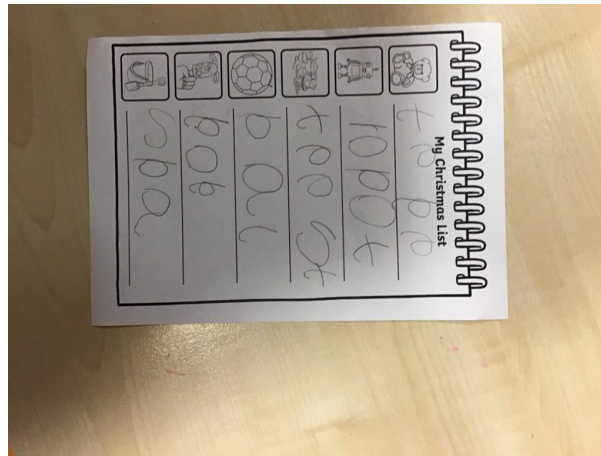
This week, we completed phonics assessments and we were delighted to see so many amazing scores – well done, everyone! Thank you so much to parents and carers for your continued support with reading at home and helping the children to practise their tricky words. It really does make a huge difference and supports their confidence in school.

In Drawing Club, we have been focusing on *The Polar Express*. The children chose to draw either the conductor or the boy from the story, and some even challenged themselves by adding a speech bubble to their picture. Our setting was the train, and the children did a fantastic job describing what the train looked like. During Adventure Time, they used their imaginations to think about where they would go on a train journey and wrote about what they would do when they arrived.

In Maths, we have been sequencing events and learning about day and night. We talked about what we do in the morning before coming to school and what we do in the evening at home. The children then ordered images to show the correct sequence of events, demonstrating great understanding and discussion skills.

We have also had lots of festive fun this week, enjoying our Christmas dinner, wearing our Christmas jumpers and celebrating together at our Christmas parties. It has been a joyful way to finish the term and celebrate all of the children's hard work.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, restful holiday. 🎄





Year 1 & 2 Rowling, Attenborough and Frank



As we approach the end of Term 2, it's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown by! It has been an amazing term filled with creativity, exploration, and lots of fun learning experiences. We are so proud of all the children and their hard work, and we would like to take a moment to share some of the highlights from our recent activities.

In our computing lessons, the children have been developing their digital painting skills, and they have truly impressed us with their creativity! Inspired by the works of famous artists, they have created their own pictures in the style of Henri Matisse and Piet Mondrian. It has been wonderful to see their unique interpretations and how they have embraced the use of colour and shape in their artwork. We encourage you to ask your child about their favourite piece and the techniques they used!

In Design Technology (DT), the excitement continued as the children finally made their breakfast pots using healthy ingredients. They had the opportunity to plan, prepare, and create their very own nutritious meals. It was a fantastic way for them to learn about the importance of healthy eating while also developing their cooking skills. The smiles on their faces as they enjoyed their creations were priceless!

In science, we have been wrapping up our materials topic, which has been both engaging and educational. The children have been exploring the properties of different materials, particularly focusing on which materials float and sink, as well as identifying absorbent materials. Through hands-on experiments, they have gained a deeper understanding of how materials behave in various situations. It has been delightful to witness their curiosity and enthusiasm as they conducted their investigations.

As we prepare to break for the Christmas holidays, we want to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful festive season and a happy New Year! We hope you have a relaxing time with family and friends, filled with joy and laughter. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on 5th January, ready for more exciting learning adventures in the new term.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. We appreciate all that you do to help foster a love of learning at home.

Warm wishes,

KS1 Team

Year 3 & 4 Jobs, Shakespeare and Pankhurst



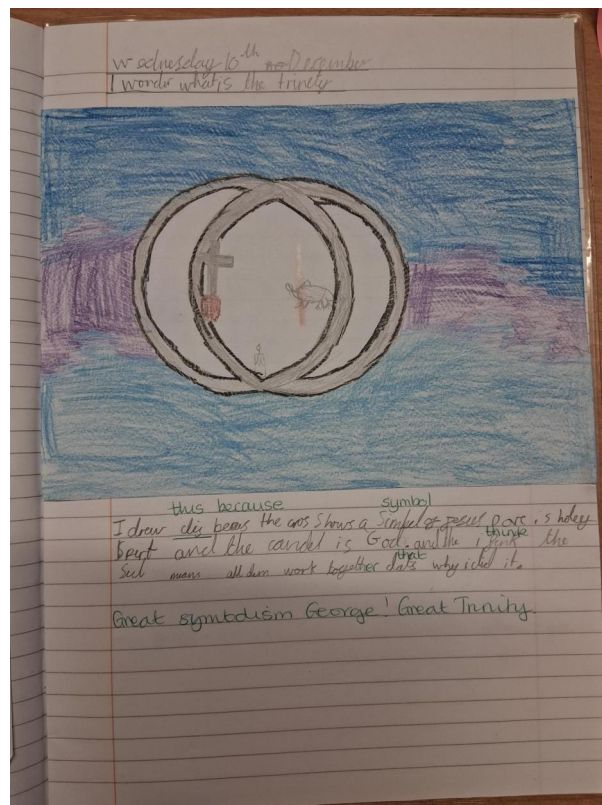
Term 2 has flown by! It has been a super term that we've jammed packed with lots of fun learning experiences. We are so proud of all the children and their hard work, effort and enthusiasm across this very busy term.

In computing the children have been creating podcasts about the school and animations of their Christmas themed illustrations. In English the children have published their own stories, written in the style of Nene and the Lonely Fisherman. In RE the children have created new panels for our Big Frieze sharing their learning and understanding of the Trinity and in art have worked hard to create their own still life compositions, which they have completed in pencil, oil pastel and watercolours.

As we prepare to break for the Christmas holidays, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful festive season and a very happy New Year! Please relax and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 5th January 2026 for the start of Term 3.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's education. We appreciate all that you do to help foster a love of learning at home.

LKS2 Team



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 I wonder what is the trinity?

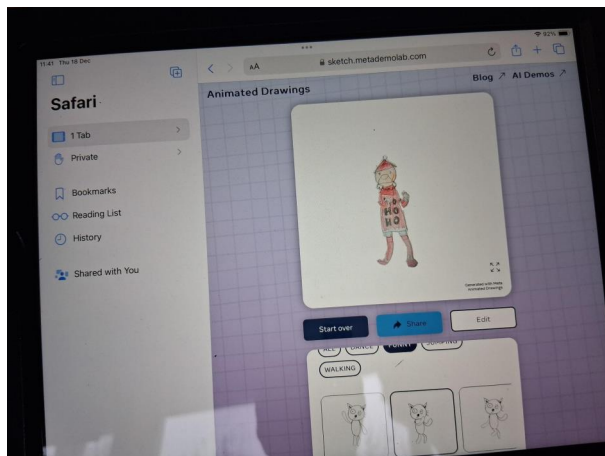
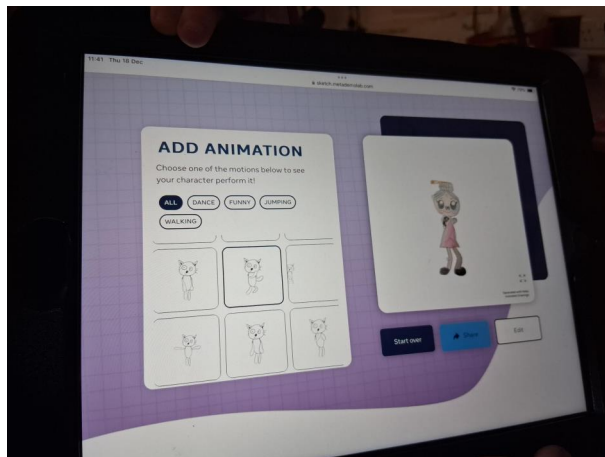
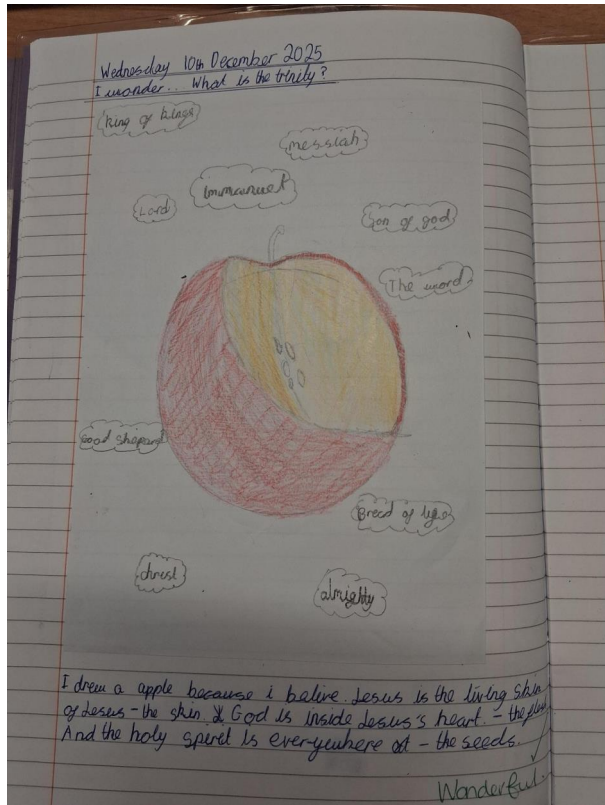
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 Leaves/branches = Holy Spirit
 Apples = Christianity

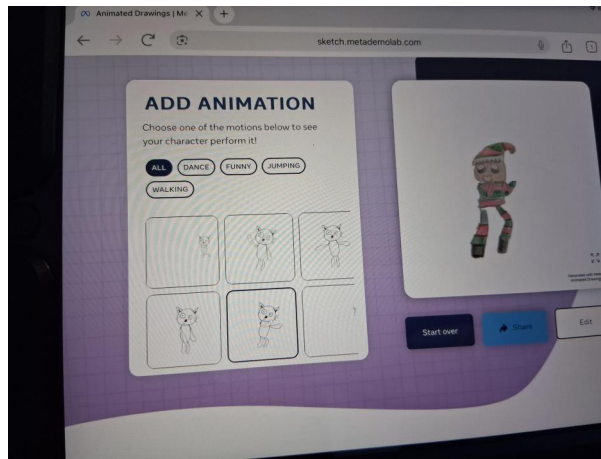
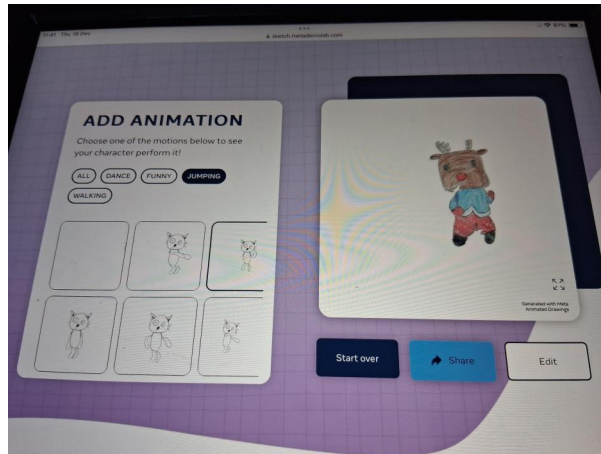
Wednesday 10 December 2015
 I wonder what is the trinity?

do the holy spirit god and Jesus because its
 thinner than the big faces. And the colour is
 lighter

✓ Great idea

smaller than the other but I don't
 understand the trinity.





Year 5 & 6 Simmonds, Curie and Luther-King



🌟 Weekly Round-Up – What a Fantastic Last Week of term! 🌟

It's been another busy and exciting week in school, and a wonderful way to end the term. The children have worked incredibly hard, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved. We can hardly believe that we are finished with Term 2 and ready to start the new year in January! 😊 ✨

English

In English, the children have **finished writing their final traditional tale, 'The Golden Pen'**. They have all written **wonderful stories about Jub**, showing fantastic imagination and creativity. This week, the children also **published their stories**, and it has been a real pleasure to read them! 🍌 📖 ✨

PSHE

In PSHE, the children created a **poster** linked to the unit '**Celebrate**'. They reflected on something they are **proud of this term** and chose something they felt should be celebrated. The children shared some really thoughtful and positive reflections. 🍌 ❤️

Science

In Science, the children have **finished their topic on Space!** They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Solar System, planets, and beyond. It's been a favourite topic for many, and something we know they would love to continue exploring at home. 🍌 ✨

PE

In PE, the children had their **final cricket session** with **Adrian from Kent Cricket Club**. They have absolutely loved these sessions, and their **batting and bowling skills have improved tremendously**. Well done to everyone for their enthusiasm and effort! 🍌 🏏

RE

In RE, we made Christingles to celebrate Advent. We had a beautiful service on Tuesday morning in school.



We hope you all have a **lovely Christmas holiday**, filled with rest, fun, and special time spent with **family and friends**. 🎅 📺 ✨

The **first day back at school** will be **Monday 5th January 2026**.

Thank you for your **continued support** throughout the term.

Best wishes,

The UKS2 Team ❤️

The ABC Archie Awards





1 - This week our four Archie's have been taken a break and will be back next week.

I wonder who will win the Archie's next week?

Contact Us



We are here to help you so please never be afraid to get in touch

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