



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Friday 5th December 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have 'stepped into Christmas' at Papillon this week with our Christmas activities in full swing! Rehearsals continue for our Christmas production and decorations are being put up around the school. It's all starting to look quite festive!

Well done to Swallowtail and Monarch Classes who continue to develop their swimming skills each week. A Papillon 'shout out' goes to Gabrielius (Monarch Class) for swimming five lengths of the pool with his float. Well done Gabrielius!

A Papillon 'shout-out' also goes to Jaxson (Caterpillar Class) for going off-site on the mini-bus with his peers for the first time and for his enthusiastic dancing in the Christmas rehearsal.



## Reminders & Requests

Next Thursday 11th December is our **Christmas Jumper Day!** All children and young people are welcome to wear festive clothes on this day. Please could we ask for a minimum £2 donation which will go directly to Crisis. Thank you.

### Primary Department News

**Caterpillar Class** had a lovely trip to Poundland in Redhill this week, looking at the Christmas decorations and bought some to decorate the classroom. They also enjoyed a trip to Ashtead Park Garden Centre to look at the Christmas decorations and got to sit in Santa's sleigh! In music, we explored contrast and the children played the wooden xylophone and the large cymbal, which they all enjoyed. In making, the children used different materials to make penguins for our Christmas banner which will be used to decorate the hall for our school production.



**Meadow Class** started their "toy" advent calendar this week and each day, a pupil who has shown excellent listening, effort and/or behaviour has been chosen to open the day's door! Our Christmas show rehearsals are in full swing, and Primary had a wonderful practise on Thursday afternoon. The children have also loved continuing their learning on 'circus skills' where they have been looking at differences between different circus performers and also using their knowledge of plurals to state when they see more than one circus act! Additionally, the class enjoyed a trip to Chessington Garden centre on Thursday to see the festive Christmas decorations.



**Peacock Class** visited Ashtead Park Garden Centre and enjoyed looking at their Christmas trees, and we even got to sit in Santa's sleigh! On Tuesday, we had lots of sensory fun with melting snowmen. In cooking we made snowmen biscuits with icing, marshmallows and sprinkles. On Thursday we had an exciting trip to Ikea where we looked at lots of artwork on display and bought some art supplies for school. We were also really lucky and had a hotdog for snack! In Music we have been using the Boomwhackers to play Christmas songs.



## Secondary Department News

**Swallowtail Class** got into the festive spirit this week and made some mince pies! The children listened to the poem of 'Twas a Night before Christmas, and some of the children filled in missing words of the poem as we slowly read it through. The children had fun in soft play this week and played along on the Boomwhackers to Michael Jackson's 'Beat It' and 'We Will Rock You' by Queen in our music session. We enjoyed a reading session today where pupils chose a book in the library and shared a book with the adults and peers.

**Monarch Class** learned about Christmas traditions in Australia on Monday and enjoyed practising some of our songs for our upcoming Christmas performance. Some of Monarch Class enjoyed swimming on Tuesday and we also had a lovely party to celebrate Shelagh's birthday! On Wednesday, the children made mince pies using the mincemeat they prepared last week and on Thursday we went to Dorking library to read some Christmas themed stories. We also did some fantastic phonics work. Monarch Class finished the week doing some lovely P.E work and continued with their work in World Views, learning about the Nativity.

**Admiral Class** have enjoyed getting ready for Christmas this week and have started to make our banner for the Christmas show. Some learners went to Dobbies Garden Centre to see the Christmas decorations. In English we have started to write individual Christmas stories using pictures to support our story ideas. We discussed the definition of bullying and shared ideas on the impact that it has on people's mental health and how they can manage the situation if this affects them. Some learners went to ASDA to buy the cooking ingredients for mud cakes that they made today.

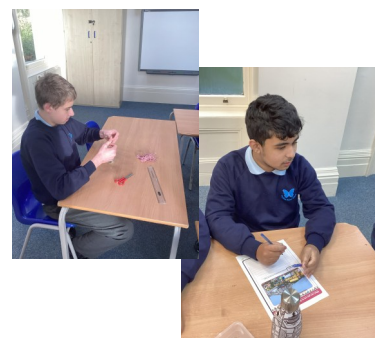
**Emperor Class** had a lovely outing on Wednesday to Leatherhead where the students were given £5 each that they had raised in their Enterprise activities. They spent it in Poundland and in a local cafe where we all enjoyed a delicious hot chocolate. In class we have all been enjoying reading 'James and the Giant Peach', practising the songs for our Christmas show and continuing to learn how to tell the time on analogue clocks. Our dance session this week was also great fun with everyone joining in.

### Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Tristan for "joining in with the actions in the goodbye song without prompting."
- Meadow** Aidan for "getting into the festive spirit and completing some very exciting Christmas-themed activities."
- Peacock** Kuba for "being a really kind friend in the playground this week."
- Swallowtail** Aahil for "his terrific ideas discussing what could be included on an 'eat-well' plate in science."



## Photo Gallery



Una (SNA in Meadow Class) celebrated her birthday on Monday and received some Body Shop goodies, olive oil soap and a lemon drizzle cake!

Shelagh (SNA in Monarch Class) celebrated her birthday this week and received a hat, scarf and gloves set and a Hobbycraft voucher.

## Therapy

William has done very well in Speech and Language Therapy. He is consistently linking words on his communication boards and has used some new vocabulary (pump balloon). William's attention has also improved, and he is now using a choice board to select a toy or an activity.

*Monika Persechino - Speech and Language Therapy Assistant*



Well Done to Ryan for his OT session this week, exploring new activities and for his amazing aim!  
*Catherine Hauvette—Occupational Therapist*

## Important Dates

### Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for next week is 'Christmas'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	10th December	All day	Primary visit to Hobbledown Adventure Farm Park
Thursday	11th December	All day	Christmas jumper day for 'Crisis'
Monday	15th December		Children's Christmas lunch—pupils are invited to wear 'festive attire'.
Wednesday	17th December	1.45pm	Papillon Christmas performance of 'Merry Poppins'
Thursday	18th December	1.30pm	Children's Christmas Fair
Friday	19th December	2pm	End of Autumn Term 2— <b>finish at 2pm</b>

### Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

***"Today was the best day ever!"  
Thomas Horton (Emperor Class)  
after hearing and dancing to his  
favourite song.***

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