



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Friday 12th December 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Papillon pupils and staff were looking very Christmassy yesterday in their festive outfits for our official Christmas Jumper Day! We have raised over £50 for Crisis. If you would like to send in any donations please could these be brought in next week. Thank you for supporting this worthy charity.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to celebrate the festive season with us next Wednesday at 1.45pm (2pm start) for our Christmas performance of 'Merry Poppins!' Please contact Jennie in the office if you haven't yet responded with how many seats you would like reserved. If you are going to be taking your child home at the end of the day, may I ask that you contact your transport provider and let them know. Thank you.

Reminders & Requests

Our Papillon **Christmas Fair** will take place next **Thursday 18th**. We are planning to have various stalls including a cake stall. If you are able to donate any **nut-free** cakes please could these be brought in on Wednesday 17th. All children and young people are asked to bring in a donation of £2 (minimum) on the 18th to attend the fair, all donations will go directly to Save the Children UK.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class decorated the class Christmas tree this week and made some special Christmas cards. We also went on a lovely trip to Hobbledown to visit Father Christmas. A walk through the magical forest led us to Father Christmas on his sleigh and the children all had a chance to sit down with him. They were each given a special token which they could then spend at the Christmas shop. We have also been busy with our Christmas play rehearsals.

Meadow Class were fortunate to visit Hobbledown on Wednesday and had a fantastic day exploring the park as well as meeting Father Christmas and receiving toys! They also loved visiting Poundland in Sutton to buy some Christmas presents and made some peppermint creams in cooking this week. Additionally, the children have been busy practising for the Christmas show this week too. They have been in their element dancing to our song and pretending to ride carousel horses.

Peacock Class had an exciting attention circle on Monday with magic growing ballons, the children all sat listened very well. We made 'sock snowmen' on Tuesday, filling socks with rice and decorating them. The highlight of the week was definitely Hobbledown on Wednesday! We were all on the nice list and received some wonderful gifts from Father Christmas. We enjoyed having time to play in the huge soft play as well as in the playgrounds.



Photo Gallery

Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class started off the week in a very festive way by making Yorkshire puddings, stuffing balls and roast potatoes! The children and adults enjoyed tasting them. Swallowtail attended their last swim session of the term and got to use the Christmas inflatables in the pool. Logan and William enjoyed a sensory massage on Wednesday listening to calming Christmas music. On Thursday, we learnt about the Nativity, focusing on the journey the shepherds made to the manger. The children did well drawing pictures to match the captions they were given. Swallowtail reflected on their week today, looking at pictures and writing about their favourite activity.

Monarch Class continued our streamed maths sessions, working hard on capacity and addition. Our cooking activity was a highlight as the children enjoyed making delicious gingerbread men. We also celebrated our final swimming session of the term, having great fun with the special Christmas floats and toys. Our creative side has been shining too, with lots of festive decoration-making and working together on our class banner for next week's Christmas performance. In PSHE, we explored what makes each of us special and unique, while some children learned about bullying and the importance of tolerance within different communities.

Admiral Class attended their final tennis session of the term and have shown fantastic enthusiasm and improvement each week. Rehearsals are in full swing as everyone continues practising hard for our upcoming Christmas show. The energy, commitment and teamwork displayed has been wonderful to see. All learners have been enjoying the festive spirit by creating the Christmas banner for the school show. In our Jigsaw session this week, we explored why it's important to support our community. Learners shared thoughtful ideas about kindness, cooperation, and how small actions can make a big difference.

Emperor Class have been busy preparing for next week's Christmas show, practising our lines, singing songs, making props, and trying out refreshment recipes. This week, we also served turkey, cranberry, and stuffing baguettes to staff during café, which went down a treat! We've been working hard in Maths too, reading analogue clocks and calculating money.

Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar Teddy for "participating in his first full day trip in Caterpillar Class."

Meadow Tommie for "being a superstar and doing amazing listening on both of our trips this week."

Peacock LJ for "doing great listening at Hobbledown."

Swallowtail Bailey for "completing a time line of how the shepherds arrived at the manger."



There were no Primary birthdays this week.

Therapy

Well done to Ahiyan, who guessed our mystery Makaton sign from last week by looking at the symbol of it for a split second! The mystery sign was... Father Christmas! *Monika Persechino - Speech and Language Therapy Assistant*

LJ did incredibly well attending to the Speech and Language Therapy group session with his peers. LJ sat in the circle throughout the whole 4 stages of bucket time (about 20 minutes!) and participated in each activity. He was very focused and said: “go” at the right times. LJ accepted an adult’s invitation to jump on bubble wrap together and then chose another peer to jump with again! Well done LJ! *Monika Persechino - Speech and Language Therapy Assistant*

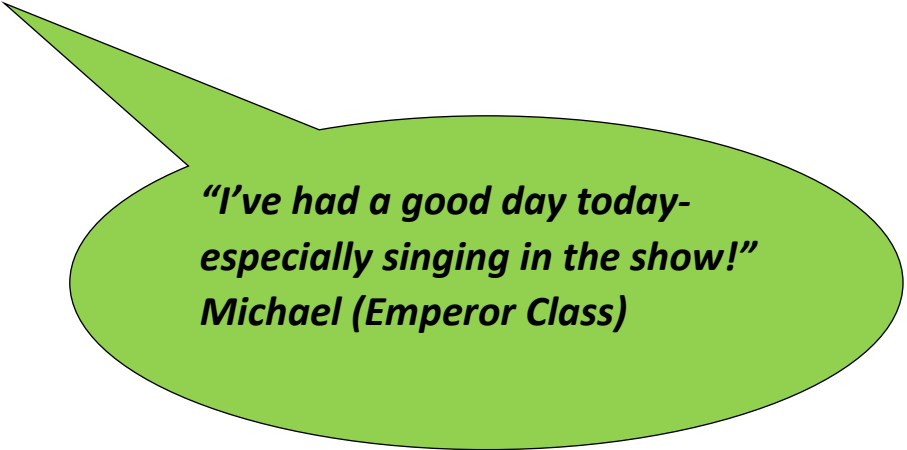
Important Dates

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
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— finish at 2pm

Papillon ‘Quote of the Week’



***“I’ve had a good day today-
especially singing in the show!”
Michael (Emperor Class)***

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Student Council

Primary School Council

This half term, Primary Student Council discussed our favourite stalls for the Papillon Christmas Fair using visuals provided by our Speech and Language Therapists.

Amberley and Aidan both liked the idea of a gingerbread stall and 'snowman skittles' whilst Jamie liked the idea of a 'Santa throw'.

We also discussed our classes, the new playground as well as favourite lessons. Amberley, Aidan and Jamie did an amazing job at this half termly Student Council Meeting.

Secondary School Council

Secondary School Council discussed potential stalls for the upcoming Christmas Fair. Aiden, Jenny, Ahiyan and Michael decided on the following stalls:-

- Guess the Sweet Game
- Photo with Santa
- Christmas Photo Booth

Council members also discussed about the possibilities of holding a DVD sale, a lucky dip and 'Pin the Red Nose on Rudolph'.

Well done to all our council representatives for their thoughts and suggestions.