

Firstly, we went on the bus and got to the Cathedral. Then we went to the stage (where we were performing). We went straight to practicing. After a little while, we went for a mini tour around and then sat down to get told a 30 minute story about Alban and Amphibulas. Then we went back to perform (practice) again. We went to sit down and have a snack and some parents came to watch. The cathedral was 900 years old!! Then we performed.

By Grace



For Children in Need on 17th November 2023, we raised a fantastic £235.64!

So thank you to everyone who donated.

We had a great day!



## DIARY OF EVENTS

Friday 24 November  
Winter Fair

### December

Tuesday 12th Dec  
Yr 6 Harry Potter  
Studio

Tuesday 12th December  
Year 3 Play

Thursday 14th Decem-  
ber Year 4 Play

Wednesday 13th Dec  
Christmas dinner and  
Panto

Monday 18th Dec  
Carol Service at St  
Mary's Church— all chil-  
dren and Year 6 parents.

Wednesday 20th Dec  
End of term 1.30pm

# Holtsmere End Junior School

## Newsletter

ISSUE 2

24TH NOVEMBER 2023

### Message from Mrs McGuigan

We have high ambitions for your children!

As the autumn term races past we continue to be focused on ensuring children feel happy and make progress. Year 3 and 4 Christmas play rehearsals have started and we are starting to feel a little festive!

As you know by attending learning review meetings, we have set challenging goals and targets for the children in maths, writing and reading. We work hard to teach the to be resilient learners even when they are finding something challenging, but we would like them to really focus on their reading at home as well as at school.

The trips and visits that have taken place since half term have been extremely successful and have ensured that children are having an enriched and memorable curriculum.

We were so impressed by the way in which pupils responded to the poppy making competition and the range of imaginative designs certainly created a great display in the entrance. Thank you to our School Council for organising it.

Could we request as we move into December that all children have coats in school, children do go outside to play in most types of weather, and we would like them to be both warm and dry when they come back inside to learn.

Attendance continues to be a focus as we move into the colder weather— children should be in school as often as possible and adjustments can be made for children feeling a little bit under the weather. If we feel that a child is too unwell to be in school, we will send them home.



## Trips & Visits



### Celtic Harmony Year 3 Trip

I had a good day, what I liked about it was when we worked together to make a den. I enjoyed the team working. We made some soup, this would have been what was eaten in the stone age, which is what we have been learning about in history. My friend helped me with the activities when I was struggling. So good teamwork. A lovely day.  
Malisha Year 3



### Ancient Greek Day-Year 4

That were lots of workshops. We used wax tablets that we melted and then we wrote on them. We also carved soap, made clay figures of the Gods, and squeezed olives to make oil for the lamps. We enjoyed making coin necklaces.

We decorated the plates and jugs. We had a really good day and acted in a play at the end of Pandora's box, Agamemnon, The Ancient Greek day really helped us learn even more about this history topic!

Olivia Year 4



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### St Alban's Cathedral 2023

#### Year 5 music Trip



On Thursday 16th November, we all went to St Alban's Cathedral and we had the opportunity to sing the songs: Souallee, Be Cool, Gospel Medley, Great Cathedral. There is way more! First we got the coach to the cathedral. Then, we rehearsed. After, we got a tour around and then we sang.

By Gabriela

We were having so much fun practicing. We were so excited to go, but a bit nervous. I didn't want to go up but I did and felt really brave after. The teacher was so kind and helpful. She helped us learn all the songs like Soualle. I liked the flowers and the great cathedral. The cathedral was so big and beautiful. It's over nine hundred years old.

By Tiffany



My experience of St Alban's Cathedral! It was amazing from the art work to the choir and to the building itself in total it was an experience to remember. I enjoyed singing in the cathedral with my class mates and the other schools.

By Ollie

At the cathedral it was a great experience because the songs were so fun to sing and Charlotte (our instructor) was really nice. She taught us all the great songs! My sister came and so did my mum and dad which made me happy and made me work harder and I was at the back.

By Lara

I think the St Alban's cathedral and was fun. We were singing lots of songs and my favourite was