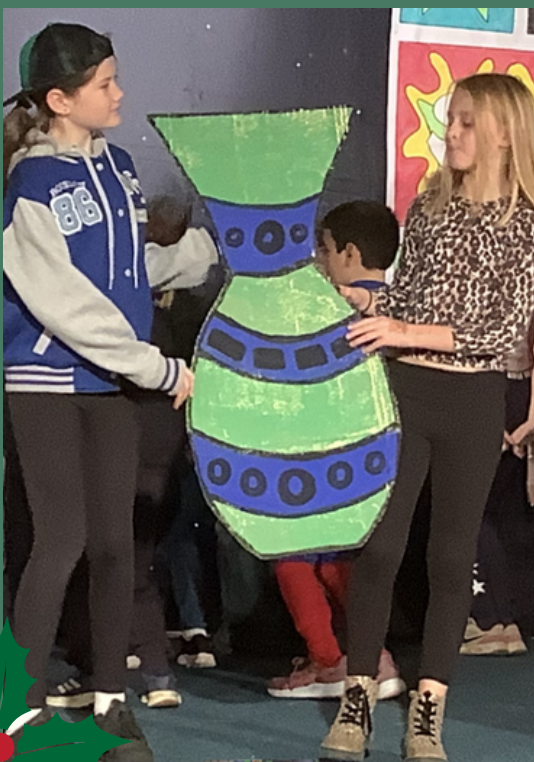


Dr Radcliffe's CE Primary School

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter!

Dear Parents and families,

We have recently enjoyed a number of great performances in the run up to Christmas. It was great to see Reception Class and Year 6 performing so well at the beginning and towards the end of those children's time at Dr Radcliffe's. It is great to see such accomplished performances, particularly from children who have developed in their confidence in performance during their time with us. We are delighted to see so many children 'living life to the full'. We also have had the opportunity to see the brass players in seasonal action in the hall. Hopefully, this has encouraged an interest in other children in playing brass instruments. If your child would like to play brass, please contact the school office.





We are glad that Mrs Jury has settled so quickly into school life. In the Spring, we will be working towards rolling out a Parent App to develop our systems around communication, consents and payments. We also look forward to our new school website going up this week. Our site's address will remain at www.dr-radcliffes.org.uk We look forward to adding to it, including to the Gallery Page, from next term.

Thanks for all of your support this term and thanks from the staff for the many gifts which you have given them. Thanks also for the contributions for Christian Aid and Helen and Douglas House in the last couple of weeks. It was good to see so many Santas running today.

We look forward to seeing the children back in school for 8.45am on Monday, 5th January.

All the best for Advent and Christmas.

Mr O'Malley





School News



Mrs Layla Jury started with us this month as our new School Business Manager, replacing Mrs Bowles. Layla joins us from marsh Gibbon School and she has worked in a school office environment for eight years.

Layla has already accompanied KS2 to the Pantomime! And we look forward to her settling in next year.



We have recruited a new Playworker at After School Club.

Kerrie Cronin (Savannah and Jack's mum) will be working on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

We are very pleased to welcome her to the school as a staff member.



Clubs!

Please return your permission slips ASAP if you would like a place at a club.

The complete timetable for next term is available [here](#).

Please note that we have some new sports clubs and that Rosie Clark Tennis is now accepting children from Year 1. Please could we also remind parents to please let external providers know if children will not be attending their sessions. Thank you!

Church services - all welcome!

Sunday December 21st- Said Communion - Tackley 9.30am, Carol Services: North Aston 3.30pm, Tackley 5.30pm, Steeple Aston 7pm

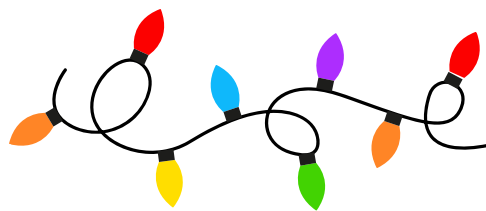
December 24th- Crib Service 4pm at Steeple Aston and Tackley, Carols on the Green, North Aston 6pm, Midnight Mass Steeple Aston 11.30pm

December 25th- Christmas Communion-North Aston 9am, Tackley 9.30am, Steeple Aston 10.30am

December 28th- United Benefice Holy Communion, North Aston 10.30am

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the Salvation Army Christmas present appeal. With the donations from Steeple Aston and Tackley churches, I had a full carload of gifts to take up to Banbury. They will be much appreciated. Rachel Marsden

Thank you



Year 3 and 4 Trip

Y3 and Y4 had an amazing time at the Ashmolean museum in Oxford last week. They were interested in both the Egyptian and prehistoric artefacts and showed exemplary behaviour. We were very proud of them all. Mrs Fane.



Eco-Committee



The Eco-Committee members from Year 1, 2 and 3 planted some bulbs.

Some pots and bulbs were donated by parents and Nicholson's kindly donated 4 bags of compost. We will display these outside the front of school in the Spring for everyone to enjoy.

We raised £173.32 for the Eco-Committee at the Christmas Fair. Our 3 topics for this year are Biodiversity, School Grounds and Energy and this money will support us in obtaining our Green Flag Award for another year.

Mrs Rymell



Attendance

Our attendance to date this year is 96.6%. All classes are at 96% or above and we look forward increasing this further to at least 97.0% next term.

Class	Attendance %
R	96
2	96.2
1	96.4
6	96.6
4	96.9
3	97
5	97.1

Congratulations!



I am really pleased to be handing out 47 certificates for 100% attendance this term to last Friday. This is a great achievement for those children. Well done to them and we look forward to a great number receiving these certificates next term.

Let us work towards increasing this number next term.

Mr O'Malley



Cascade of 6,000 poppies

The poppies made by all the children in Dr Radcliffes were added to the total collection after the VE day celebrations, so will have been incorporated into the cascade, the church doors, the War Memorial or the ribbons around the pillars in church.

Please see the BBC article [here](#):



Dates and Reminders

Term finishes on Friday 19th December at 3.15PM and Night Owls will be running until 4.30PM.

We look forward to seeing you back at school to begin the Spring Term on Monday 5th January.



Adam Bradley Football



Please [click here](#) for details of Christmas 2025 courses

SIX STEPS OF EMOTION COACHING

THANK YOU, DR. LAURA MARKHAM

1.

CALM YOURSELF. TAKE A DEEP BREATHE. PAUSE. IT'S NOT PERSONAL, PROMISE.

2.

CONNECT. CREATE SAFETY WITH YOUR TOUCH, TONE, AND ATTITUDE. SLOW YOUR BREATHING.

3.

EMPATHIZE. MATCH THEIR TONE. WELCOME AND REFLECT THEIR EMOTIONS.

4.

CHECK TO SEE IF YOU HAVE IT RIGHT. YOUR GOAL IS FOR YOUR CHILD TO FEEL UNDERSTOOD.

5.

INVITE YOUR CHILD TO TELL YOU MORE. OFFER SUPPORT AND VALIDATION.

6.

PROBLEM SOLVE - IF READY!



See more at this website: <https://www.emotioncoachinguk.com/>

A 6 minute tutorial of how this might work in practice:

https://youtu.be/LYp_5chKDQ8

JOY

St MARY'S CHURCH AT LOWER HEYFORD



Sunday 14th December at 11am

Christingle Service with Nativity

Please come dressed as a Christmas character/animal if you would like to



Wine & Hot Chocolate refreshments

 after the service 

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



*Wishing all of
our families
and staff a
wonderful
Christmas!*



Race Night

Dr Radcliffe's C of E Primary School Class 6 presents an evening of family fun to raise funds for their trip to London

 **FRI 30TH JAN 26**
Doors open 6.30pm
Starters order at 7.00pm
At Dr Radcliffe's school

SAVE THE DATE
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW
IN THE NEW YEAR



NORTH ASTON FARM SHOP & COMMUNITY HUB

Visit our Christmas Market...

Saturday 13th December
10am-6pm

Local crafts, festive food,
mulled drinks, live music & more!

(FREE entry & on-site parking)

The Peach Barns, Somerton Road,
North Aston, OX25 6HX

