

Dates for your diary

17th December 2018
2.00pm Joint Garland and Mrs
Blands Carol Service

18th December 2018
Snow White @ the Anvil

19th December 2018
Christmas Lunch

20th December 2018
Nursery Morning session only
(including lunch club)
1.45pm School Finishes

7th January 2019
School Reopens

16th January 2019
Year 1 – Explorer Dome

17th January 2019
6.00pm Year 2 SATs
Information Morning

17th January 2019
7.00pm PTA Meeting

6th February 2019
3.25pm Cake Sale – Willow

8th February 2019
9.30am Chinese New Year
Assembly – Maple Class

8th February 2019
Disco Night - tbc

15th February 2019
3.25pm School Finishes

School News

This week we have had a Christmas Maths week across the school which has brought with it lots of active and practical maths opportunities for the children. The children particularly enjoyed the fabulous cooking activities which have ranged from Christmas pudding Rice Krispy cakes to candy cane cookies!

We look forward to next week's festive events!

Parent Governor Elections

During our recent Parent Governor elections held in November this year, no parents came forward for nomination. In accordance with the Governing Body procedures, we have co-opted Mrs Ruth Bowen into one of the vacant posts. Here is her statement

“I a married mother of 4 young children – two of which have moved onwards from Mrs Blands School, the others are attending Year 1 and Little Acorns respectively. My husband Gareth is the treasurer of Mrs Blands PTA. I have thoroughly enjoyed playing an active role in my children's education at Mrs Blands which has involved participation with forest school, listening to children read, help with PTA events and assisting with school trips. I would like to play an instrumental part in the learning and development of the children within our community and in doing so help the staff and ultimately Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery school to achieve its goals. Since our eldest child started here in 2013, the school has improved in all areas and with the right training I would like to develop my skills to fulfil the role as a parent governor to sustain and continue the improvement at Mrs Blands School.”

Parental Support Drop-in Sessions

Mrs Hodson is our ELSA providing emotional support to the children in school. We are now pleased to offer drop-in sessions where parents may discuss any emotional concerns they have about their children with Mrs Hodson. Have they become quieter than normal, angry, or just not themselves; or are there changes at home that may be bothering them?

Times available are Mondays 9.00 – 9.30am or 3.00– 3.30pm
and Thursdays 9.00 – 9.30am

Please sign in at the office as normal

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

Little Acorns enjoyed performing their Christmas Carols this week. It was lovely to see so many parents come in and watch and share a festive snack with us. The children have been very busy making clay baubles to decorate. We have been talking about how the weather is changing and how cold it is getting and what we need to wear to keep us warm. Next week is our last week of term, and there is no session on Friday.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week Acorn's have enjoyed Maths week. In maths we have counted the correct amount of baubles into cups. We have drawn spots on a Christmas tree to match the correct number, solved the problem of Santa's muddled up sacks and changed the amount of presents in the sacks to be correct. We have also made sure that the snowman had as many different ways of having orange and green scarves and hats.

In Literacy we have read and listened to the 'Snowman Story' by Raymond Briggs. We have also made Rice Krispy Christmas pudding cakes, looking at how the chocolate changed when it melted and counting more or less spoonful's of Rice Krispy's in our bowl.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week the Reception children have enjoyed learning and joining in with the repeated refrains in the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. See if your child can recall all the characters that the Gingerbread Man encounters as he runs away.

In Maths, we have had a focus on practical measuring and counting activities. We have explored the value of coins to pay for toy shop items and weighed and counted out ingredients for our Christmas cooking. We hope you all enjoyed the end result!

In preparation for the Carol Concert next week we have been busy learning 'Away in a Manger', 'Santa Claus is coming to town' and 'Mary had a baby'. We also enjoyed showing our Christmas items from home and discussing the activities we enjoy at this time of year.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

Christmas has officially arrived in Year 1!

We have been busy making Christmas cards, calendars and salt dough decorations.

In Maths we have been solving Christmas problems such as who could make the longest paper chain in 15 minutes? We ordered them in class then joined them together and compared them across both classes. Willow's was the longest! We have been carefully measuring out ingredients to make our salt dough decorations. The children could measure salt and flour in cups and half cups.

We also made some beautiful candy canes biscuits, working as a team to measure out their ingredients and twisting the dough together carefully.

In English we have listened to the Christmas story, ordered the pictures and written sentences to match them, making sure that they included finger spaces and capital letters and full stops.

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Get in Touch via –

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or catch someone on the
playground –

Aaron White, Clare
Desai, Jo Nuckley, Claire
Oakes, Gareth Bowen,

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

On the twelfth day of Christmas.... Well, Year 2 hasn't been counting pear trees and maids a milking in maths, but we have had a lot of problems to sort out involving decorations! Rowan and Hazel Classes have really enjoyed their Christmas Maths Week – data handling, measuring and some cooking. The cheesy puffs were yummy! We've also been doing quite a lot of art and some handwriting too. Monday saw us visiting Garlands for their Lower School Concert. The singing and poems were excellent and it was lovely to see some familiar faces. Of course Year 2s behaviour was exceptional. However, I think we're all beginning to feel tired (and excited) and ready for some family time.

Please may we remind you that Forest School starts the first week back; Rowan on Wednesdays and Hazel on Fridays. We always need parent helpers, so be ready for us to smile sweetly at you with the sign-up sheet next week!!

As always, thank you for your support



Forest School



Star of the Week

Friendship Star

**Aaron - Acorns
Dovydas - Beech
Katrina - Maple
Sianna - Birch
Annabel - Willow
Isla - Hazel
Antek - Rowan**

**Jagger - Acorns
Lydia - Beech
Sarah- Maple
Frankie - Birch
Oscar V - Willow
Riley - Hazel
Sam - Rowan**

PTA News

During the Christmas Season Help us to Raise Funds for the School:

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 and it's free! Go to...

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mrsblandsinfantandnurseryschool/>

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School will be really grateful for your donations.

If you have a tablet or smart phone you can download the 'easyfundraising' app which is easy to access.

School Lottery

Please click on the link below to access the new school lottery where you can win money and prizes whilst supporting the school. Please share this link with your friends and family. The more people that buy tickets, the better the prizes and the more money we raise. Thank you for your support and good luck everyone!

The PTA

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/mrs-blands-infant-and-nursery-school>