



## Diary Dates

### December

4th	2.15pm Nursery & Reception Nativity
5th	9.30am Nursery & Reception Nativity
7th	Christmas Jumper Day
8th	Padstow Festival Lantern Parade
11th	1pm Nursery Christmas Stay & Play
11th	2.15pm Year 1 & 2 Nativity
12th	9.30am Year 1 & 2 Nativity
13th	Christmas lunch
15th	2pm Carol Service at St Petroc's Church
19th	<b>LAST day of term. 1.30pm finish.</b>

## ATTENDANCE

	Puffin	Kittiwake	Oystercatcher	Cormorant	Curlew	Average
	91%	93%	91%	94%	97%	93%

**Snowflake the Attendance Owl is awarded to Curlew class, as they have again achieved the highest attendance!**

*If you are booking a holiday, please make sure that it coincides with school breaks.*



## Christmas decorations & nativity preparations!

This morning started with festive songs and the whole school and nursery coming together to dress the tree with the decorations that each class had made. This is always an exciting day of the year, as it marks the beginning of the festive season in school. Also this week, our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils have been working hard to polish their performances for the forthcoming Nativities.



## PTFA Christmas Shop & movie nights

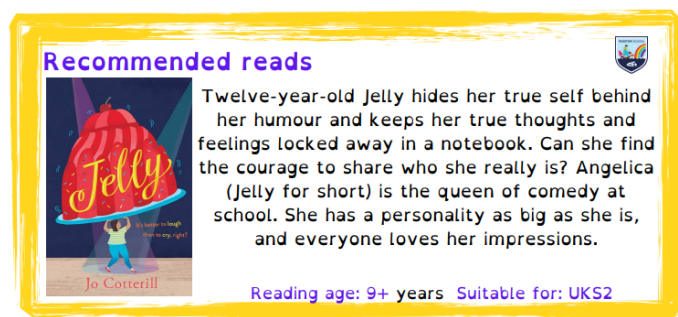
Thank you to all those who supported our PTFA by booking for their child to go to the Movie Night for Key Stage 1 last night—it sounds like a very successful evening! And this evening it is the turn of the Key Stage 2 children, who will equally have lots of fun.

If you would like your child to go to the PTFA's Christmas shop—within the school day on Thursday 14th December—and you haven't yet booked for this, they are keeping the link open over the weekend, so do click on this link if you'd like to take part:

[Padstow School PTFA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://pta-events.co.uk)

## Our Recommended Read

Each week, we will recommend a reading book suitable for a range of primary school year groups. Here is this week's book:

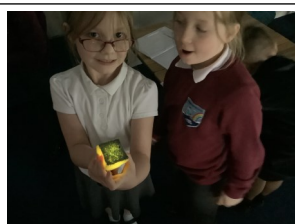


## Christmas jumper day reminder

A reminder that it is Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday next week. Children and staff are welcome to come to school in a festive-themed jumper / top, with their school uniform (pre-loved / second-hand / home-decorated clothes are perfect!). If you would like to support the Save the Children charity, you can make a donation on parentpay, but the children can wear a festive jumper regardless.

## Christmas post in school

The school Christmas Post Box will be in the foyer by the Hall from Monday next week. If your child would like to write Christmas cards for their friends, they can post them in the Post Box (please include class information as well as full names) and then our Year 6 pupils will empty the post box throughout the next few weeks and distribute the cards. They enjoy this task very much!



## Oystercatcher class

The children in Oystercatcher class have been busy this week as always: they carried out a science experiment on light to explore which objects are opaque, translucent and transparent, and they also have been exploring the theme of respect and challenge in PSHE by designing their own playground game and then teaching this to the other children.



## After-school clubs—update

As we have now completed 10 weeks of after-school Cricket, this club has now finished for the term. We hope the children enjoyed improving their cricket skills with Miss McNamee.

Big Shots football has 1 more session on Monday next week (4th December) as he missed a session in October. Mr Emery's Year 6 Maths club will also run for 1 more session on Monday next week, then will take a break and re-start in January. Mrs Bruce's Year 2 Maths club has finished for this term and will re-start in January and her Choir club will meet one last time on Tuesday lunchtime next week, and then they will take a break until January.

Club arrangements for the next term will be published in January.



# Padstow Christmas Festival Lantern Parade

Next week sees the annual Padstow Christmas Festival.

A reminder that the Lantern Parade starts at 6pm on Friday, with participants to meet in the main tent from 5.30pm onwards.

Our Year 4 pupils are bringing along the individual lanterns they have made in school as well as walking with the big school lantern.

If you or your child would like to make their own lantern at home, we have a stock of willow, paper and glue in school that you can take home (adults to collect please, not taken home with the children).

The Festival organisers have also confirmed the following additions to the event: as well as a prize being awarded for the best School Lantern as in the past, this year they will also be judging individual lanterns, with a prize to be won of £50!

They have also booked some children's entertainment for the main tent, which will run from 6.45pm when the lantern parade finishes, until the Fireworks which will be at 8pm this year.

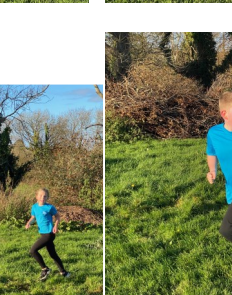
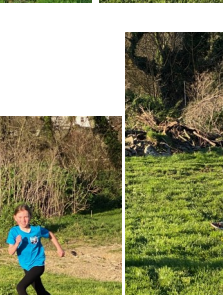
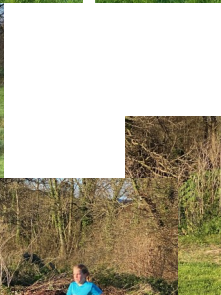
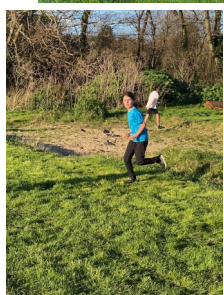
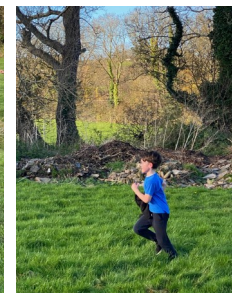
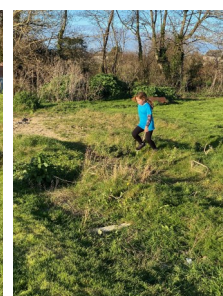
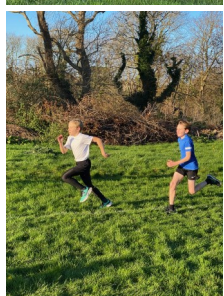
It should be a fun festive evening in the town!

**PADSTOW  
CHRISTMAS**  
FESTIVAL  
7 – 10 December 2023

## Cross country runners

On a beautifully sunny winter's afternoon earlier this week, more than 20 of our Key Stage 2 pupils signed up to take part in the local schools' Cross Country run, held at Wadebridge School.

Mr Emery was there to cheer them on and they did brilliantly!



## Padstow School and Nursery Rules for Life

Be polite, kind & thoughtful

Follow instructions

Care for everyone & everything

### This week's Certificate winners:

Nursery: **Ellie**, for following instructions

Puffin: not attending today's assembly, as they are busy preparing for this afternoon's Nativity dress rehearsal!

Kittiwake: **Isaac**, for being polite, kind & thoughtful

Oystercatcher: **Lola**, for following instructions

Cormorant: **Branoc**, for being polite, kind & thoughtful

Curlew: **Layton**, for following instructions

## Mrs Whitford's Certificates

Mrs Whitford presented certificates to the following pupils today:

**Orlando** in Cormorant class, for Aspiration: always doing his best

**Sam** in Curlew class, for always following the school rules

**Ailla-Grace** in Curlew class, for always following the school rules.



## Nursery Story Sharing Superstars

Each week, the Nursery pupils who have shared 10 stories at home are presented with Story Sharing Superstar certificates. This week, it was achieved by:

**Gracie & Riley.**

