



Dear Parents & Carers,

At Pilgrims' Cross, we believe in working together effectively between home and school. This week, it was fantastic to be able to hold our first parent/carer consultation meetings, giving the chance for home/school conversations about your children.

I hope that the meetings provided you the opportunity to listen to teachers' comments about your children and also the opportunity for you to bring to the table your views on how supporting your children at home is going.

In January, we will be holding similar meetings but these will be very much focused on academic progress, celebrating strengths, looking at next-step targets and the areas in which children need to develop.

Our children are working very hard on their learning journeys at the moment. This week, I watched children in Year 3 grappling with column addition and subtraction, Year 5 continuing their history learning and our Year R children playing alongside each other. I also witnessed some beautiful singing in Year 1, as the children rehearsed their nativity. Things are getting busy! You will probably also have seen on the calendar below that we have dates for the Year R and Key Stage 1 nativity plays and carol singing around the Picket Twenty estate.

As we soon enter this busy season, which can sometime overwhelm us or lead to frustrations and anxiety, let's try and be loving and patient with each other, taking time to pause and reflect, to be grateful for all we have, individually and as a community.

Jim Cascarini – Headteacher

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Vision Awards

Congratulations to all our children who received a Vision Award this week...	Love	Courage	Trust
<i>Oak</i>		Damian N & Ariana S	
<i>Willow</i>		Felix B	
<i>Sycamore</i>		Mia P	
<i>Maple</i>	Ethan B	Addison R	
<i>Hazel</i>	Macey-Mae C		
<i>Lime</i>			Penny P
<i>Chestnut</i>	Jepthah B		
<i>Elm</i>		Reggie C	Alayah H
<i>Ash</i>			Charlie J
<i>Beech</i>		RJ M	
<i>Pine</i>	Amelie McC		
<i>Hawthorn</i>		Robin T	
<i>Aspen</i>		Kaiden P	
<i>Juniper</i>		Michael D	

What we have been learning this week...

Willow & Oak

It's been another week focusing on nursery rhymes with spiders. The children have enjoyed making scrunched up paper spiders and hanging spiders.

The cold weather has provided us the opportunity to play outside and look at all of the lovely ice and talk about how cold it is and how ice comes from frozen water.

In phonics we have learnt the sounds "z", "qu" and "ch" and in maths we have focused on one more and one less.

The children have really enjoyed using bingo dabbers to identify the first sound in different words.

Finally, we have all been given our parts for our nativity play and started to learn the songs for these. We can't wait to perform to you all.

The Year R team

Sycamore & Maple

What a chilly week it has been! Winter feels like it has arrived and the children have been excited to see snow, ice and frost. This week we have given, followed and written our own instructions for Goldilocks. In Maths we have moved on to exploring 2D and 3D shapes. I wonder what shapes you can find around your house this weekend? We have explored whether materials are absorbent or not in Science and the children enjoyed investigating this. In History we have shared special memories from our own lives and drawn pictures to represent these. Perhaps you could look at some photos this weekend and share some memories as a family together.

Exciting news - nativity practice has begun! Hopefully you have heard your children singing some of the nativity songs we have been learning at home. We cannot wait to share them with you in the final week, when the Year One children will be the choir for the Year One/Two nativity. A letter will be coming home soon with more information.

Miss Miners and Mrs Edgington

Lime & Hazel

This week in Year 2 we have continued building our addition and subtraction knowledge by exchanging tens into ones! We have learnt about inference and the suffix -ed in English. In History, we focused on schools in the early 1900s and discovered that this time period is now beyond living memory! We went on a very wintery mini-beast hunt in Science and learnt all about the different microhabitats that are on the school grounds. In RE we learnt the story of Rama and Sita and discovered why lanterns are used as part of the Diwali celebrations. We even built towers and wrote instructions as part of our Computing lesson about algorithms. It has been such a busy week!

Miss Samuel & Miss Lavin

Chestnut & Elm

It's been another busy week in year 3! In English, the children have re-written a part of the story 'Stone-Age Boy' and tried hard to include speech with the use of inverted commas. The children enjoyed reading their stories to each other! In Science, they have continued their learning about friction and carried out an investigation, testing out different surfaces and seeing how far the car travelled. The children showed great teamwork and could explain their results. In Dance, the children have been exploring shapes with a partner and created a dance including shapes and movements; and how these link together to make a sequence. As part of our PSHE learning the children have thought about their strengths and their behaviours, and how to help others.

Keep up the great work!

Miss Plaw & Miss Boyce

Beech & Ash

Year 4 have had a busy week writing their Victorian fact files, they have worked really hard on these and have produced some brilliant work. The children tried to make sure they used conjunctions. In maths we have continued to work on our multiplication, specifically looking at our 11s and 12s and spotting patterns. We began our history learning journey by looking a range of sources to spot differences in children's lives in the Roman, Tudor and Victorian era, we were amazed to find out that Roman girls were considered adults at 12 and Tudor children could get a job at the age of seven or eight! In music we enjoyed an introduction to Rock and Roll and learned how to hand jive. We are looking forward to another fantastic week of year 4.
Mrs Allision and Miss Collier

Pine & Hawthorn

This week in Year 5, we have finished our latest English Learning Journey where we created a newspaper article to inform and warn about Viking raids. In Maths we have further developed our knowledge of fractions with the children comparing and converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions. Furthermore, in PSHE the children set themselves short and long-term goals and investigated what a goal is and how they can achieve. Finally, well done to all the children for continuing to be responsible and sensible when representing the school at swimming.
Mr Childs & Mr Dookheran

Aspen & Juniper

This week, Year 6 have worked incredibly hard to master adding and subtracting fractions. They have shown flexible thinking and lots of resilience when working on a range of calculations, including those which involve different denominators and mixed numbers - no mean feat!
The highlight of our week was sharing our most recent writing outcomes with Year 3. On Thursday afternoon, the Year 6s found a Year 3 buddy to share their writing with and it was great to see the interaction and enjoyment from both year groups! We transported Year 3 to a gloomy and oppressive Victorian workhouse with our vivid setting descriptions.
Here is a picture taken in Juniper Class which doubled as the dining hall where Oliver Twist famously asked for more!



Arbor

Exciting news! From **Monday 25th November**, we will be asking all parents/carers to sign up for the Arbor app. Arbor is the system that we will be using in school for our registers, dinners, trips, parental permissions and (in the long run) payments. **Please sign up when we email you the link this week...**



Job vacancy

Job/Person Summary

We are looking for a new member of staff to join our friendly and motivated school team as a Learning Support Assistant.

Our team are committed to ensuring that all children are able to achieve our school vision of being... "LOVING, COURAGEOUS and TRUSTWORTHY, so they can be talented role models and make A positive difference in God's world."

We can offer you a supportive and inclusive staff team of friendly, dedicated professionals, opportunities for professional development and a school full of amazing children who are a delight to work with!

Job role and responsibilities – Key requirements

- A team player
- A child-centred person willing to create, nurture and build trusting relationships, working alongside children, being a co-adventurer, communicating and facilitating learning
- Able to help children validate and manage their own feelings and those of others, appropriately
- Strong communication skills
- Good organisational skills
- Able to apply effective behaviour management strategies with a level of skill that demonstrates a caring, non-judgemental approach whilst remain clear and firm with expectations
- Experience working with or volunteering with children of Primary age
- An understanding of ways in which children learn and appropriate learning environments
- GCSE English and Maths A-C or equivalent
- Understanding of safeguarding responsibilities
- Committed and resilient

Application Procedure

If you think your skill set fits all or most of the above then please email recruitment@pilgrimscross.co.uk for an application form.

The LSA role equates to approximately **30 hours per week or increased to 32.5 with lunchtime duties** and is a fixed term contract from 1st January 2025 until 31st August 2025.

The salary can be negotiated based on experience at the point of appointment.

Successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.

1-minute maths

Want something to keep your child 'simmering' in terms of their maths skills? Why not download the White Rose 1-minute maths app.

Designed for use both in class and at home, our 1-minute maths app helps children build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!

What's the app about?

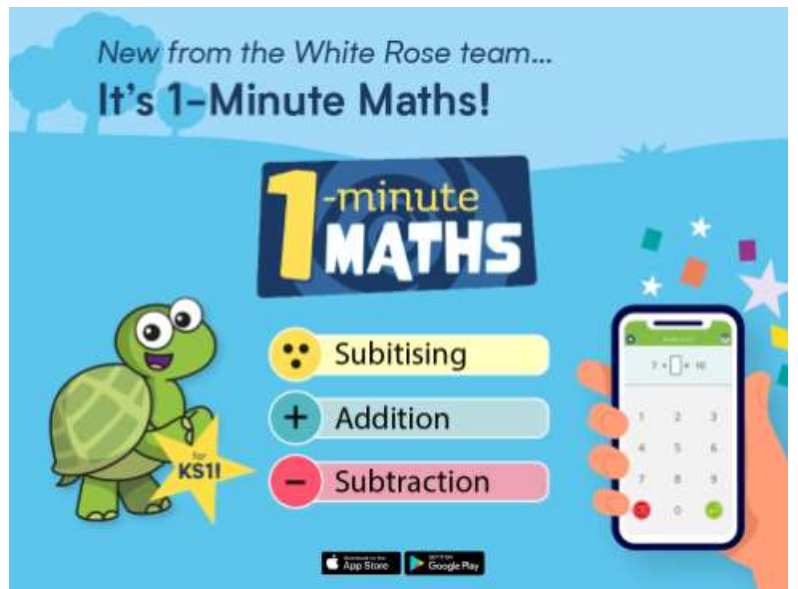
This first version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils (ie, age 5-6 years). Individual one-minute tasks focus on adding and subtracting – and on 'Subitising', the skill of

instantly recognising the number of items in a group without counting. Multiplication and division topics are also now available!

How do you use it?

Children can choose any topic they want to try. They then answer a unique series of questions (so it's a different set of questions every time). If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button will give a helpful clue by showing the question in a different but familiar way.

When the one minute's up, they'll see a feedback screen telling them how they've done.



FOPS flyers

Look below for announcement of events & requests from our wonderful PTA...

PILGRIMS' CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

We Are Looking For

DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED/UNUSED BUILDING TYPE TOYS YOU COULD DONATE IF SO PLEASE CONTACT FOPS . THANK YOU

LEGO **K'NEX**

DUPLO

MAGNETIC TILES **MECCANO**

MATHS LINK CUBES

Rudolph Rave

WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

£2 PER CHILD



YEAR R - 4-4.45PM - SNACK PROVIDED

YEAR 1, 2 AND 3 - 5-5.45 - SNACK PROVIDED

YEAR 4, 5 AND 6 - 6-6.45PM - TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE



PILGRIMS' CROSS
Winter Fair

We kindly ask for donations for this years Christmas Tombola for our Winter Fair.
Please drop off to reception by
Monday 8th December.
Thank you for your continued support in raising funds for our school.



Picket Twenty Christmas event...



Santa's celebration

14th December 2024
12pm to 4pm
Picket twenty sports pavilion

Entry:
Early bird price £1 per child
Must be booked by 23rd November
24th Nov to 30th November
£2 per child
30th November to 14th December
£2 per child

we can not guarantee
Your Child will receive the same gift as those
booked before 30th Nov
You can book online via our website
www.p20residentevents.co.uk

Grab some tasty treats!
Swing by Santa's cozy
grotto for a jolly good time!

Disco fever is here!
A variety of pop-up stalls await!
Enjoy complimentary fun activities
Don't miss our exciting raffle!

PRO RESIDENT EVENTS

Book Fair

Our popular Book Fair is on until the **26th November**. It's a great opportunity to begin buying presents for Christmas as well as just re-stocking your child's library of quality texts.



SCHOLASTIC **TRAVELLING BOOKS**

COME to the
BOOK FAIR

And earn **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

DOG MAN
The Shaggy Sledge
DAVE PILKOV

MY BIG FAT
Smelly POO
DIARY
The Smiths

Jonty Gento
The Adventures of a Penguin
JONATHAN COOPER & JILL SUTHERLAND

MICHAEL MORPURGO
Illustrated by William Middleton
COBWEB

Attendance

Attendance across the school this year to date remains at 96.9% this has dropped slightly due to some typical seasonal illnesses.

A reminder that advice on if you should send your child to school or not can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please help us by encouraging your child to arrive at school punctually, and to enter the classroom with their friends so they don't miss any of their morning learning- thank you!

ANDOVER TOWN CENTRE EVENTS

See what's coming up this Christmas

November

7 NOV Winter Wellbeing Fair
9AM TO 12PM, CHANTRY CENTRE

10 NOV Second Sundays
10AM TO 3PM, ANDOVER HIGH STREET

22 NOV Andover Christmas Festival
5PM TO 8PM, TOWN CENTRE

23 NOV **30 NOV** Christmas Grotto
10AM TO 3PM, CHANTRY CENTRE

December

7 DEC **14 DEC** **21 DEC** Indoor Market
9.30AM TO 4PM, CHANTRY CENTRE

7 DEC **14 DEC** **21 DEC** **22 DEC** **23 DEC** Christmas Grotto
10AM TO 3PM, CHANTRY CENTRE

6 DEC **7 DEC** **8 DEC** Festive Film Pop-up
VARIOUS TIMES, CHANTRY CENTRE

8 DEC Second Sundays
10AM TO 3PM, ANDOVER HIGH STREET

12 DEC Christmas Carols
FROM 4PM, ANDOVER HIGH STREET

21 DEC **22 DEC** Test Valley Brass Band
10AM TO 12PM, TIME RING

Find out more at

WWW.THINKANDOVERTOWNCENTRE.CO.UK

Andover fun!

Check out the exciting evening of Christmas- related activities and opportunities to do soon, in Andover!

Safeguarding- children in classrooms

Whilst we appreciate that it is lovely for parents & carers to look in to children's classrooms to see them in lessons, this disturbs & distracts the children. When you are waiting to collect your child at the end of the day, please DO NOT come right up to classroom doors and peer in. We had a couple of instances this week in Key Stage 1 and children were distracted from finishing off their jobs. Please wait away from the windows in the outside area or down the steps on the cobbled area. Thank you.

Key dates

- Tuesday 19th -Tuesday 26th November- Scholastic Book Fair
- **Thursday 28th November- Parents'/carers' evening (3.00pm-6.00pm)**
- Friday 6th December at 11am - Parent Tour for Year R September 2025
- Tuesday 10th December- EYFS *Wriggly Nativity*, 2pm
- Friday 13th December- EYFS *Wriggly Nativity*, 2pm
- Tuesday 17th December- KS1 Nativity- *Baaaarmy Bethlehem*, 9.15am
- Tuesday 17th December – Christmas School Dinner
- Wednesday 18th December- KS1 Nativity- *Baaaarmy Bethlehem*, 2pm
- Thursday 19th December – Christmas Party Lunch
- Thursday 19th December- Evening Christmas Carol Singing & Hot Chocolate
- Friday 20th December 2024- INSET Day 3
- Monday 6th January 2025- INSET Day 4
- **Thursday 9th January- Parent/carer learning consultations (3.00pm-6.00pm)**
- **Tuesday 14th January- Parent/carer learning consultations (3.00pm-6.00pm)**
- w/b Monday 16th June- Friday 19th June-Year 6 residential, Hooke Court
- Friday 20th June 2025- INSET Day 5

Please check out our website calendar for all relevant dates:

<https://www.pilgrimscross.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/06/>