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# NEWSLETTER

St John's Highbury Vale C. of E. Primary School

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The class with the best attendance  
at 93.0% was

Reception



The class with the best punctuality and  
with 4 children late all week was

Year 1



May this festive season  
be filled with the sweet sound  
of the laughter of loved ones  
in your home  
and the beautiful hymns  
that are pleasing to God  
and His angels up above.

Merry Christmas

**All children back to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Please find the booking links for Breakfast Club and Kidz Club.

Breakfast Club --->> [Booking form](#) and Kidz Club --->> [Booking form](#)

The booking will be closed on Monday 2nd January. Please do not book through the form after it's closed - instead email or call to the office. If you plans have changed, please contact us to cancel Kidz Club services as well, so you won't be charged.

Please ensure your Parentpay account is up to date and all outstanding balances are paid.  
No bookings will be accepted if there are outstanding balances on Parentpay. Thank you.

## Swimming gala news

Last Friday night was a very exciting evening for St Johns Highbury Vale at the Islington Schools Swimming Gala. We qualified for ten races out of twenty-two across three preliminary days with 16 other schools competing. A huge well done to all children who competed, it was a huge achievement to qualify for the final and be ranked in the top five swimmers. Well done Zach (1st), Maggie (2nd) and Callum C (2nd) who all finished in medal positions for their individual races. Huge efforts also to the relay swimmers with Year 5 boys narrowly missing out on 3rd place, Year 6 boys finishing in 3rd place and Year 6 mixed relay finishing in 3rd place.

This is one of the most popular competitions and we are extremely proud of the effort the children put in, not only did they rise to the occasion but they also showed resilience and great teamwork. No doubt, you have noticed but lots of children have been poorly this winter but some were so brave and swam their best while representing the school while others had to swim more than planned to cover their team mates who were not well enough. It was a huge team effort and I'm so pleased to say that as a school, overall, we finished on the school leaderboard in bronze position. This is a wonderful result considering we are a small school with less children than most of the other schools competing. The results for the overall winners are collected from the preliminary round as well as the finals, well done and thank you to all those who competed.

Year 5 - Maggie, Beatrice, Rosa, Etta, Callum H, Krivaidh, Barnaby, Callum C, Jesse,

Year 6 - Millie, Lucy, Rina, Aizah, Tyler, Zach, Jonny, and Floyd.





## Snow day

On Monday, it was a lovely snow day! Children have enjoyed the snow and all classes were building snowmen in the playground.



## Christmas Service

On Wednesday, all school community gathered for Christmas service at the Christ Church. Children did some lovely reading and sung together.





## Reception

We had a great time on Monday. First, we played in the snow -look at the wonderful snowman we made (with the help of some Year 3 and 4 children). Then, we did some Christmassy independent learning. After that, we played pass the parcel. We then went into the hall to dance with Years 1 and 2 and finally we ended with watching Arthur Christmas and eating goodies from our party bags.



## Year 1

Year 1 have had a lot of fun this week in the run-up to Christmas! We played games with Reception and Y2 for on our Christmas party day, danced a lot, enjoyed our party bags while watching a film, and did crafts and played with our friends. We tried to make a snowman but Year 2's was a lot better (don't tell Miss Bullen).





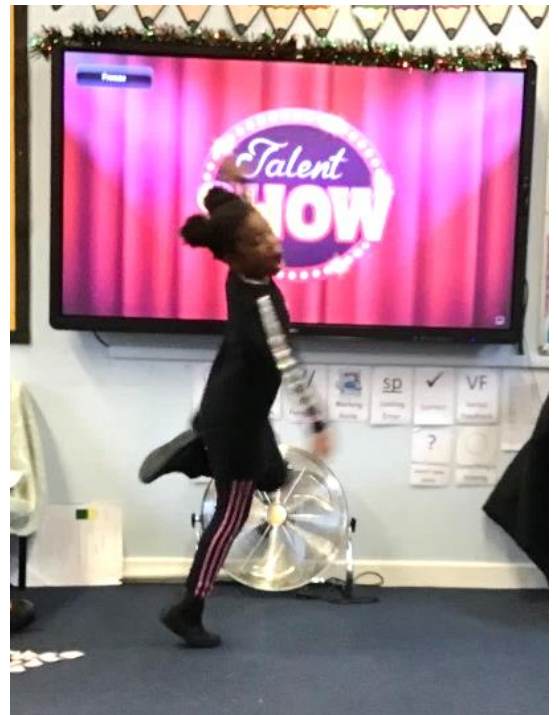
## Year 2

Year 2 investigated how germs spread. We found out that germs are transferred from our hands to everything that we touch. We concluded that we need to wash our hands regularly, with warm and soap.



## Year 3

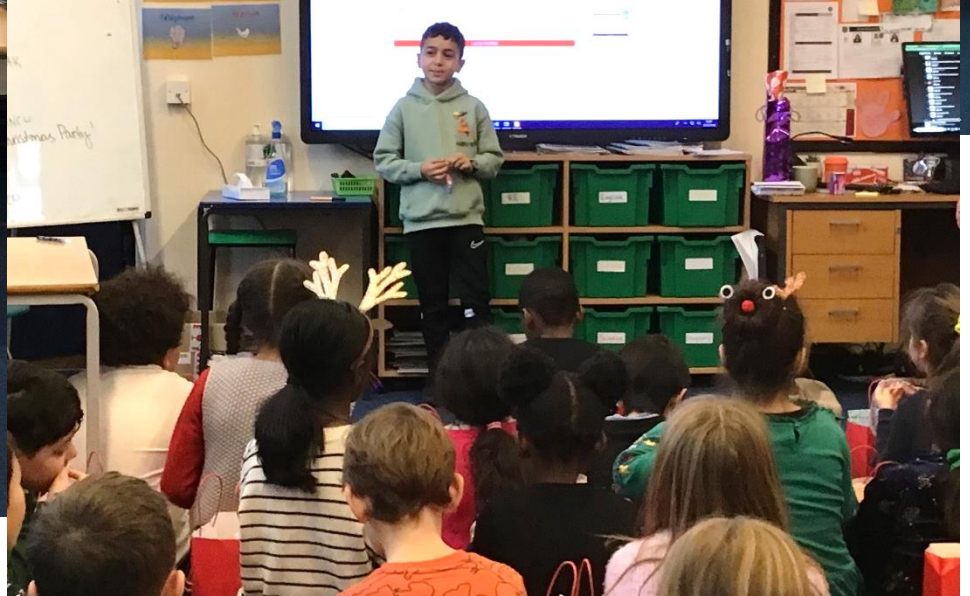
Year 3 had a fantastic time during our Christmas party. We began our day with a talent show where everyone did a brilliant job. Then we had a dance party and played some party games. To end our day we had a disco with year 4 and had the next round of the talent show. It was great!





## Year 4

In Year 4, we have been celebrating the end of term with a KS2 Christmas party. The children participated in a talent show and the acts were very impressive!



## Year 5

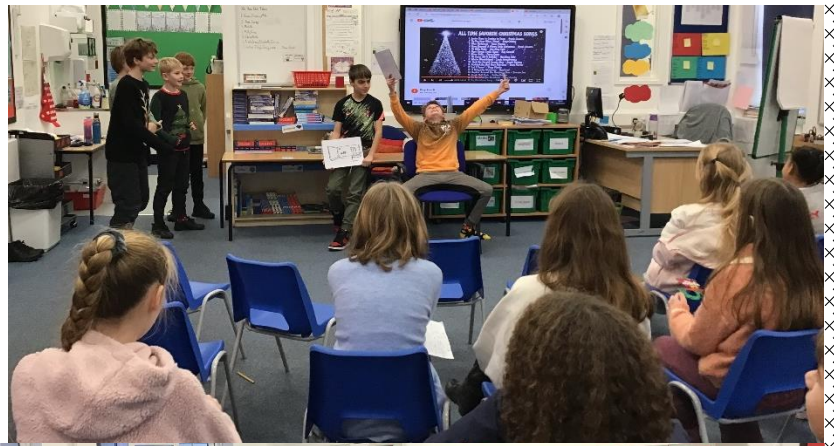
In Year 5 DT, we have been working very hard to design, create and evaluate our own cushions. What better than to cuddle up with a comfy cushion and a good book?





## Year 6

Year 6 have had a lot of fun in the last week before Christmas break! We have played party games, showed of our talents in 'Year 6 has got talent', and created Christmas candles and baubles.



## Choir singing at Memory café at the Christ Church

On Tuesday 13th December, St John's choir went to the Memory café to sing some Christmas songs. It was a lovely touching moment for children and seniors to have some festive time together.

