



# THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

*Pupil Takeover!*



Welcome to second pupil takeover edition of the Solent Schools newsletter. We have representatives from Years 1,2,3, 4 and 5 joining us in this edition – making it a whole Solent School takeover edition. As well as exiting Christmas stories from the Infant school, this week we will be covering: the Year 3 carol concert, the Year 4 Nativity of ‘Superstar’, Year 5 Alien Day and English topic of ‘A Christmas Carol’; the Year 6 English topic ‘Wonder’ and D.T topic of ‘Make Do and Mend’, the whole school’s P.E topic; and the Year 6 forces children’s trip to the PTI Passing out Parade at HMS Temeraire. We hope you enjoy our newsletter.

Head Pupils - Zac H & James W

## Christmas Jumper Day 2022!



Christmas Jumper Day was last Thursday, when pupils from across the two schools came to school in colourful Christmas Jumpers instead of their usual Solent School Jumpers. Some pupils added their own accessories like Santa hats, festive earrings and Christmassy headbands. On this day classes did some activities for Christmas and made nice cards, but classes did still focus on their learning, even with all the excitement of Christmas!

Melynda N from 6W



## Forces Pupil Visit to HMS Temeraire

On the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022, a group of Year 6 forces children, including myself, travelled to HMS Temeraire to watch the PTI (Physical Training Instructors) Passing Out Parade. We thoroughly enjoyed watching them as they flipped over each other and performed epic gymnastics routines. Here is what Marley in 6W had to say about the trip: “My favourite part was when they did the flips over the vault. We really enjoyed it and hopefully next year’s Year 6 forces children will get to go and watch it too.

James W from 6S





# SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

Meet our Jaw-dropping, Junior Journalists!



Year 3 - Adam



Year 4 - Ben



Year 5 - Gabrielius



Year 6 - Emily, James,  
Zac & Melynda





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## Year 3

Recently, Year 3 have had a really Christmas like carol concert and all of the parents came to watch the performance. On Wednesday last week the year 2s also came to Solent Junior School to watch one of the performances.

The songs we sang were Little Donkey, Calypso Carol, We wish you a merry Christmas, Away in a manger, Rudolph the red nosed reindeer and Silent Night. Some children also read a poem. It was called 'The Night before Christmas.'

The children really enjoyed themselves and everybody who watched left full of Christmas spirit!

Miss Nicholas ( Class 3NS teacher) said of the children 'They all shone like stars

Adam M from 3NS



## Year 4 Nativity - Superstar!



Since coming back from Calshot, Year 4 have been practising and performing their nativity play called 'Superstar.' Everyone has been rehearsing either the songs or acting to perfection. All of year 4 were excited to play their part in the Superstar play!

The teacher assistants got very busy making multiple props for the nativity, such as wings for the character named Mr Marzz, a star wand for the character Stella and a King Herod crown. Henley and Oakley worked extremely hard on the technical side of the show, controlling the lights and the music. The whole year group had a fantastic time performing in Superstar!

One of the main roles in the play was Stella who was acted brilliantly by Georgia. She said, 'The nativity is an important story to learn as lots of children are Christian and it can help them learn more about and respect their religion.'

Ben H from 4C





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## YEAR 5 ALIEN DAY



On Friday, Year 5 were very excited for their space-themed alien day! They came into school with alien themed costumes, which were literally out-of-this-world!

We spotted star wars characters, mixing with toy story aliens as well as demi-gorgons and home-made alien costumes, hair and makeup!

The children also created a news report about an alien invasion (based on the War of the Worlds) and created their own aliens!

Miss Cawthorne engaged in a lightsabre battle with some of the children and everyone had an awesome time!

Gabrielius P from 5C



## Year 6 DT - Slipper making



This half term, Year 6 have been evaluating, exploring and making slippers. The theme for it is make, do and mend, to kick off our World War 2 topic. In addition to this, many pupils have brought in different materials to make our slippers, which will be in the form of the following types: mules, boots, slip-ons and moccasins. In order to create our slippers, we have planned what fabrics and colours we would use in a series of skills. We have made paper patterns, cut around materials and pinned them together and used our sewing skills to make a pair of slippers that **SHOULD FIT!**

Emily K from 6S





# SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

Introducing our Inspirational Infant Reporters!



Year R Eden



Year 1



Charlie



Year 2 Evie



Year 2 Seren





# SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

## Year R Eden

I have loved playing and colouring with my friends. I was Mary in the Nativity. I liked singing all of the songs as Mary. I also like painting. We have been painting Christmas trees. Mine is special because I put some baubles on it. I am looking forward to Christmas so that I can give people presents.



We went to the year 4 nativity and I got Mrs Mason's son tomorrow. We cut out and we coloured paper baubles.

## Year 1 Charlie

In year 1 we have been looking at the advent pictures starting on the first of December to the 24th because it is Christmas eve and every day we get 1 or 2 prizes. We went to the year 4 Nativity and I saw Mrs Mason's son Thomas. We cut out and we coloured paper baubles. To everybody I hope Santa comes the right door.







# SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

We travelled away and a market and ~~the~~ the perfect both  
Christmas tree and then past Kate og them to get it  
We also time travelled into the past we used a  
green screen to time travel us. Mister \*Burkett  
helped us with the green screen and made  
us time travel! I wore a big dress and a second  
dress I ~~also~~ also had a big bun and fake glasses  
and muddy boots with it.

## Year 2 Seren

We recorded Away in a Manger and the Perfect Christmas Tree and then put both of them together. We also time travelled into the past. We used a green screen to time travel us. Mister Bur-  
nett helped us with the green screen and made us time travel! I  
wore a big dress and a second dress. I also had a big bun and  
fake glasses and muddy boots with it. All of the year 2 classes  
sang Christmas songs and the year 2 children were really happy.  
Most of the year 2 children saw their mummy or dad even both  
if they were lucky. I saw my mummy there. We sung abaaaan-  
doned and the perfect Christmas Tree. We also sang Follow the  
Star. Also we wish you a merry Christmas. Merry Christmas eve-  
ryone I hope you have a great Christmas from Seren and the  
classes of Solent and the headteachers.







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In Year 2 we made paper chains.  
We <sup>also</sup> made Christmas decorations from  
recycled. They were cones that were good for  
5 weeks in it.  
\*The paper chains were really long  
and when you put them on  
around the class room. Last Wednesday  
day we went to the Junior School.



## Year 2 Evie

In year 2 we made paper chains. The paper chains were very long and colourful. We put them all around the classroom. Last Wednesday I went to the junior school. It was a carol concert. I saw a big snowman and loads of flashing lights. I liked singing the songs especially the perfect Christmas Tree. I hope you have a good Christmas. From Evie.







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## Carousel PE with Mrs Brook

Since Year 4 were using the hall for their Nativity rehearsals and it was very cold outside, the wonderful Mrs Brook encouraged the whole school in their carousel PE lessons to create some Christmas Games! These games were then swapped with other classes in the year group, so other classes could test them out!

This was what our amazing pupils had to say!

5C Eve said 'My class made a Snowball Fight Game and I like how it is fun and physical - like Christmas exercises! 6W Melynda said 'My class did a Pick Out Of A Sack Game, where there was a bag of coal and present and you would do a specific exercise; I loved it and thought it was very exciting!

Melynda N from 6W



## Dates for the Diary!

**All dates are subject to change where unavoidable.**

**Christmas Break Mon 19th Dec—Mon 2nd Jan**

### Spring 2023

Tues 10th Jan	6-7pm Parent & Carer Curriculum Evening Mtg
Thurs 19th Jan	INSET Day
Mon 30th Jan	Y1-6 Work Share (SIS 3.30—4.15pm SJS 3.15- 4pm)
Thurs 2nd Feb	Y1-6 Work Share (SIS 3.30—4.15pm SJS 3.15- 4pm)
Mon 6th Feb	Parent & Carer Appointments (until 6pm)
Thurs 9th Feb	Parent & Carer Appointments (until 6pm)

**Half Term Mon 13th—Fri 17th Feb**

Weds 8th Mar	6-7 pm Parent & Carer Curriculum Evening Mtg
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**Easter Break Mon 3rd—Fri 14th April**

### Summer 2023

9th - 12th May	Year 6 SATs week
Weds 17th May	New Family Open Afternoon
(New Year R & 3 2023)	3.30—5.30pm

**Half Term Mon 29th May—Fri 2nd June**

Fri 16th June	Inset Day
Mon 19th June	Inset Day
Mon 3rd July	Open Work Share
(SIS 3.30-5pm SJS 3.15—5pm)	
Thurs 13th July	Pop in and Meet the New Teacher

## FSS Dates!

Friday 3rd February  
Friday 31st March

Friday 19th May  
Friday 23rd June  
Friday 14th July

Quiz Night 7.30—10.00pm (Adults)  
Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Event (Families)  
Summer Picnic Evening (Families)  
Movies Under Stars (Children)  
Solent Schools Summer Fayre (Families)

## Do you know a Solent Young Carer?

Earlier on this term, we asked you to consider whether or not your child might be a young carer. We would love to be able to reach out and support our team of young carers even more. If you believe that this might be the case for your child, then please [click here](#) to register their name.