



**Dunholme St Chad's Church of England
Primary School
December 2023**



We have had another busy month at St Chad's. All of the children have enjoyed many opportunities to further enhance their learning.

We are incredibly proud of the resilience of our Year 6 pupils (and staff) who braved the harsh elements during their residential to the Norfolk coast as part of their theme learning. Despite the bitter wind and cold temperatures, they took off their shoes and socks and headed across the bed of the river and through the marshes, crossing through the mud and small pools all the way back to Blakeney. Mr Parkin informed parents that the experience was 'fantastic and very refreshing' although I am not sure that Mrs Ackroyd agreed! There were opportunities to join the crew of the Aylmerton Centre staff pirates who encouraged the children to don their bandanas and complete the bosun's chair, the rigging and the desert island challenges. All faced their fears and encouraged one other. The final day involved team building activities, designed to test the children's communication, cooperation and skills of encouragement.

Here are some of the children's reflections on the week:

"My favourite part of the residential was the zipline and the teamwork activities because they were great fun." Eliza

"I really enjoyed our residential to Norfolk. My favourite part had to be the climbing frame where we had to hook ourselves on so we didn't fall. I also really enjoyed our night safari and listening to the storyteller. It was an amazing trip and definitely something I will remember forever." Ivy

"My favourite part was walking through the marshes and getting my feet stuck." Elliot

"I had a great week because we had a pirate day and I got to go on a zipline across water." Cassie

My favourite part was going on the night walk because it was really nice looking at the moon's reflection on the water. The people were also really nice." "Kayleigh

Overall the residential was AMAZING!" Indy

Year 5 pupils have had a busy couple of weeks. They prepared an emotive and poignant Remembrance assembly, which reflected on some of their learning from their World War theme. By the next edition, they will have further consolidated their learning having visited the International Bomber Command Centre.

As part of Anti-Bullying week, our children were encouraged to wear odd socks to school. It was a fun and light-hearted way to encourage the children to embrace individuality and celebrate differences.

This week, our 'French Club' started in Key Stage 2. This is run by Miss Bradshaw and six Year 12 and 13 students from William Farr. Our keen linguists loved their first session where they were playing games related to colours and items of clothing.

Our Year 3 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their Hindu experience day. The visiting speaker shared Hindu stories with the children. They had the opportunity to dress up in traditional



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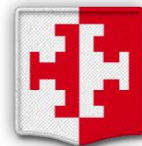


clothing and performed Indian dances. During the afternoon they created rangoli art patterns.





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Christmas is always a special time in primary schools. We are really looking forward to the following upcoming events.

Upcoming Events

- 7 Dec – Christmas light switch on and carols around the tree 15:30 – 16:30
- 13 Dec – In-school pantomime (Cinderella)
- w/c 11 Dec – Reception & KS1 Christmas performances
- 15 Dec – PE enrichment day with Premier Education
- 18-20 Dec – Class Christmas parties

The deadline for applying for a place in Reception 2024 is fast approaching. If you have not been able to attend one of our Open mornings, please contact the school office and we will organise a time for you to visit to see our school in action.

Primary applications need to be made online, by 15 January, via the following link:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/2>

For our latest news, you might like to check out our website, which has a fresh new look
<https://www.dunholme.lincs.sch.uk/>

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