

Pool Hayes Primary Express

Welcome to the very merry winter edition of our fabulous school newspaper. Our young journalists have been working hard to update you with all the exciting developments that have happened in the autumn term at our fantastic school. Firstly I'd like to introduce you to our super talented writing team who all contributed articles and features found in this sparkling festive edition:

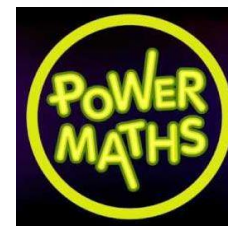
From upper KS2 – Meya, Jessica, Jaziah, Lexi, Hrithik and Evie

I hope you enjoy reading the newspaper, have fun completing the activities and have a safe and happy winter break with your loved ones – Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you!

Mr Carter—Deputy Headteacher



The complete team!



is here!

Look for these Power Maths characters as you're reading the newspaper. How many can you find of each one? Once you've counted all of them write the total in the boxes below:



Flo Dexter Ash Astrid



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In the news



Inspire, challenge, learn

Current events and developments:

Nativity performances—both Early Years and Key Stage One classes completed fantastic Christmas performances for their parents and the school. Audiences thoroughly enjoyed the festive events so it's the 'nice' list for everybody this year!

Welcome—we welcome Miss Franke to Year 6 this year; we are delighted you have joined us!

Farewell—to Mr Fletcher and Mr Wright, we hope you enjoy University/new jobs and you will both be missed by everybody.

Halloween discos—raised over £230 for the school fund, thank you to the PTA for their help and assistance especially with the spooky decorations!

Christingle—went very well with Y5 and Y6 featuring for parents. The service went very well and the occasion was a special festive event for the Save the Children fund.

Young Speaker Competition—a special mention goes to Jesse and Ruby from Y6 for the Rota Club young speakers competition this year—well done!

Santa visits—thank you to Willenhall Rotary for lending Santa their sleigh to visit children at PHP before Christmas.

Christmas parties—all the children had a wonderful festive time singing, dancing, eating and there was even a talent contest in KS2. Thanks to parents for sending in Christmas grub!

Christmas tree donation—thank you to Standeford Christmas trees of Coven, South Staffordshire for our huge Christmas tree, it's fabulous!



Christingle Performance



Christingle took place on the 13th of December 2019 in our school hall and year 5 performed with year 6. We did it because we wanted to show our parents what we had practised at Christmas time as part of our learning about Christian customs. Christingle means 'Christ's Light' and it is a symbol of the Christian faith. Lots of churches hold Christingle services around Christmas time. Christingles are made up of different parts, each one being there to remind us of something.



The orange represents the world.

The candle reminds Christians of Jesus who they believe to be the light of the world.

The red ribbon goes all round the 'world' and being the colour of blood, reminds Christians that Jesus died.

The four cocktail sticks could have either of two meanings; the four seasons or the four corners of the world.

The sweets (or sometimes dried fruit) remind Christians of God's gifts to the world including kindness and love.

The foil is only there to catch waxy drips from the candle.





Photo Gallery





Interviews

Moyet - "we celebrated Christmas and Jesus and to show that we made oranges with candles. We sung different songs to celebrate the birth of Jesus and we also prayed."

Niamh - I enjoyed practicing and singing songs. My favourite song was 'This Little Light of Mine'. It was really funny when we dropped the giant orange.

Logan - seeing Gurpyar and singing songs was the bit I enjoyed the most, especially my favourite song - 'This Little Light of Mine'.

Zak - "making Christingles out of oranges and being on the stage singing in front of all the parents and other children as they happily watched us. I really liked seeing Gurpyar watch us happily."





Choir performance



The PHP choir group is made up of all age groups from year three all the way to year 6. There are more than 30 people who form the whole choir and they all sang their hearts out to a variety of Christmas tunes recently at a huge festive show. Well done to all the choir and Mrs Mellor for an amazing performance, for their 'Christmas at the Movies' show and the Forest Arts Centre in Leamore.





Choir Interviews



- Did you think the choir performance was good? Daniel (Y4)
- "I thought it was amazing even though the children were quite nervous."
- Out of ten, how would you rate them?
- Daniel would rate them a 9 out of 10.
- Who stood out the most?
- "I think all the children involved sang really loudly and did their best."





Choir - The Verdict

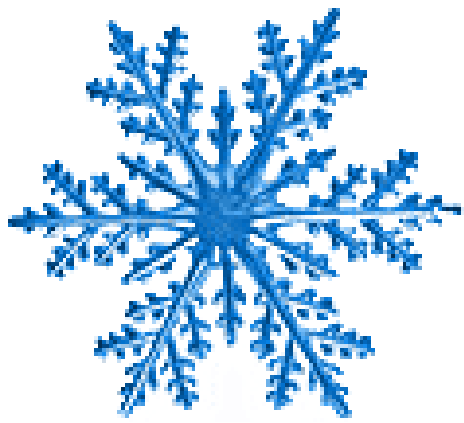


Choir are a strong team of young singers with a lot of potential. They're a group of talented children in a large team who have represented our school very well. Everybody at Pool Hayes Primary School is proud of the children because their singing voices are magnificent. Also, the team couldn't thank Mrs Mellor enough for what she has done to develop and improve their singing skills.

The choir are looking forward to new challenges that lay ahead and working together to learn, sing and perform some new songs. Good luck to our whole choir team!



At the Forest Arts Centre

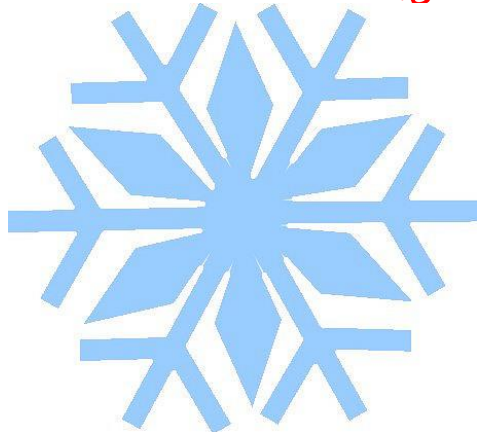


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It's Christmas Festive Fun and Games Time

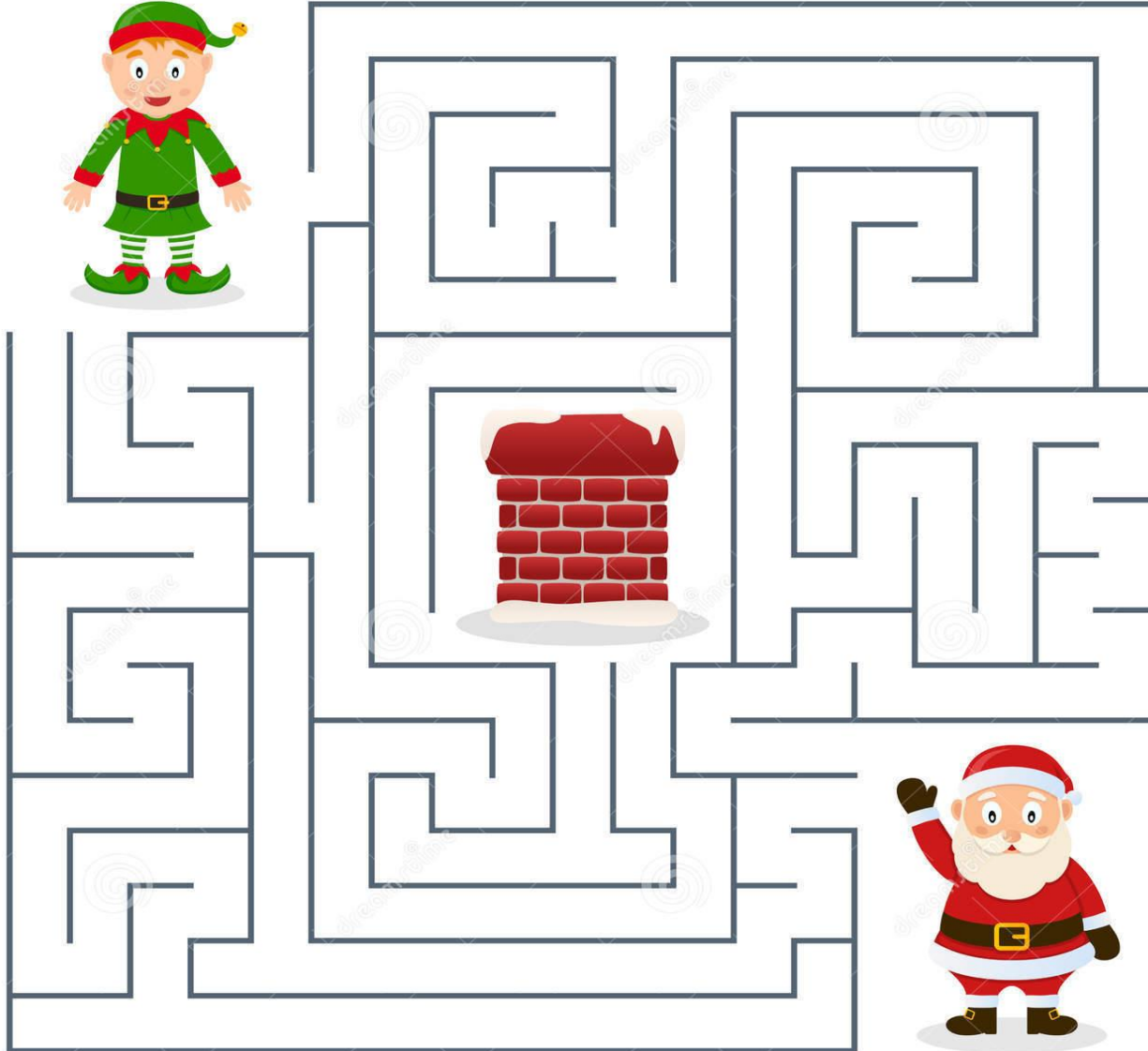
Enjoy these Christmas games
(you may want to print them out to
complete them)





Elf adventure

Can you help the Elf escape the maze?

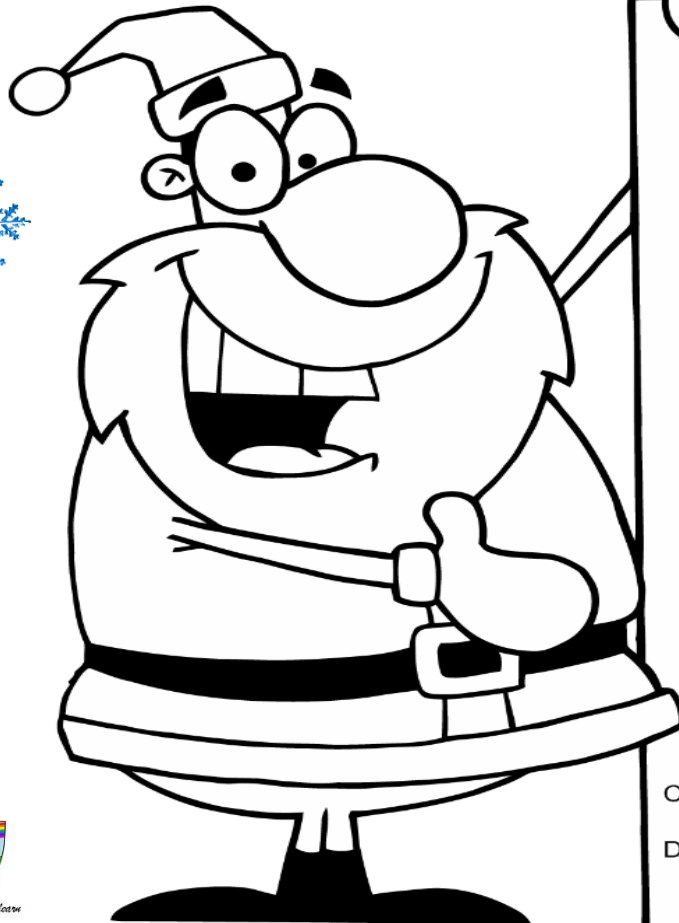




Save Santa



Can you complete the Christmas Word Search?



Christmas Santa Word Search

K	Z	D	S	T	O	C	K	I	N	G	S	W	S	Z
U	E	H	P	Q	J	Q	H	M	T	E	N	Z	A	P
R	B	R	A	R	D	X	X	R	J	O	L	U	N	J
K	S	T	C	V	E	E	H	B	I	N	B	T	T	M
D	N	T	C	Z	G	S	C	F	T	S	E	S	A	T
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B	M	G	X	Z	M	D	F	V	T	B	L	E	A	W
F	I	G	Q	W	Z	Q	Y	Y	L	S	E	A	U	S
P	S	L	E	I	G	H	S	G	B	B	W	R	S	Q



Pursue, challenge, learn

Christmas	Presents	Santa Claus	Sleigh	Tree	Red
December	Star	Candy	Stockings		



Pursue, challenge, learn

WHAT'S YOUR ELF NAME?

The first letter of your name.

A - Adventurous	H - Humble	O - Outgoing	V - Very Nice
B - Bouncy	I - Innocent	P - Playful	W - Wiggly
C - Cuddly	J - Jumpy	Q - Quick	X - Xtra Special
D - Dainty	K - Kindhearted	R - Rosy	Y - Youthful
E - Energetic	L - Lively	S - Sweet	Z - Zesty
F - Fearless	M - Mighty	T - Thoughtful	
G - Graceful	N - Nimble	U - Unique	

The month you were born.

Jan. - Sugar Plum
 Feb. - Jingle Bells
 March - Giggle Pants
 April - Candy Cane
 May - Sparkle Pants
 June - Merry Dancer
 July - Twinkle Toes
 Aug. - Happy Feet
 Sept. - Peppermint Patty
 Oct. - Gingerbread Breath
 Nov. - Silly Giggles
 Dec. - Jolly Jingles



Christmas Missing Vowels

The elves have taken the vowels out of each of these Christmas words. Can you work out the word and write it on the line beside the letters?



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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. c_ndy _____ | 13. m_nc_p_ _____ |
| 2. t_rk_y _____ | 14. g_ng_rbr_d _____ |
| 3. gr__t_ngs _____ | 15. m_stl_t_ _____ |
| 4. h_l_d_y _____ | 16. N_rth P_l _____ |
| 5. c_r_ls _____ | 17. c_l_br_t_n _____ |
| 6. l_ghts _____ | 18. d_c_r_t_ns _____ |
| 7. s__s_n _____ | 19. f_r_pl_c _____ |
| 8. sl__gh _____ | 20. j_ngl_b_lls _____ |
| 9. f_m_ly _____ | 21. sn_wb_ll _____ |
| 10. t_ns_l _____ | 22. c__k__s _____ |
| 11. st_ck_ng _____ | 23. r__nd__r _____ |
| 12. r_bb_n _____ | 24. tr_d_t_n _____ |

POWER MATHS

At PHP



What is Power Maths?



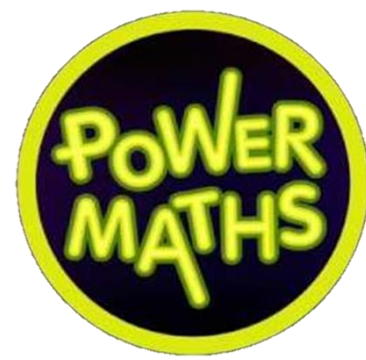
Power maths is the new maths scheme that is being used from Reception to Year 6. We first started using it at the start of this school year. We started to use Power maths so that everyone understands how to solve questions and that there is more than one way to get the same answer. Power maths also involves different characters that have a different purpose and help us learn different methods.



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Power maths characters



Meet the team!

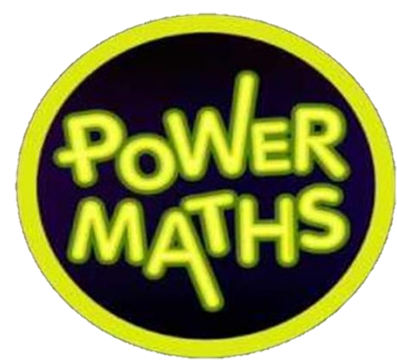


Flexible Flo is open-minded and sometimes indecisive. She likes to think differently and come up with a variety of methods or ideas.



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Dexter

Determined Dexter is resolute, resilient and systematic. He concentrates hard, always tries his best and he'll never give up – even though he doesn't always choose the most efficient methods!





Ash

Curious Ash is eager, interested and inquisitive, and he loves solving puzzles and problems. Ash asks lots of questions but sometimes gets distracted.



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Astrid

Brave Astrid is confident, willing to take risks and unafraid of failure. She is never scared to jump straight into a problem or question, and although she often makes simple mistakes she is happy to talk them through with others.

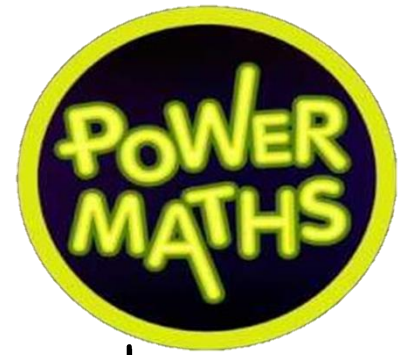


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Interviews



Niamh: "I like power maths because it makes maths easier and it's easier to learn new things. It also makes maths more fun."



Jesse: "I like the new Power maths books because I feel that we get to do more work in our practise books. The books also make maths easier and more fun. I like that there are different characters to help you learn with a positive mind-set."



Power Maths - does it work?

After the interviews it is clear that everyone loves the new power maths books and they make learning more fun, hands on and efficient.



Christmas Quiz



- 1) How many Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus?
- 2) In what town was Jesus born?
- 3) How many presents were given in total in the 12 Days of Christmas?
- 4) What country did the family escape to?
- 5) How many of Rudolph's eight companions names start with D?
- 6) What country did Christmas Trees originate from?
- 7) What's the second line of "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas"?
- 8) What was Joseph's job?
- 9) Who were first people to visit the baby Jesus?
- 10) What's lucky to find in your Christmas Pudding?
- 11) What Angel visited Mary?
- 12) Where did the baby Jesus sleep?

Answers found
on the last
page





Pursue. Challenge. Learn

KSI Christmas Performance

Year 1 and year 2 had a Christmas performance this term. The performance was on Wednesday 11th and Thursday the 12th of December. It was all about a little angel who really wanted wings and she was always late. One day she was given an important job to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby and he was going to be the son of god, named Jesus. Along the way she found three injured animals so she decided to help them. When she got to the stables Jesus had already been born but since she helped three animals the other angels gave her a gift of magical wings.





Purpose. challenge. learn



Interviews!

Alice Whitehouse

"I was the main part in the play and I remembered all of my lines. I think it was really good because it went well."





Pursuing challenge, learning



Lola Footman

"It was amazing and I thought that their costumes were unbelievable. They all remembered their lines."





G A M E S



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa's Word Search

Can you help Santa find the hidden words?

The words can go up/down or frontways



CANDLE
CHRISTMAS
ELF
FROSTY



RUDOLPH
SANTA
SNOW
TREE



I	L	O	X	X	C	I	U	Q	S
Z	W	J	C	M	A	O	W	R	R
K	M	O	H	C	N	H	N	U	O
H	S	S	R	W	D	H	A	D	U
T	B	A	I	F	L	O	D	O	E
R	F	N	S	P	E	S	A	L	J
E	V	T	T	C	L	N	M	P	U
E	O	A	M	E	F	O	Z	H	X
T	A	J	A	D	C	W	E	O	R
F	R	O	S	T	Y	P	D	D	F

Severn Valley Railway



On October the 10th, year 5 and Year 6 went on a trip to the Severn Valley Railway in Bewdley. They went as a part of their topic about World War Two. They went to learn more about World War Two and how life was during this time. After you have read the following interviews, it seems clear that everyone from year 5 and year 6 really enjoyed the trip to the Severn Valley Railway it really helped them learn and it was a great success.

Severn Valley Railway Interviews

Year 6

Logan C: First we were put into groups and then we put our things away. We went to an old fashioned kitchen and we had a go at washing some clothes and drying them the old fashioned way. Then we went to an Anderson shelter and a man showed us how loud the air raid siren would have been. Then we went to a different place to play some of the old games. Then we went to lunch. After we had eaten our lunch we played in the park and Miss Fisher went down the slide. After lunch Miss Davis showed us how they would put fires out and wet us with the hose. Then we went home.

Hunnie: The trip was fun. My favourite part was when we played old games and when we played in the park. I liked when we were allowed to look at all the old trains from World War Two. I didn't like the game where you had to try and get the coins in the circle.

Jaziah: I think it was really fabulous and I liked it because you get to experience what it was like during war time. My favourite part was going in the Anderson shelter because I liked the experience in there.





KS2 Christmas Music Performance



On Monday 16th December year 4 and year 5 performed an ensemble set for a Christmas concert because they wanted show their parents how good they are at music. They had an amazing teacher called Mrs Jones from the RockIt team to help them practice and make it perfect.



Daisy from year 4 said:

"I think I could have spoken a little bit louder but everybody else was good at talking loud and clear."

In an interview, Chloe from year 4 said:

"I liked learning how to play different songs on different instruments."

Following their 'distinction' grades from their recent music exams their skills have improved dramatically since the beginning of the year. Well done to all.

KS2 Christmas Music Performance



Photo Gallery



On stage action



Moseley Old Hall Trip

Year 2



MERRY Christmas!



Pursuing, challenge, learn

Why Moseley Old Hall?

This trip took place to help the year 2 class with their history topic about the kings and queens of the past. It was also for the experience of being transported back to the olden days.

They wanted to experience what the people looked like then also what food they ate. They also wanted to see how they dressed and the houses that they lived in.

The whole class had a really good time there, they thought it was amazing especially when they went and got dressed up as kings and queens. They also went in a maze. I'm surprised they didn't get lost they must have been really good at finding their way out!

It went really well they said it was a amazing, they particularly liked the people who worked there when they explained how they do the maze and lots of other things.

They liked the bread they ate because it was especially cooked in the same way as they did in Tudor times.





Interviews from year 2



- Arabella: "I liked dressing up, I also liked seeing the priest hole and I liked seeing him going through a special gate."
- Gabriel: "I also liked dressing up, I learned that King Charles II escaped from the army, someone helped him to escape and hide."
- Daniel: "I loved the maze and I learned lots about the old fashioned clothing they wore."



Photo Gallery



Answers to the Christmas quiz

- 1) 3
- 2) Bethlehem
- 3) 364
- 4) Egypt
- 5) Three - Dasher, Dancer and Donner
- 6) Germany - it was Latvia but it was part of German then!
- 7) Just like the ones I used to know
- 8) Carpenter
- 9) Shepherds
- 10) A six pence
- 11) Gabriel
- 12) In a manger

