



Next half-term's Pathway:

Reflection

December 2025

Happy Christmas! It's been a busy term so thank you for supporting the many events that the children have experienced during the last few weeks and for your kindness in donating or supporting our fundraising efforts. We wish you a joyful Christmas and we will see you back at school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.



Attendance Winners

Our attendance cup winners for November/December were:

Week ending	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Friday 7 th November	Mrs Bradley / Miss Cook	Mrs Leavesley
Friday 14 th November	Mrs Bradley / Miss Cook	Mr Hardeman
Friday 21 st November	Mrs Bradfield / Mrs Edwards	Miss Cotterill
Friday 28 th November	Mrs Bradley / Miss Cook	Miss Hadley / Mrs Rawle
Friday 5 th December	Miss Pearson and both Year 1 classes!	Mrs Cooper
Friday 12 th December	Miss Pearson	Mr Hardeman, Mrs Leavesley and Miss Hadley / Mrs Rawle

We're aware that there has been much illness during the last few weeks of term. This has had an impact on our attendance and the DfE have issued advice for parents at this time (https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

We're hoping that the start of the new term will be much healthier!

Sporting Success

It's been a competitive term and we've competed in Tag Rugby, Gymnastics, Volleyball, Sportshall Athletics and Netball events.

Well done to our boys Yr 5/6 football team who were finalists in the Westwood Trophy (narrowly losing 2-0), our Year 4 football team who enjoyed real success in their first league matches and our Netball team who won 14-2 in their first match of the season.



Christmas performances



We've enjoyed two magical performances during the last week. Our Reception children, after only joining us in September, were superb and wowed their parents and the school with performances of the 'The Wiggly Nativity'.



Our Year 2 children also triumphed with three wonderful performances of 'Simply Nativity'. The hall was packed and their performances demonstrated what talents we have here at Straits!

Year 1 Polar Express Day



On Friday 5th December, Year 1 held their Polar Express Day. The children enjoyed a range of Polar Express themed activities and then entertained their parents with some Christmas songs before parents and children enjoyed making a Christmas craft together.

Year 3 church visit

Our Year 3 children visited Himley Road Methodist Church to hear all about the Christmas story. They journeyed back in time to discover what it was like for Mary when she was visited by an angel, how the shepherds felt when they were surprised by an angel and why the wise men chose the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Whilst they were there, they also enjoyed completing different crafts all about the Christmas story.



Year 4 become Romans!



As part of Year 4's 'Italian Adventure', they have been busy becoming Romans and making Pizzas!

Sir Teachalot took on the role of a Roman soldier and trained the children to be part of the Roman army – the day was filled with drills, battles and gladiators!

Year 5 Harry Potter

On Tuesday 2nd December, Year 5 had a fabulous day at Harry Potter Studios. They explored many of the movie sets, including: The Great Hall (decorated beautifully for Christmas), Hogwarts Express, Hagrid's hut, Privet Drive and the Gryffindor common room.



For the staff, it was so lovely to hear the chorus of, 'Wow', as the children discovered the enormous model of Hogwarts Castle for the first time, as well as seeing their excitement as they spotted costumes and props that they have seen in the films.

Many of the children also really enjoyed their Butterbeer and ice-creams that they had treated themselves too!

Fundraising Events



A huge thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts this term – either by donating to our hampers, buying Christmas cards, buying raffle tickets or attending our Discos.

A huge 'well done' must also go to our Key Two children for their fantastic efforts with our Children in Need Trade Fair. They raised over £1000 at this event!

We also raised £985 from our disco!

Raffle results

Thank you for supporting our Christmas hamper raffle and for purchasing tickets – we raised a magnificent £1030.

Our hamper winners were: Ellie (Yr 4), Erin (Rec), Orlagh (Rec), Max (Yr 6), Fred (Rec), Heath (Rec), Evie (Yr 6), Phoebe (Yr 2), Ursula (grandparent) and Iris (Yr 2)

Have a wonderful holiday!

