

At this time of year we would normally be welcoming you into school to see our Nativity performances and it certainly feels a lot quieter than usual without the sound of children's singing drifting through the corridors. However, as always the staff have been incredibly resourceful in coming up with all sorts of Christmas learning to make sure that the festive spirit isn't lost. I hope you are enjoying the [online advent calendar](#) and we are also putting photos on the school website.

Our PSA have also been working hard behind the scenes and as I write this the children are enjoying their crazy hair day and getting ready for their Christmas movies with complimentary popcorn and juice! We also love our Christmas tree courtesy of Hans Christmas Andersen at Santa Fir with lights from Seymours Estate Agents!



We have asked a lot of the children this term and they have really risen to the challenges of life in school during a pandemic. We are very grateful to all of you too for your co-operation and support in what has been the most challenging of years for us all. I would also like to extend my enormous appreciation to the whole staff team who really have gone over and above this term to make sure that the children continue to have the best possible experience in school.

The government is giving all schools a sum of money based on pupil numbers (a catch-up premium) to support children this year. Instead of a school development plan we have an action plan which details how we intend to spend this money. You can find our plan on the [website](#) under About Us>School Development Plan. This is a working document and will be updated throughout the year.

This term we say goodbye to our much loved Deputy Headteacher Mrs Marsden as after 18 years of service to the school she will be starting her retirement. I am so grateful that she chose to stay on an extra term and feel privileged to have worked with her for the last 13 years. We are going to miss her but wish her all the very best for exciting times to come.

This Christmas I hope that however you choose to spend it you have a peaceful and happy time with your families and loved ones and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 5th January.

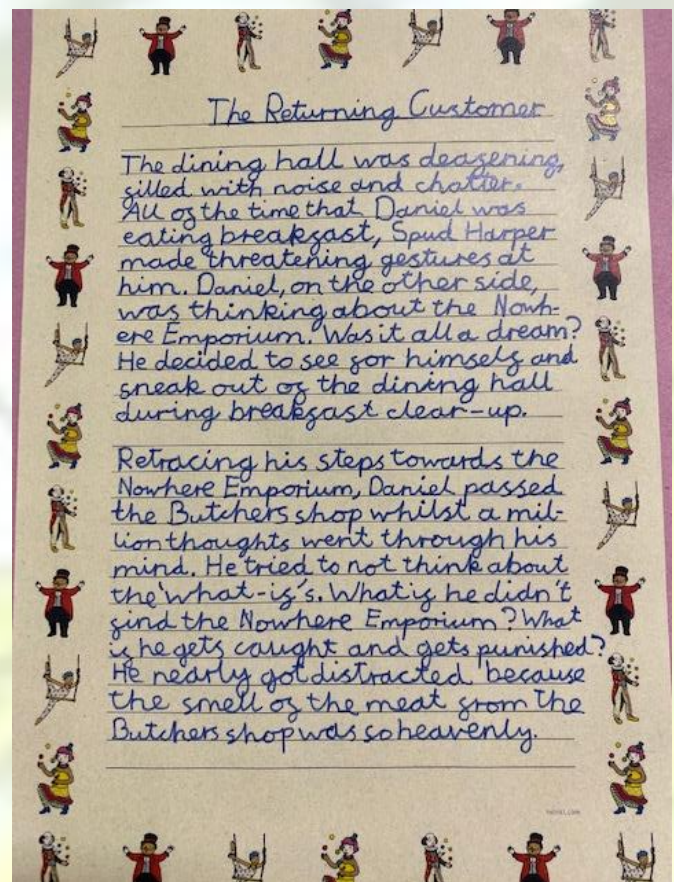
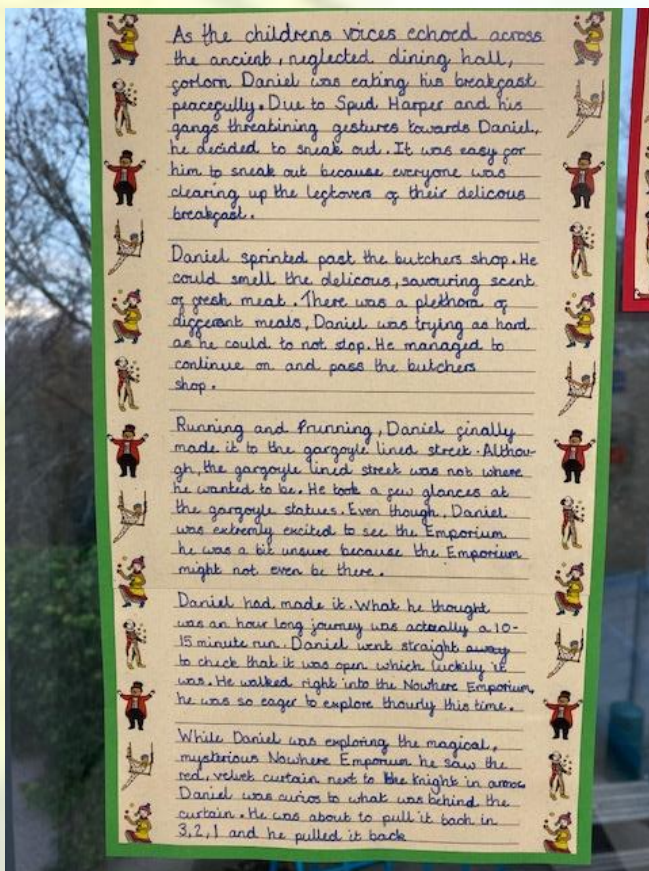
Jo White, Headteacher

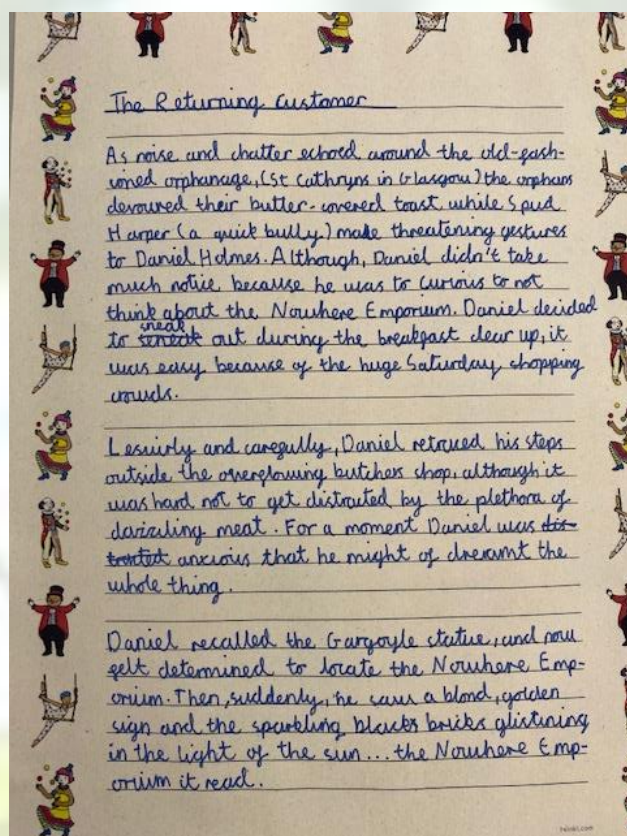
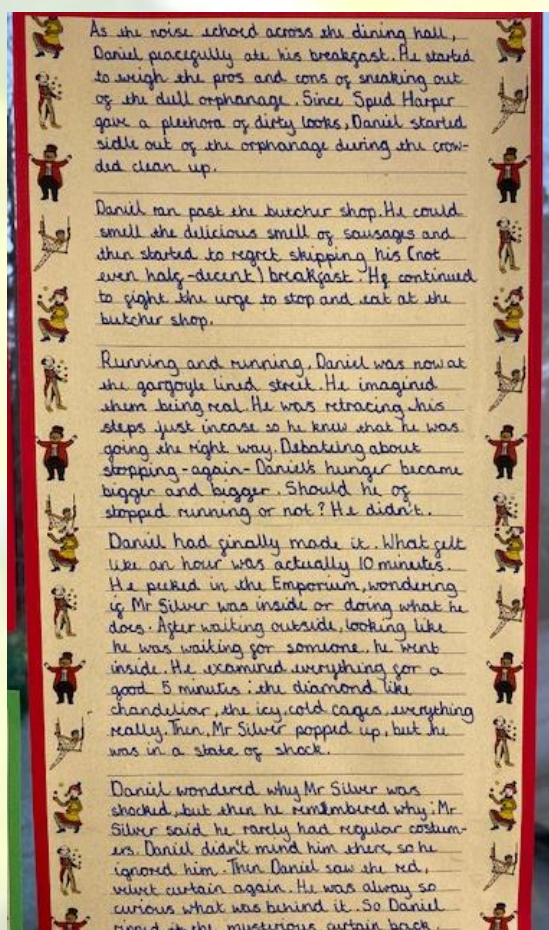
End of Term Timings

Year Group	Location	Time
Parrots	Side	12.45
EYFS	Side	1.00
Year 1	Middle	1.00
Year 2	Middle	1.10
Year 3	A3	1.15
Year 4	A3	1.20
Year 5	A3	1.25
Year 6	Side	1.30

Class Pages

Year 6 have been busy producing some fantastic pieces of writing based on the book, 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie.





Year 1 enjoyed a robin and reindeer themed week last week. We learnt a robin dance and performed a robin poem. The children also had the chance to experiment with using a range of different materials to make a reindeer. These photos show us using natural materials during Forest School. We had to find 'y' shaped sticks, before very carefully gluing a ball of red tissue paper and some googly eyes to our sticks. It took a lot of concentration and perseverance to get the nose and eyes to stay!



Mrs Harris is thrilled with the results of **Jays'** purses. They planned, practised and persevered. Back, running, blanket and over stitches were all tried and buttonholes mastered too. Some added embellishments. Very proud sewers. Well done all of you.



Times Table Challenge

This month's Time Tables Challenge has been the most successful ever with 51 children scoring 100% and receiving their awards - what an amazing achievement! Well done to **every** child who took part and to all the parents and teachers who have supported them in their drive to learn their times tables. You are all amazing!

Olympian	Yr	Bronze	Yr	Silver	Yr	Gold	Yr
Isaac P	3	Charlotte S	3	Taleya M	4	Leo P (2 nd time)	5
George F	3	Emile T	3	Lara G	4	Emma V (2 nd time)	6
Eli V	3	Dojin G	3	Daniel V	4	Poyraz E (2 nd time)	6
Layla C-S	3	Sam S	4	Ayaan A	5	Alex L (3 rd time)	6
Freddie H	3	Jeremy R	4	Katie M	5	Harley Scott	6
Benjamin S	3	Lucy B	5	Annie F	6		
Evelyn Z	3	Aseel Bakry	5	Charlotte L	6		
Meryem C	4	Ryan D	5	Isabella P	6		
Henry E	4	Max B	5	George E	6		
Amy G	4	Ilana M	5				
George L	4	Abdulla D	6				
Irina B	4	Evan P	6				
Caleb D	4	Louis P-R	6				
Xanthe K	4	Denise S	6				
Abbie J	4	Noah L	6				
Annabel W	4						
Maja P	4						
Cady-Mae B	5						
Alex H	5						
Zac C	5						
Phoebe S	6						
John W	6						

The next Olympic Times Table Challenge will take place on Thursday 21st January 2021

From the office

Planet Soccer are running camps this Christmas! Please see the link for venues, times, other information and how to book:

<http://planet-soccer.info/book-a-holiday-course/>

If you would like to contact us with any questions, send us a email to:

admin@planet-soccer.info

All of us at Planet Soccer would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !

Thank you in advance and kind regards,

The Planet Soccer team