

Newsletter



Snow Day

We were delighted to be able to open on December 12th despite the snow closing many other local schools. The children had great fun in the snow with their friends during much shorter break times. Huge thanks to parent governor Pip Taylor and Alex who arrived early in the dark to help Mrs Gray and Mrs Paterson clear the paths to enable us to open. Thank you also to Mr Paterson who travelled out to get us more grit!

Spring term clubs and wraparound care

Our wraparound care is available from 7:45am to 5pm daily and is run by Mrs Paterson and Mrs Woodruffe. In addition to this we have an exciting after school programme.

Monday	– KS2 netball club and Class 1 maths club.
Tuesday	– Class 2 maths club and Class 1 sport club.
Wednesday	– Dance club.
Thursday	– Class 1 and 2 construction club and class 3 maths club.



Snowman!
Christmas party fun.

Open The Book
Children enjoyed watching the team



perform a worship.

Eco Club
Is having a break



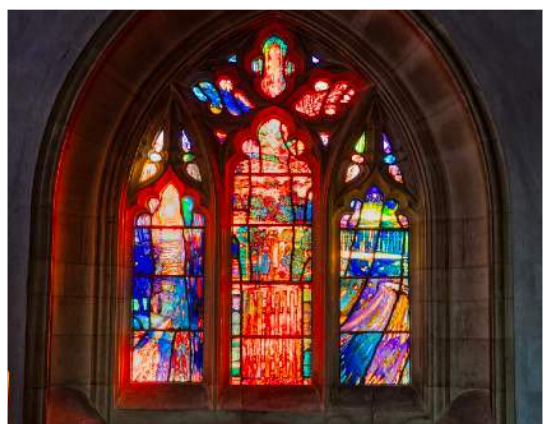
and will return in
Term 4 when it's a
little warmer!

Whole School Experience

On December 7th the children walked to church to meet Tom Denny the stained-glass window artist who



was installing a new window. The window was installed to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the birth at The Old Vicarage of Composer Ralph Vaughan Williams in our village. The Reverend Canon John Swanton gave the children a history of the other stained-glass windows within All Saints



Church before the children listened to Tom Denny explain the inspiration for each part of the window and about other windows he had designed.

Whoops-a-daisy Angel

The Autumn term ended perfectly with class one putting on a nativity about how a clumsy little angel is trusted to share a very important message. Class 1 were helped out on the day by three year 6 boys who stood in at the last minute to cover an angel, shepherd and king who were poorly. Huge thanks to Edward, Casper and Harry for saving the day and a huge well done to class 1 you were



amazing! It was so lovely to perform in front of a packed hall of parents, grandparents and friends for the first time in two years.

Robin Hood

The end of term was full of treats and memorable experiences for us to share as a whole school. On December 15th we all watched the musical actor



production of Robin Hood at the Barn Theatre. The children enjoyed the show and were amazed and inspired by the cast's ability to play so many instruments. After the show, the children walked across town to have a fun filled afternoon lead by chief elf Lizzie Bean. The children were in mixed age teams working together in a variety of challenges and played some fun games too!

Christmas in the Community

One of the amazing things about Down Ampney C of E Primary School is seeing it come together with the rest of the community to create something magical. On a very cold and frosty evening in December the PTA along with the village community came together to start the festive season. The hall was filled with craft stalls and games, the school choir brought a tear to many eyes



with their beautiful singing and pizza and mulled wine warmed many a cold soul. The event was extremely well supported and raised over £1,000 to be shared between the school and the church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 3rd Jan - return to school
- Friday 6th Jan - school swimming restarts
- Monday 16th Jan - gymnastics festival
- Monday 16th Jan - School beat officer in school with class 3
- Monday 23rd Jan - Quicksticks
- Friday 3rd Feb - INSET, no school for pupils
- Feb 7th Feb - Dodgeball
- Feb 13th - Swimming gala for class 3 in the afternoon
- Feb 15th and 16th Parents' evening
- Feb 17th - last day of term

