

Paternoster School **News**

December 2023

Positive relationships underpin the success of this school. OFSTED Oct '23

Dear Parents, Carers, and Paternoster School Community,

I hope this message finds you well as we embark on a new year filled with promise and excitement. It is with great pleasure that I share some wonderful news and updates from our school community.

Good Ofsted Rating: I am thrilled to announce that Paternoster School has received a Good rating in all areas in our recent Ofsted inspection. This achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion of our students, staff, and supportive community. Thank you all for your continued commitment.

We extend a warm welcome to our new teaching staff who have joined our Paternoster family. Their enthusiasm and expertise are already making a positive impact on our school community. We look forward to the contributions they will bring to our students' education. As we welcome new members to our team, we bid farewell to those who have been an integral part of Paternoster School. We express our deepest gratitude for their contributions and wish them success in their future endeavours. Their presence will be missed, and we thank them for the lasting impact they've had on our school.

We have had many successful events that members of the wider Paternoster community have been able to attend. The Bingo evening was a tremendous success, with thanks to the Friends of Paternoster School for their organisation of this. Our students showcased their talents in an unforgettable Christmas Circus production. The performances were truly spectacular, and it was heart-warming to see the creativity and dedication of our students come to life on stage. A big thank



Celebrating our OFSTED outcome!

you to the students, teachers, and everyone involved in making this production a memorable experience for all. Our annual Christmas market raised an impressive £1600, including funds from the silent auction. These funds will contribute to enhancing the educational experience for our students.

The experiences that have had funded support this term included the brilliant circus experience day for all pupils to launch our new topic and the Christmas pantomime of Aladdin – which was a magical experience enjoyed by all.

We also launched our new values to show that we 'CARE' – these are Courage, Ambition, Respect and Enjoyment. Pupils were invited at the end of each term for a Headteacher's Hot Chocolate for those who got courage leaves on our tree in the atrium.

Wishing you all a prosperous and joyful year ahead!

Jennie

News from Elm Class

Elm class have welcomed a new class teacher (Paula) and new pupils. They have been settling into their class routines this term and developing their circus skills to display to all in the Christmas play. They have been very busy with swimming and forest school as well!



News from Pine Class

Pine Class said goodbye to their class teacher Ellie and have been working with Rebecca and Anna and their class team. They all enjoyed decorating the classroom for Christmas and seeing what their elf would do each day. Pine class have been working hard on their reading and phonics and had an amazing time at the Cheltenham Literature Festival with Chestnut class – where they met the Gruffalo!



News from Beech Class



Beech Class have been working hard in their new classroom. They worked together for our Hello Yellow event that saw all classes coming together for World Mental Health Day. They had lots of fun when they visited the garden centre in Cirencester and the Beech class circus performance was a glowing spectacular!

News from Chestnut Class

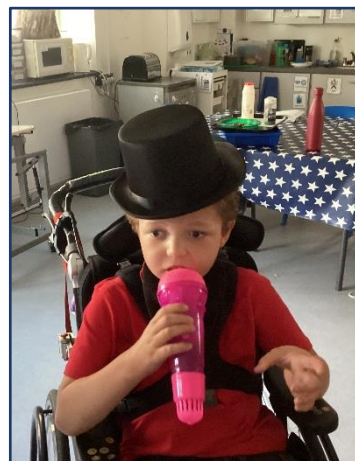
Chestnut Class have welcomed new pupils to their class and have enjoyed their first term of Circus fun. As well as going to the Cheltenham Literature Festival with Pine class; Chestnut have been working hard and making new friends.



News from Ash Class



Ash Class had an amazing first term with their new teacher Kat, who they, sadly, said goodbye to at Christmas. They stole the show at our Christmas performance displaying their super skills. They have also made some beautiful circus themed artwork this term.



News from Willow Class

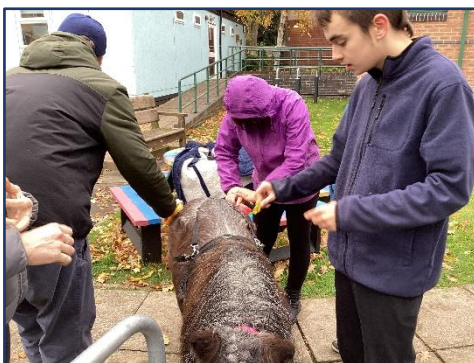


This term Willow Class have been working their new class teacher, Jo, to explore their new classroom and making new friends with staff and classmates. Willow pupils have been working hard, developing their cognition and learning skills through reading, number work, cookery and playing the with new Mobii interactive floor projector – which is a big hit!

The class have been enjoying their forest school sessions every week and swimming in the hydrotherapy pool!

News from Maple Class

Maple Class have developed their first aid skills this term with training from West Midlands Air Ambulance and learnt how to safely catch a train, through travel training. They also loved the school visit by the Dinky Ponies. Maple class have also been active this term with forest school and table cricket.



News from Oak Class

Oak were once again busy making bird boxes for our Christmas market – which, of course, all sold out!

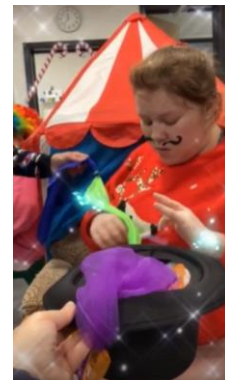
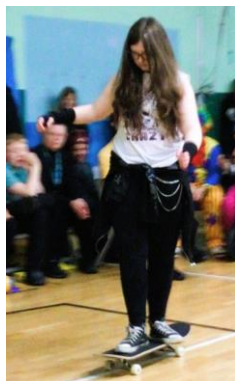
They have enjoyed getting active with gymnastics, sports and swimming sessions.

The pupils are working towards their ASDAN qualifications, which has seen visits to the supermarket, cafés and out in the community. They will continue these lifeskills challenges in the new year.



A Circus Extravaganza! An amazing performance by all.

Over 80 friends and family arrived at school for the Paternoster Circus performance. There were fantastic performances, with videos and music, from all classes. Below are a few of the highlights...



Plans for the coming year Supported by School Council

Matthew from Oak class is taking the helm as president of the school council. He will be supported by Harry, Leen, Ruby and Harriet, Kane, Erica and Matthew, and Hannah.

In their first meeting, the council discussed the different clubs that they would like to have in school. So far, we have successfully run cooking club and games club after school and are looking to introduce some more of the pupil suggestions such as a singing club, lego club and science club.

The school council talked about our new values and they are all proud to be members of this special group and have demonstrated good courage this term.

We will see if they have any more 'Ambitious' ideas in the Spring Term...

