

Reynalds Cross School newsletter

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December 2025 edition



Term



dates

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2025/2026

AUTUMN TERM ENDS

Friday 19th December

SPRING TERM 2026

TERM STARTS

Monday 5th January

INSET Day—Monday 5th January

Pupils back to school—Tuesday 6th January 2026

HALF TERM

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

TERM ENDS

Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM 2026

TERM STARTS

Monday 13th April

HALF TERM

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

TERM ENDS

Monday 20th July

TRAINING DAYS/PUPILS NOT IN SCHOOL

Monday 5th January 2026

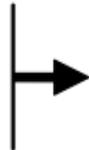
May Day – Monday 4th May 2026

Friday 26th June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026



Message from Mrs Brettell



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As we approach the end of another wonderful autumn term, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the many achievements and special moments we've shared together, and to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

I'd like to thank you all for your continued support as we look forward to welcoming the New Year.



A huge thank you to all who have been involved in the amazing amount of fundraising that has taken place for the school. It is wonderful to see the efforts that the Christmas Fayre and other fundraising opportunities have brought. With your kind support and generosity, we have managed to collate a grand total of £2,600 – our best total yet! This is much appreciated and funds raised will go to helping improve the school and the provision for our children.



This term has seen our pupils make excellent progress across the curriculum. We're incredibly proud of how our pupils have developed this term.

The Christmas performances were fantastic, and everyone worked very hard within their classes. Both sites have held Nativities and Christmas performances.

We are also delighted that everyone did a very energetic performance at Touchwood by singing and signing some wonderful songs. Please don't forget to vote for us.

Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day was enjoyed by both staff and pupils and there were some wonderful jumpers.

It was lovely to see families at the Winter Wonderland, especially our new families. A huge thank you to family support who organised and set up a great experience for all.

We say goodbye to Miss Shorney in Saturn Class who is relocating and we wish her all the best in her new school. We welcome Miss Lucas as the new class teacher who is already familiar with many pupils in Saturn class.

We wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!





Shooting Stars



This term we have been getting to know Daisy. She visited class with Miss Townsend and we took turns to say Hello.

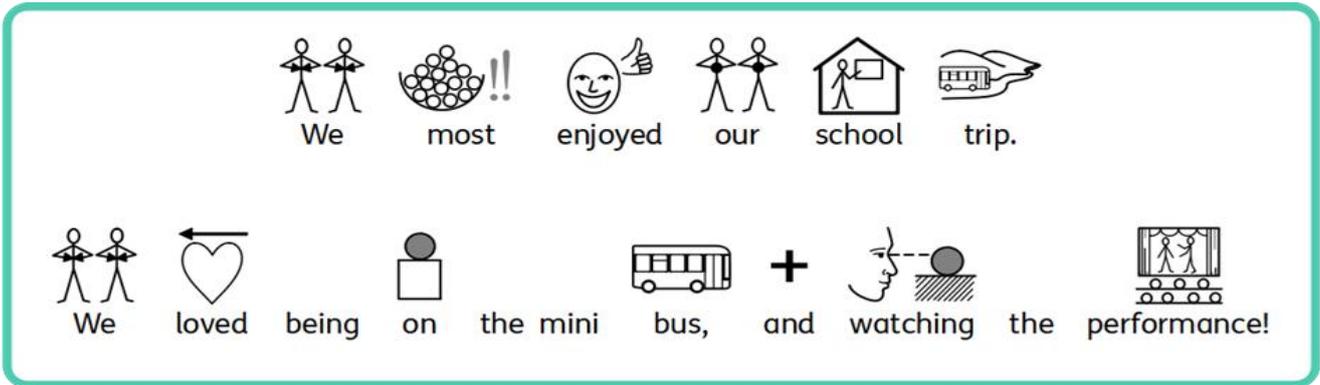
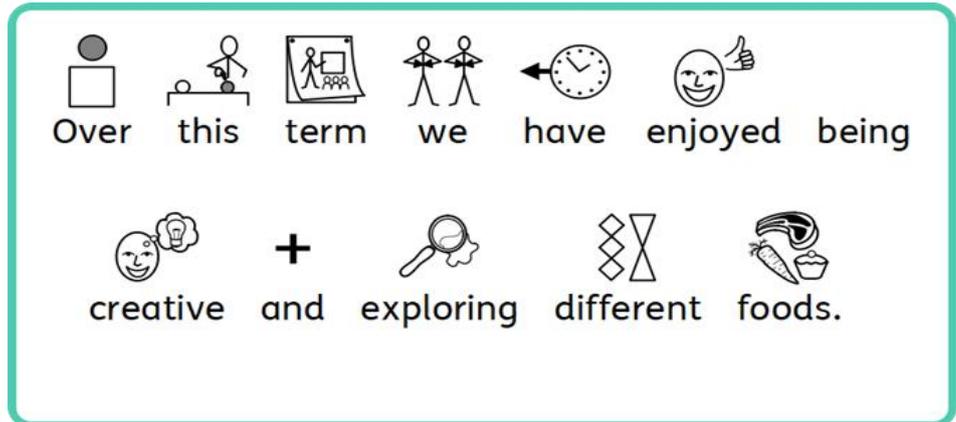
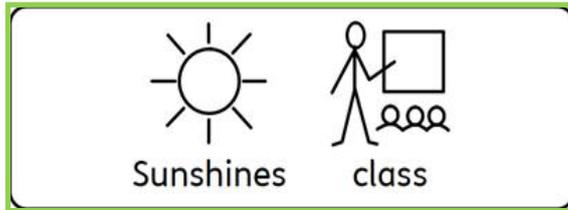


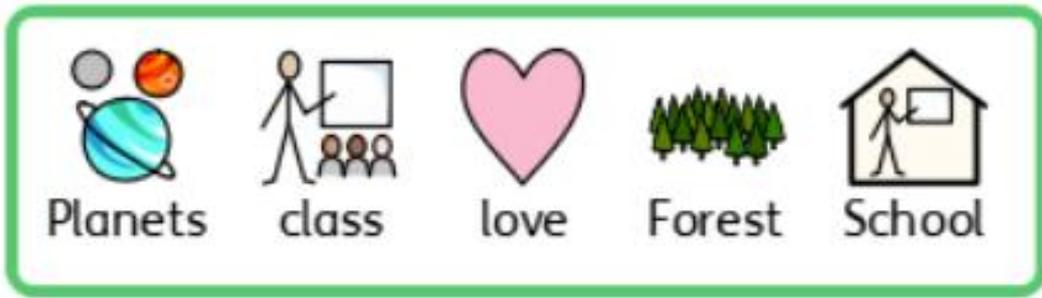
Tuesday mornings is our PE session in the sports hall. This term we have explored walking and stepping along the low benches and fitness steps. We have used big and small balls to roll down a ramp and post into the low net. It has been fun to explore the big gym balls.



In science we have been learning about our bodies. We investigated toys and activities using our fingers and hands, getting messy with spaghetti, making sounds on keyboards and drawing patterns and shapes in sand and glitter.







Planets class have really enjoyed Forest School this half term, splashing in muddy puddles in our wellies and exploring the mud kitchen.



 Rainbows
  class
  have had
  lots of
  fun
  this
  autumn
  term.

 Pupils
  have
  worked
  really
  hard
  in
 all areas of the
  curriculum

 including
  writing
 where
  we
  have been
  developing
 our
  mark

 making
 +
  and fine motor skills.



Moonbeams

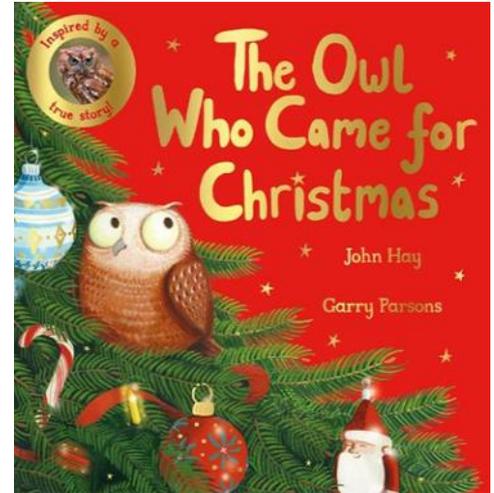
Moonbeams have been focussing on number in maths this term. We have explored a variety of different number songs whilst using sensory resources to participate and join in counting activities.

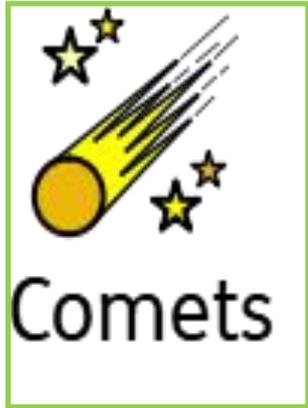




Rockets class have been out and about on the new mini-bus. We drove all the way to Canon Hill Park and we visited the Midlands Art Centre for a theatre show. We watched 'The Owl Who Came For Christmas'.

Rockets have been really focusing on our number skills this term. We have been recognising numbers and the amounts that the numbers are worth. The pupils have been using mini schedules to complete work at their tables, then access the maths learning in the tuff tray, then the pupils can have access to their favourite motivating toy.





This half term Comets have been exploring

autumn in the forest school. We played with

different textures and natural materials, generalising our

skills we acquired in other lessons, such as maths.

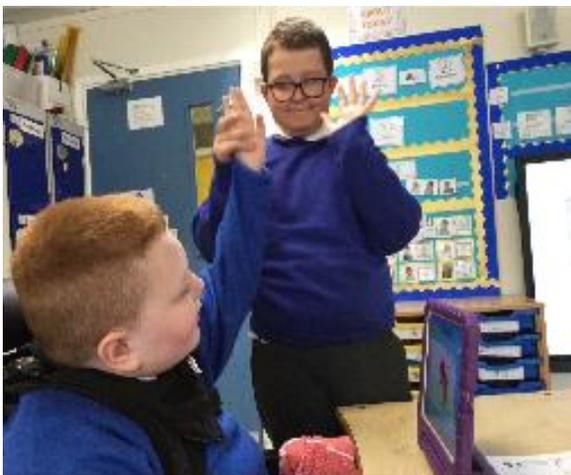





 Galaxies December Newsletter



Galaxies have had a jam packed term. We celebrated Anti Bullying Week and Children in Need to help show kindness, respect and support for others. Galaxies have also been getting ready for Christmas. We have made decorations and went to the school Christmas Fayre. Take a look a look at the great work we have been doing.





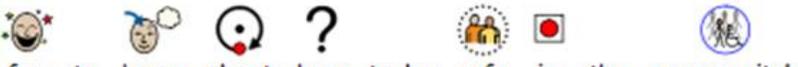
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Mercury class




 This term, in My Community, We have explored different means of transport and learnt


 about safety rules when traveling in the community. We have done role play activities in


 the classroom and we have also gone for walks to Langley Hall park. It has been great


 fun to learn about how to be safe in the community!.





Venus Class



As part of



ASDAN,



Venus



have been



working together



to keep



the classroom



clean and tidy.



They



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also been



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picking



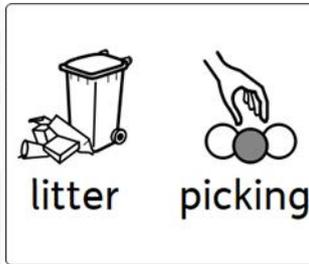
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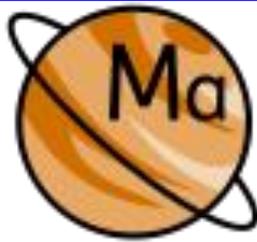


the school



grounds.





Mars

This term pupils continued to work on their regulation
 & access activities that motivate them. Cooking,
 swimming, sensory and outdoor learning are some of the
 activities we have.



Jupiter and Earth Base



 This  term  in  Jupiter  and  Earth  base  class  we

 have been  exploring  number  in  maths.

 We  have  practiced  our  counting  skills  and  developing

 our  number  recognition.



Saturn Class Newsletter



 We
  have
  all
  been
  developing

 our
  fine motor skills.



 We
  enjoyed
  having
  a visit

 from
  Maddie the
  therapy
  dog.



 We
  have
  enjoyed
  learning
  about
  Christmas
  and
  taking part

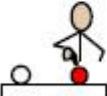
 in
  different
  activities.



Neptune Class

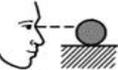


       
Neptune Class have been really enjoying exploring music and

   
instruments with CBSO this term.





 In
  Assembly
  we
  have been
  looking at
  how

 Christians
  celebrate
  Christmas



 We
  made
  Christingles.
  That
  represent
  the

 world,
  The light
  of Jesus,
  the
  blood
  he
  shed

 and
  the
  food
  he
  provided.



 Then
  we
  held
  a Christingle
  service,
  where

 we
  lit
  the
  candles
  and
  listened
  to

 Christmas Carols

Year 14 – 19 students



Working towards ASDAN qualifications

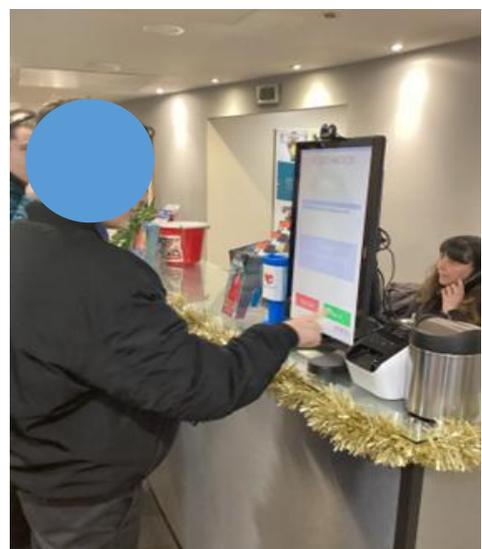
Students in 14 – 19 stage continue work hard towards their ASDAN qualifications. Many activities within the school day support accreditation along with specifically planned lessons. We also regularly visit our local community to practice and gain a range of skills.

Students from Venus have been working hard on their positive alternative to work. 'Preparing drinks and snacks' as well as helping to clean the cups.



The maths unit this year is recognising time through regular events. This student is trying on a sun hat and was able to recognise that it was for summer.

A group of students have been visiting Touchwood once a week for work experience. They have worked really hard on listening to the instructions given to them and used the signing in system at Touchwood.



Merry Christmas



This term We have been focusing on kindness.

We celebrated Anti Bullying week by wearing odd socks to school, to show that it is ok to be different. Jealous created “kindness posters” where each class added their handprints on to posters as a visual representation of the whole school united as one.



On the 14th November we had own clothes day with a superhero theme to raise money for Children in need.

We hope all of our families enjoy the break over the festive period. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

Cara and Jess (Pupil Champs)

Christmas Choir Newsletter



This year 14-19 choir have taken part in the Touchwood Christmas Choir competition. All pupils involved from both sites represented the school beautifully and we are so proud of them! Lots of singing and dancing from everyone!



Supernova classes

Congratulations to the classes below for achieving 100% attendance for the week.



Well done

Week ending:	Class(es):
07/11/2025	- - -
14/11/2025	Galaxies
21/11/2025	- - -
28/11/2025	- - -
05/12/2025	Saturn
12/12/2025	- - -
19/12/2025	Rainbows

