



# Mayfield



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### End of Term Round Up

What a last two weeks it has been! Christmas parties, trips to the panto, Christmas Fayre, Nativities and Carol Service! Phew! We are all exhilarated and exhausted at the same time and ready for the holidays! Let me share with you a few highlights of the last half term, and plenty more inside!

The first major event of the half term was when we celebrated Diwali with a day of traditional art and craft activities, including making clay Diya plates, decorating Diwali elephants, a Diwali dance class and many other things besides. A week later, Scott House organised a non-uniform and tuck shop day to support Children in Need – see later in the magazine for further details.

Pupils in Upper II and Lower III also performed incredibly well in the Primary Mathematics Challenge, with a number of them achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates. More of our mathematicians than ever before have also qualified for the bonus round in February, providing an

opportunity to achieve a rare and highly-prized Bronze, Silver or Gold medal. Watch this space!

In the House Competitions, Livingstone won the House Football and the House Hockey! Meanwhile, Nightingale are the overall winners of the House Merit Cup.

There has been a recent spate of trips and visits, mainly on a Christmas theme. Upper School and Lower School went to the panto to watch Beauty and the Beast at the Lichfield Garrick. It was great value and I would highly recommend it if you have spare time during the holidays. But watch out, dads! If you sit in the front row, like Mr Watts did, beware of the attentions of the pantomime dame! For their treat, Kindergarten and Nursery went to the Birmingham Rep to see Dear Santa, while Pre-Nursery had a great day last Wednesday at their Christmas party, with a visit from Santa and a magic show entertainer, Rooby Doo. Transition and Form I also spent a great day out at the West Midland Safari Park, where they also had a visit

from Santa, who brought presents for all the children.

Christmas is my favourite time of the year and I loved our recent Nativities. Transition and Form I gave us 'A New King', written by the talented Mrs Draper. Not to be outdone, Nursery and Kindergarten performed the charming 'A Present for the Baby'. One of our Governors commented that it brought tears to her eyes and fond memories of her own children performing in Mayfield Nativities! Well done to all the children for giving us such joy with your singing, acting and jokes, while many thanks go to all the staff for your hard work in putting it all together.

As ever, we are extremely grateful to the hardworking staff and parents of the PTA. Last week's Christmas Fayre was a hugely enjoyable and popular event. Santa and his elf were kept busy and the queues seemed never-ending at the Tombola stand! Valuable monies have been raised, which will go towards resources and events for the children. Many happy children and parents also walked off

with one of our amazing Christmas hampers and congratulations to Lower II for winning the best hamper award, judged by Santa himself!

The finale for the term, as always, was the Carol Service. Well done to the children, Mrs Gerighty and all the staff for giving us such joy at the end of a busy and hardworking term, and thank you to Reverend Jim of St Matthew's, our Guest of Honour.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Stay safe, enjoy the holiday and I look forward to seeing you all refreshed on Tuesday 9th January.

Mr M. Draper  
Headmaster







# Mini Mayfield

## Nursery Staff



It has been another busy half term in Nursery. We started in early November with a day to celebrate Divali. The children enjoyed dressing in colourful clothes, making firework pictures, and learning some bhangra dance moves

In the middle of November, we helped raise money for Children in Need. The children came to school in spotty clothes and donated money so they could have a treat from the tuck shop. We helped the children think about those who might not be as fortunate as they are.

This half term, the children have started their Read, Write Inc phonics journey, which will continue through the Early Years and into Key Stage 1. They are learning to read and write letter sounds through lots of different activities



In December, the children have been busy getting ready for Christmas. They helped make a class Advent Calendar and enjoyed taking turns to share the treats in the gift boxes.

We had to work hard to get ready to perform our Nativity play. We had a great time learning all the songs and actions. Thank you for all the great costumes the parents provided for us.





# Pre-Nursery

**Pre-Nursery Staff**



Pre-Nursery have had great enjoyment, counting with the fun-loving Numberblocks.

Our children have worked together to solve problems, they have been matching the colours of Unifix cubes and using their hand-eye coordination to lay the tower of cubes straight on the lines.

They have completed many tasks about colour and have even brought in objects from home that have matched the colour they are learning about.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Mathematics workshop.

# Kindergarten

**Mr. D Smith**

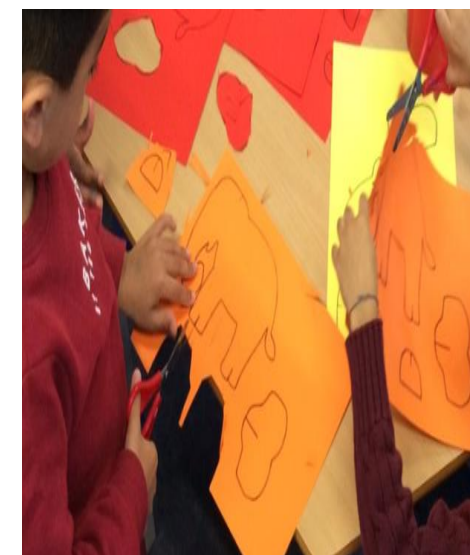
It has been another busy half-term in Kindergarten. We started in early November with a day to celebrate Diwali and Bonfire Night. The children enjoyed dressing in colourful clothes, making firework pictures, elephants and learning some new dance moves.

On Remembrance Day we talked about remembering soldiers who died in the war and made poppies on the iPads.

In the middle of November, we helped raise money for Children in Need and enjoyed having treats from the tuck shop.

We had lots of fun performing our school nativity to our friends at school and our families. We worked extremely hard to learn all of the songs and our lines.

We finished off this term by going to see Little Red Riding Hood at the theatre. We really enjoyed the show!







Transition worked so hard this half-term, learning all about 'The King's Crown' in Humanities, where we were able to order some monarchs chronologically, and we found out lots about historic landmarks in London, including Buckingham Palace! In Science, we have been observing seasonal changes and we really enjoyed our Autumn walk around the school grounds and completing some lovely work on SeeSaw.

We thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the KS1 Nativity alongside Form I, and the children delighted us all with their fantastic singing and dancing.

We finished off our half-term in style, with a well-earned visit to the Santa Safari at West Midlands Safari Park. We really enjoyed seeing all of the animals on the safari drive-through experience. We then visited Santa in his grotto and you will be pleased to know that each and every one of the children was on his 'nice' list. We then went along to Santa's workshop with the elves and chose a present. We are very proud of each and every one of the children and we are looking forward to more 'Team Transition' adventures in the New Year!



# Form I

Mr Watts



It has been a very busy half term for Form I. We have spent time practising our lines for the Nativity performances to our parents and the rest of the school, making sure we were in the right positions and practising all the songs. We felt a bit like those grumpy camels after all that hard work, but it was worth it! We managed to get the rehearsals all right and were ready for our trip to Bethlehem, making it in time for the birth of Jesus. The children in Form I performed so well with the Transition class.

At the beginning of the half term, we celebrated Diwali with a dance workshop funded by the PTA and commemorated Remembrance Day. with a two-minute silence. Our PE lessons have been used to celebrate dance. There are 5 key sequences in dance: jump, turn, travel, gesture and stillness. We have danced to the "Superman" song by Black Lace and created moves for the James Bond theme. By the end of it, Form I were shaken but not stirred...

We had two trips in the penultimate week: we went to see the magnificent pantomime Beauty and the Beast at the Lichfield Garrick Theatre and we were off to see Santa at the West Midland Safari park. We look forward to seeing him again on Christmas Eve. Ho, ho, ho!



# Transition

Mrs King





In Lower Key Stage 2, Lower II and Form II have been transported back to Anglo Saxon Britain to investigate the question, 'Who were the Anglo Saxons and how do we know what was important to them?'

The children started their journey in 410 AD, when Emperor Honorius made the decision to leave Britain after a series of attacks from the Goths. They analysed letters written at the time (primary evidence) and paintings and illustrations depicting the attacks (secondary evidence) to then write their own letter describing events.

They have also discovered why the Anglo Saxons built their own settlements rather than living in existing Roman towns. They then sketched and labelled their interpretations, along with creating 3D models of these settlements in Design Technology.

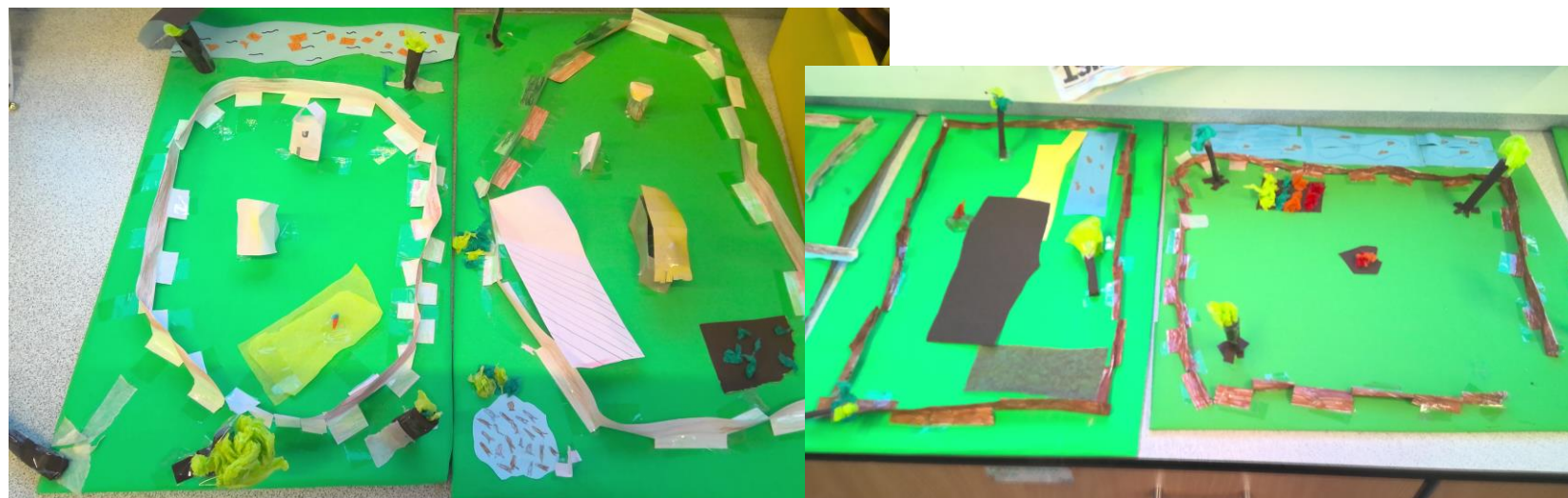
Whilst researching Anglo Saxon gods, the children discovered that many of the festivals we still celebrate today can be traced back to Anglo Saxon times, such as Christmas and Easter!

The children's final investigation focused on the amazing discoveries of the Sutton Hoo and Staffordshire Hoards, with the children astounded at the craftsmanship of the artefacts made over 1,300 years ago!



# Form II

Mrs Hatton



# Lower II

Mrs Guest







Lower III  
Mrs Andrews



Upper II have been investigating forces in Science, and for homework were tasked with constructing a parachute to safely transport an egg back to the ground. We carried out an investigation during lessons to explore how to make our parachutes successful. Pupils used a range of materials to make their parachutes with various degrees of success. They had to consider air resistance in their designs and factor in the weight of their parachutes to ensure a successful flight.

Roman said, "I enjoyed making my parachute, it was fun!"

Rohan agreed with Roman, he said, "I enjoyed making my parachute and watching it fly."

Tulsi also enjoyed the experiment explaining

"I also enjoyed watching my parachute fly to the ground"

Overall, it was a smashing success, and everyone had an egg-cellent time!



LIII recently had a trip to The Lockup – The Police Museum in Birmingham situated on Steel House Lane. The day started with a workshop based on Crime and Punishment and a general history of policing in the United Kingdom. After the workshop, students had a guided tour of the cells, they experienced a cell lit solely by a candle behind a screen to the cell which was incredibly dark and made us realise how lonely it must have felt to be locked away in these cells – the conditions took us all by surprise and showed what a hard experience a prison cell presented. After the tour, the children had the opportunity to: dress up in Police uniform from across the ages, be a Detective and to learn about handwriting analysis. The feedback was great from the children, especially about the police officers who we met on the way home who were intrigued to see Beat Bobby hats on children on the train, they gave us a tour of some police cars when we arrived in Walsall and took the time to talk to us and ask about our day – an experience to remember for all involved.

Upper II  
Mrs Pittaway







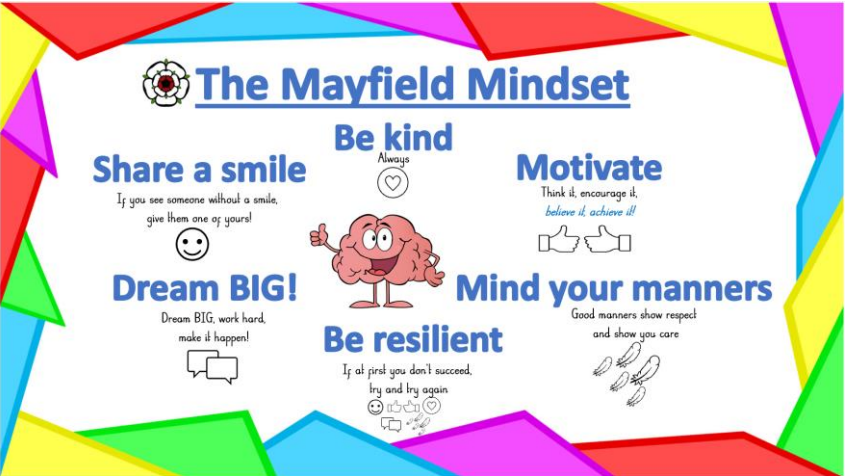
# Birthday Books

Mayfield's Birthday Book Shelf is now up and running displaying the range of donations that we receive to mark people's birthdays. Thank you so much for adjusting to the system of sending in one book to mark your child's birthday, the books have your child's name entered in the front and become a lasting legacy of their time at Mayfield. After being displayed for a month on the shelf, they are then moved into the school library for all to borrow – a wonderful gift that keeps giving!



# Mayfield Mindset

The Mayfield Mindset – this is a piece of work that has been three years in the making. It has been produced, developed and refined by all of the students in the school, channeled through the school council. Congratulations to Amar who produced the winning poster design that summarised the elements of the Mayfield Mindset, this can now be seen widely across the school. We are encouraging children and teachers to use this in their day-to-day language and hope that you might do this at home too. The objective is to continue building confident, resourceful and well-rounded children who are happy to take on the challenges that come our way every day through a tool kit that they are familiar with and know how to use to ensure that they are as happy as possible



# Mayfield Mathematics Quiz

Mrs. S. Marston

At the end of October, we hosted the second annual Mayfield Mathematics Quiz. We invited children from other local primary schools to join us. The children were mixed, so that each team had children from four different schools. It was a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends and the children all got along brilliantly. By the end, no one would have known that they had only met that morning!. We had various rounds, including a Roman Numeral Treasure Hunt, a tricky calculation to solve involving letters rather than numbers, an individual round and a relay.

It was lovely to see children from lots of different schools going home with medals. Everyone loved their Mayfield goody bags too! Well done to Dylan, Magda, Daya and Abhay for being amazing hosts.







# Birthday Books

## September

Frankie  
Sia  
Dhiyaan  
Inaaya  
Simayya  
Aarohi  
Sukhmani  
Laavanya  
Mayita

Form	Story
LIII	Dog Man Collection
Tr	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
FII	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
FI	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
LII	Tracy Beaker
LII	The Story of Tracy Beaker
FI	The Truth Pixie
FII	Pugicorn
Tr	That's Not My Pony

## October

Coco  
Yusef  
Aydin  
Simran  
Anand  
William  
Arian

Tr	The Best Diwali Ever
Kg	The Tiger Who Came to Tea
UII	Tarquin the Wonder Horse
FI	Isadora Moon Goes to a Wedding
Tr	Fred N Friends
Tr	Little People, Big Dreams
N	Find Teddy Before Bedtime

## November

Sana  
Samay  
Nicholas  
Magda  
Autumn  
Alayna  
Raye

FI	Five Go to Smuggler's Top
FII	Gangsta Granny Strikes Again
LIII	Grandpa's Great Escape
LIII	Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
N	Ten Little Unicorns
FI	The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me
Tr	Welcome to Our World



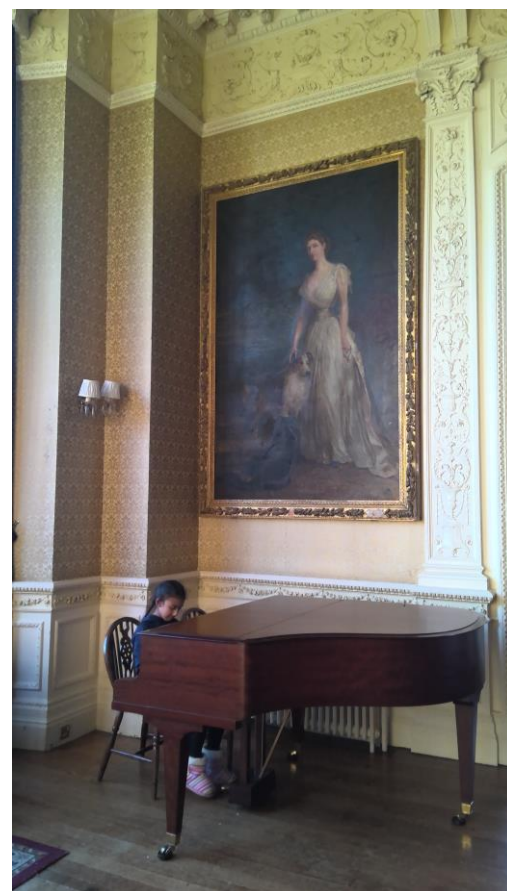
Thank you to everyone who has  
donated a “Birthday Book”, and  
Happy Birthday to all the  
Mayfield children who have  
celebrated  
their special day this term!







# Form II and Upper II Art Residential to Ingestre Hall

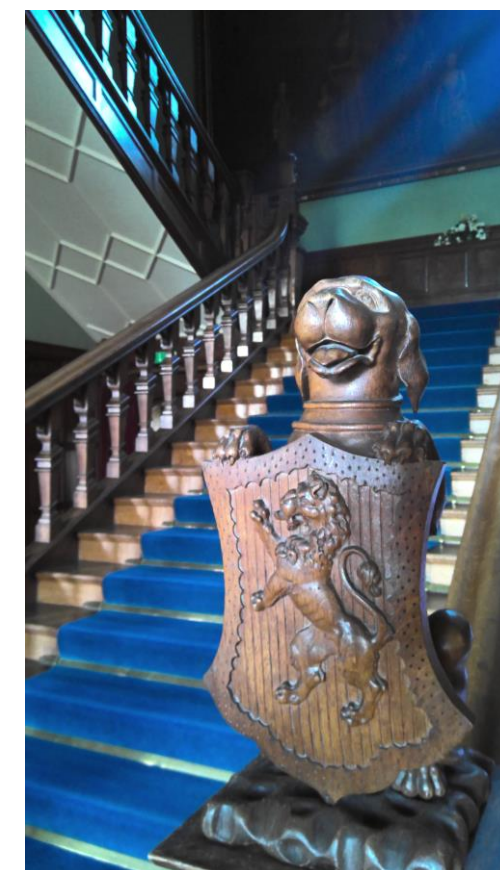


## Mrs. Z. Hatton

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, Form II and Upper II headed off to Ingestre Hall for a two-day Arts residential. Set in the beautiful Staffordshire countryside, Ingestre Hall was a fantastic venue to host 48 excited Mayfield pupils. The children took part in 1 of the 4 workshops, Art, Dance, Drama and Music. Over the 2 days, the children participated in their workshop with enthusiasm and creativity, working with their teachers to produce outstanding, final pieces. On Wednesday morning, Miss Anslow joined us to see the children showcase their work from each workshop. All Mayfield staff were delighted with the final results of the children's dedication and hard work.

The children not only learnt from the workshops, but also learnt a few other skills during their stay. The children made up their own beds and everyone had a turn to be a table monitor in the dining room.

The children also demonstrated resilience, being their first stay away from home for many, showing kindness to their peers and supporting each other during their time away. All children were a delight to take away and we were very proud of the children, throughout the trip. A huge thank you, to Mrs Crosby, Mrs Smith and Mr Tobin for making the residential such a success.





Which is your favourite?



# Christmas Door Decorating







# EYFS Mathematics Workshop

**Mrs. S. Marston**

EYFS held their Mathematics Parents' Workshop on Friday 10th November. This was the third of three sessions this term, designed to introduce parents to the 'Mayfield Way' of teaching mathematics. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Higgins and Miss Roberts talked through the importance of pattern spotting and building, using everyday things, such as leaves. They also talked about the importance of embedding the basics, to ensure a deep understanding on which to build more difficult concepts, such as algebra, higher up the school. It was fantastic to see so many parents in attendance, all having a go at some activities and talking about mathematics. All the resources from the session have been shared on Teams.





# Your Adventures



Congratulations to Sehej for his recent achievement in Cricket with the club he plays in outside of school. He played for the under 9s and under 10s team for Walsall. Winning the Club's under 9s bowling trophy for the season. We are all very proud of his achievement and wish him well for future events!



## Key Dates

- 15th December 2023 (12:30pm) - End of term
- 9th January 2024 - Start of Spring term
- 15th January – Spring Term Extra-Curricular Clubs Start
- 9th February – End of half term
- 12th to 16th February – Half Term holiday
- 19th February – Start back to school
- 7th March – World Book Day
- 8th March – Parents Open Evening Book Look
- 11th March – Science Week
- 13th & 14th March – Parents' Evenings
- 15th March – Trip to Black Country Museum (Transition – Lower III)
- 21st March – Easter Service
- 22nd March – End of Spring Term
- 9th April – Start of Summer Term



### Can You Help?

In preparation for the Centenary celebrations next Summer, we are hoping to gather; memories, photos and stories of Mayfield in days gone by for a special edition of the Mayfield Magazine. If you have anything that you are happy to share, please email to [info@mayfieldprep.co.uk](mailto:info@mayfieldprep.co.uk) with the subject "Mayfield Centenary Contributions". Thank you in advance for any support with this.

## Mayfield

Thank you for taking the time to read our magazine, we hope it has provided an enjoyable insight into the half term.

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