



It's been a wonderfully busy and festive few weeks at Girton Glebe as we've been preparing for Christmas! The children have worked incredibly hard in their extra-curricular activities—from choir to music lessons—all while continuing to show fantastic perseverance and curiosity in class. They always rise to the occasion!



You may have spotted our brand-new Christmas lights sparkling outside the school. A huge thank you to Richard Reeves and the Girton Parish Council for funding these. They've made the school look absolutely fantastic and have certainly helped us all get into the festive spirit.

Last weekend, our school community came together for our annual Christmas Fayre. A big thank you to FOGG for organising such a brilliant event, complete with a wonderful carousel of activities that kept everyone smiling throughout the day.

This week we've been treated to a whole host of festive events: Christmas concerts—both at school and for Jimmy's—visits to St Andrew's Church, and a magical performance of The Twinkly Nativity by Ash and Maple. We ended the week on a high with a cheerful and energetic Santa Dash

Thank you all for your support this term. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a joyful, peaceful New Year!

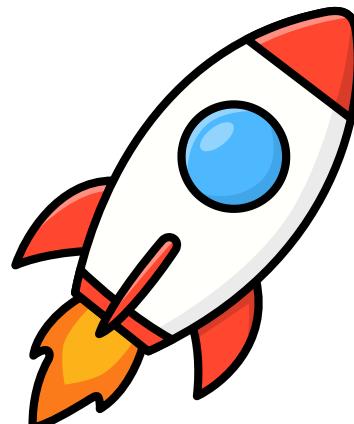
Chris Butler
Headteacher

Year 2 Trip to the Cambridge Museum of Technology

Year 2 had a fantastic visit to the Cambridge Museum of Technology this week, taking part in a series of hands-on workshops all linked to rockets, structures and printing. The children began by exploring printing techniques, creating their own patterns on foam tiles before rolling on ink and revealing their final prints. They also took part in the museum's popular *Rat Walk*, hunting for hidden toy rats tucked around the galleries.

A real highlight was learning about the historic incinerator and the women known as the *Scavengers*, who once collected and burnt rubbish on the site. The children explored the old machinery—some of which still operates today—peaked through the ash tunnel, and even saw inside the original 1923 boiler room.

It was a brilliant day of inquiry, creativity and hands-on learning!



Our Wonderful Drummers and Violinists!

Over the past two weeks, we've had the pleasure of enjoying not one but two fantastic assemblies led by our talented young musicians!

On Thursday 27th November, our drummers—from Year 1 upwards—each took to the stage to perform a selection of festive Christmas pieces. It was wonderful to see so many pupils showcase their skills, including one enthusiastic performer who had only taken a single lesson! Last week, it was our violinists' turn to shine. They delighted our Year 3 and Year 4 classes with a beautiful range of pieces.

Both assemblies were truly impressive, and it was lovely to see the children perform with such confidence and pride.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated drumming and violin teachers, whose hard work and encouragement have helped our young musicians flourish!



Girton Goes for Gold at Cross Country

On Wednesday 3rd December, a number of children from Year 3 to Year 6 donned their running shoes and running gear and headed to Milton Country Park to take part in the local Cross Country competition. Girton, along with 17 other local primary schools, gathered at Milton Country Park for the annual South Cambs School Sports Partnership Small Schools Cross Country Competition. It was a fantastic day celebrating determination, resilience, and sporting spirit.

Our Year 5 and 6 team came fourth overall and our Year 3 and 4 team came 9th overall. A special mention goes to Nico, who came third out of all the Year 5 boys who competed. Well done all!

Rock Steady

On Wednesday 10th December, we were treated to a truly rocking assembly and a series of exciting workshops led by the fabulous Rock Steady team!

The day kicked off with a whole-school assembly, where pupils were introduced to a variety of musical instruments, including drums, keyboards, and an array of electric guitars. Rock Steady performed pieces from a wide mix of genres—everything from iconic hits of the 80s to modern chart music, along with love songs and rock classics. The assembly ended on a high note with an incredible performance by our very own staff band! Several staff members took to the stage, formed a band, and played together—they were fantastic!

Throughout the rest of the day, both KS1 and KS2 took part in their own workshops with the Rock Steady representative. Pupils learned about the importance of teamwork—how to work together effectively as a band—before having the chance to try out the instruments themselves.



Christmas at Girton Glebe

Christmas Visit to St Andrew's Church

On Tuesday 9th December, the whole school made the festive walk to St Andrew's Church for a very special Christmas celebration. During the service, several of our pupils beautifully retold the story of the Nativity – a big thank you to all the children who read with such confidence and clarity. We were also treated to a wonderful selection of Christmas songs, with the choir giving a particularly moving performance of Love Shone Down, which brought smiles all round.

A heartfelt thank you to Reverend Bigg for inviting us and to all the parents who joined us at the church and helped make the occasion feel even more magical.



Year 5 Christmas 'Unwrapped'

On Friday, Willow class walked to Girton Baptist Church to take part in 'Christmas Unwrapped', where the class joined in with various activities related to learning about the true origins of Christmas and the Christmas story. It was a really rewarding local visit where the class were able to remind themselves of the true meaning of Christmas and were treated to a cupcake too! The class were excellently behaved and took part with enthusiasm and energy. A big thank you to all at Girton Baptist Church for the invite!





A Twinkling Triumph from Ash and Maple Class

On Thursday 11th December, Ash and Maple Class lit up the stage with their enchanting Christmas production of The Twinkly Nativity. Their sparkling retelling of the traditional story was brought to life through magical songs, brilliant choreography and a cast of wonderfully confident characters. The children were absolutely marvellous — we are incredibly proud of the hard work they put into learning their lines, lyrics, dance routines and stage directions. It truly was a magical performance and the perfect way to usher in the festive season.

A huge thank you goes to all parents and carers for helping the children rehearse at home and for preparing such delightful costumes. We would also like to give special thanks to Miss Roddy, Mr Holt and the whole Ash and Maple team for their dedication and creativity in bringing this twinkly production to life. It really was something special!



Christmas Concerts

On Wednesday 3rd December, Girton Glebe Choir had the joy of performing at Jimmy's Christmas Carol Concert at Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge. It was a truly magical evening of festive music, celebrating Jimmy's 30th year, set within the stunning architecture and warm acoustics of the church.

We were proud to perform two beautiful songs and were so lucky to also experience the wonderful choir of Great St Mary's, as well as a fantastic flash mob choir.

All donations from this special evening went directly towards providing warmth, food, and vital support to those in need during the cold winter months. Huge thanks to all the children and families who attended and helped make this event so special.



Santa Dash

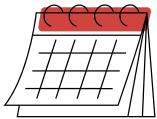
On Friday, we finished the term and our Christmas celebrations with a 'Santa Dash'. Children, wearing festive hats, laced up and took part in the festive season with The Daily Mile Santa Dash.

It was a lovely way to all come together for a bit of fresh air and exercise and lots of smiles and laughter!





Upcoming Dates



January

- 5th January:** First day of Spring Term
12th January: EYFS and Year 6 Height and Weight check
15th January: Y3 Bike Ability
15th January (09:05): Year 4 Open Class Session
28th January: Year 5 Whipple Museum Trip
29th January (09:05): Year 3 Open Class Session

February

- 9th – 13th February:** Mental Health Awareness Week
16th – 20th February: Half Term
24th February: Young Voices at The O2
26th February: Year 3 Sedgwick Museum Trip

March

- 5th March:** World Book Day
17th March: Year 6 Duxford Trip
17th March: Parent's Evening
19th March: Parent's Evening
25th March (2pm): Year 2 and 3 Production
30th March: Easter Holidays Start

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all of the children who were presented with a Celebration Certificate last week.



Last week's (5th December) certificate winners are:

- Ash:** George and Milo
Maple: Seth and Vishagan
Birch: Theo and Felicity
Lime: Ted and Eleanor
Cherry: Iona and Freddie
Willow: Eddie and Eilidh
Oak: Liam



This week's (12th December) certificate winners are:

- Ash:** Ali and Jamie
Maple: Victor and Flynn
Birch: Doga and Dodo
Lime: Frankie and Nim
Cherry: Alfie and Honey
Willow: Bea and Luca
Oak: Sarah and Katie



FOGG dates for your diary...

- **Christmas Tree Shred: 4.1.26**
- **Ceilidh: 23.1.26**





House Points

Congratulations to this week's House of The Fortnight: **RED HOUSE**



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443



392



345



289





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