

Accomplishing great things at JCA



Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas at JCA



This special edition of the newsletter, commemorates our poignant Christmas time at JCA. This half term has certainly been an extremely difficult one; however, one thing that has certainly shone out is our JCA community spirit. Our thoughts and support continue to be with Rai-Leyah's family over this very difficult time. Thank you for your support of our academy as we have all appreciated your kind words over the past couple of weeks.

We wish you all a very special Christmas & look forward to welcoming you back Tuesday 3rd January. Please rest and rejuvenate over this period.

With warm wishes,

Mrs T Swinburne
Executive Headteacher & Trust Lead



A delicious Christmas Lunch

Thank you to Zoe, Dawn and Carol, our kitchen team for their delicious Christmas lunch. After a walk to the church, it was a wonderful way to come together at Christmas time. We also thank our wonderful Lunchtime Supervisors who created a truly magical atmosphere for our children.

Today we say a huge thank you and goodbye to Carol in the kitchen who has supported with our lunches for many years. We wish her all the very best in her retirement.



Special Mentions

Teachers are so proud of the amazing effort of the children in their class and would like to celebrate the effort they are making. They have chosen their Special Mention; someone who has really stood out during the week for demonstrating excellent learner traits, fantastic attitudes to their learning and consistently being the **'best that they can be'** every day. Well done!

Special Mentions for the Autumn Term	
RECEPTION	Remy A
YEAR 1	George B
YEAR 2	Teddy H
YEAR 3	Jessica T
YEAR 4	Lois W
YEAR 5	Millie B
YEAR 6	Gabrielle G

Attendance winners

As you know as a school we continue to focus on excellent attendance as this is essential for children to make the best progress. As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97.4%**

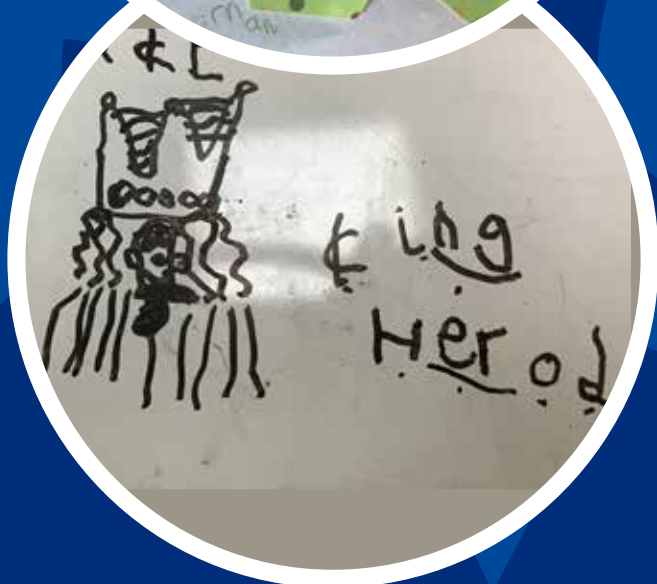
Class	This week	Year to date from the start of September
RECEPTION	94.19%	95.74%
YEAR 1	92.00%	94.86%
YEAR 2	92.41%	96.86%
YEAR 3	94.67%	95.29%
YEAR 4	92.33%	95.42%
YEAR 5	96.33%	96.05%
YEAR 6	94.48%	95.84%

97% +	AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET
BELOW 95%	CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS
90% & BELOW	PERSISTENT ABSENCE - SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

97.40%	WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET
96.55%	ACTUAL

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

RECEPTION



Christmas

On Monday, the children enjoyed a special visit from Father Christmas. They have been discussing how they celebrate Christmas at home and comparing it to Christmas traditions with their friends and around the world.

Literacy

The children have been striving to draw characters from the Christmas story such as King Herod and the Camels and then striving to label their pictures. The children have also concentrated on learning their Action Words and applying this knowledge to write a simple sentence about the Nativity. We are so proud of their attention to detail when drawing and writing.

RECEPTION



On Wednesday, the children were invited to a magical outdoor library run by Mrs Pickersgill. First, they went on a treasure hunt to find missing snowmen and then selected a book to read and take home. These can be found in your child's book bag and should be returned after Christmas in the box provided at the front of School.

Maths

In Maths, we are learning to recall our number bonds 1-5 using different strategies such as 'numicon', numerals and visual representations.

The children particularly enjoyed using people to represent each number and move them into different positions to represent each number bond. We have also learnt to sing 'The 12 days of Christmas' as part of our maths learning this week. The children are really striving to count forward and backwards to 12.

Christingle and Party

On Thursday, the children enjoyed visiting St Annes Church for the Christingle Service and playing lots of party games in the afternoon including musical statues, corners and pass the parcel.

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YEAR 1



Year 1 have had a very busy and fun Christmas at school!

We have enjoyed making our own tree decorations, Christmas cards, and singing our hearts out at our Christmas nativity! It was so magical to share this with you this year and thank you for your support in helping your child learn some lines. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been reading some magical Christmas books and had so much fun at our visit to the Outdoor Library. On Thursday we enjoyed the Christingle service and our Christmas party!

Have a wonderful Christmas and see you in the new year!



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YEAR 2

Year 2 have made some magical memories together during the run up to Christmas! We have enjoyed sharing our Nativity performance to the school on Monday and with all our grown-ups on Tuesday and Wednesday! We have also designed and created our Christmas cards.

On Monday, we had a special visit from Santa!



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YEAR 3



What a magical week to finish off our term! We have had such a special time getting into the Christmas spirit by practicing our carols for Carols Around the Tree and creating our fantastic Christmas cards.

We have also begun wrapping up our learning for the term, particularly in DT where we have used our final design to sew and create a Christmas bauble.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 4

What a lovely end to the term, we have really got into the festive spirit by practicing our Christmas carols around the tree as well creating beautiful Christmas cards. We have also completed our history learning and in DT we have enjoyed finalizing our pneumatic dragons. We have had brilliant Christmas party and are now definitely ready for Christmas to begin and I can't wait to see how much they shine in the new year ready for the new term!



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 5



We have had a brilliant week in Year 5 to top off our term! Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed attending church and were fantastic role models to our reception children whilst walking there. We have made some wonderful memories together. They have designed Christmas cards, sung carols beautifully and shown off their great dance moves.



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YEAR 6



We have reflected on a number of things this week as a class in Year 6; after a special time hanging up our Christmas decorations, we have spent time creating fantastic Christmas Cards. As well as this, we had great fun practicing our Christmas Carols!

We have also now completed our DT project and have finished our final hot write (newspaper article) of the term.

Highlights of the Week from Twitter



JCA PTA @jca_pta · 3d ...
 @JCAWakefield thanks to all of you for your generous donations! We have been able to make up some fabulous hampers. Below are just the examples for years 3,4 and 5. The raffle will be drawn by the children in assembly Friday.



↳ You Retweeted



Dr Jo Kershaw @mthr_jo · 20h ...
 This was really moving and I'm glad I was able to help out with it. Thinking of everyone at @JCAWakefield after a very tough and sad half term.

Jerry Clay Academy @JCA... · 20h
 A poignant and reflective Christingle this morning at St Anne's. Thank you to @frjonathanbish for leading the service.



↳ You Retweeted



Jerry Clay Academy Reading @J... · 2d ...
 We love these Christmas book guides from @MrEPrimary - SO many festive reads! Ideas for all ages! 🎄 📖
 #christmasreading #keeponreading #santalovesbooks



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakef... · 3d ...
 What a treat today with a visit from Santa! Our children in Reception & KS1 prepared their lists to share with him.
 #CherishingMemories



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakef... · 3d ...
 Thank you @jca_pta for providing much needed hot drinks, soup & Christmas gifts at our 'Carols around the tree' 🎄 event this evening. Thank you to everyone for coming together as a community. We appreciate your support ❤️ It was certainly a cold ❄️ one!



Dates for Your Diary 2022–23

INSET DAYS	Monday 5th September 2022
	Tuesday 6th September 2022
	Friday 18th November 2022
	Monday 24th July 2023
Parents Evenings	Thursday 8th September 2022 – Meet the teacher 3:45 – 4.05 and 4.10-4.30
	Monday 28th November and Wednesday 30th November 2022– Parents’ evenings
	Tuesday 21st March and Thursday 23rd March – Parents’ evenings
Reports	Friday 25th November 2022 - Progress check out to parents
	Friday 17th March 2023 – Progress check out to parents
	14th July 2023 – End of year reports to parents
Theme Days/ Weeks	Wc 17/10/22 – Theme Week
	Thursday 2nd March 2023- World Book Day
	wc 27/3/23 – Theme Week
	wc22/05/23 - Creative Arts week
Performances	2/12/22 – Reception Activity Morning
	6/12/22 (9.30am) and 7/12/23 9.30am – Reception nativity
	12/12/22 – Christmas carols around the tree
	13/12/22 (9.30am) and 14/12/22 (2pm) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
	15/12/22 Christingle at St. Annes (AM)
	14/06/23- Art gallery evening
	04/07/23 (Evening) & 5/07/23 (Afternoon)– Creative Arts performances
	w/c 17/7/23 – Celebration week
Sports Day	30/6/23 (7/7/22 Reserve Sports Day)
Summer Fair	1/7/23 (TBC)

Child Protection & Safeguarding

The designated Child Protection Officers for this academy are:

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