

# Pool Hayes Primary Express

Welcome to the very merry Christmas edition of our fabulous school newspaper. Our young journalists have been working hard to update you with all the exciting developments that have happened in the Autumn term at our fantastic school. Firstly I'd like to introduce you to our super talented writing team who all contributed articles and features found in this sparkly festive edition:

From Year 6 – Haylie Staffiere, Ciaran Redfern and Isabelle Nightingale

From Year 5 – Georgia Hubble, Joe Knott and Emily Bowen

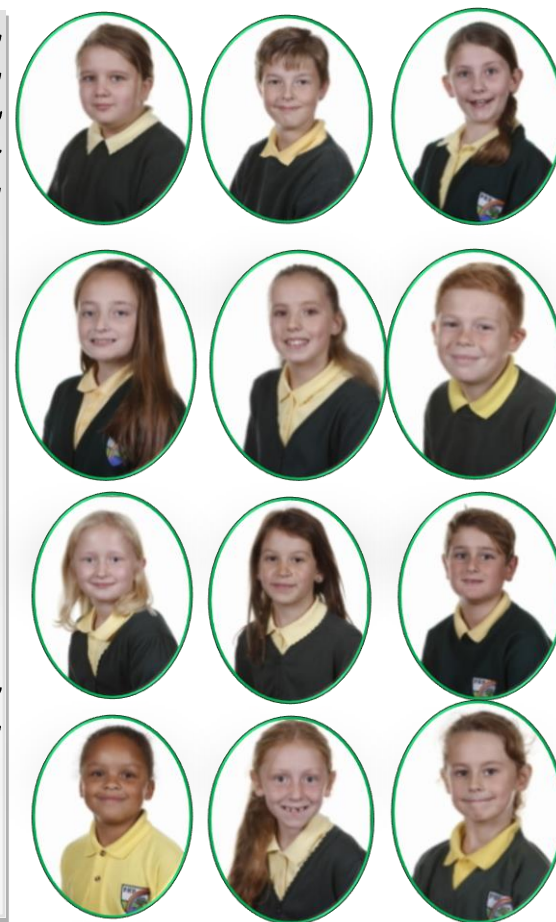
From Year 4 – Kitty Kerry, Aiden Osborne and Abbey Footman

A special welcome goes to our new additions to the team..

From Year 3 – Meya Sheldon, Evie Webber and Freya Robinson

I hope you enjoy reading the newspaper, have fun completing the activities and have a safe and happy Christmas break with your loved ones – Merry Christmas!

Mr Carter—Deputy Headteacher



The complete team!

Look for these Christmas mascot pictures as you're reading the newspaper.  
How many can you find of each one?  
Once you've counted all of them write the total in the boxes below:

Suzie  Rambo  Percy  Gabby



# In the news



Inspire, challenge, learn

## Current events and developments:

**Football team**—the team have already played in a tournament and finished second against local teams. They are gearing up for the new season and have been successful in their friendlies so far; beating Christ Church 3-0.

**Welcome** —we welcome Miss Bi to Reception this year; we are delighted you have joined us!

**Farewell**—to Mr Gregory, we hope you enjoy your new job and you will be missed by everybody. Also goodbye to Miss Thompson who taught Year 6 this term, good luck at University next term, we know you will do well!

**Inspire workshops**—excellent workshops so far this year from Y3 (Egyptian art) and Y4 (Roman mosaics). Feedback from parents has been amazing. We are looking forward to Space from Y5 and Chinese New Year from Early Years in the new year.

**Halloween discos** —raised over £320 for new playground equipment, thank you to the PTA for their help and assistance!

**Christingle** - this year the whole school played a part in the event in school and at Short Heath Holy Trinity Church. Year 5 would like to thank everybody for attending their special moment.

**Young Tycoons** - the House Captains have been very busy with their tuck shop - SLSP this term. In the national competition against other Tycoons up and down the country they should be proud of their 139.3% return. Well done Tycoons and your service definitely is 'better than the rest!'

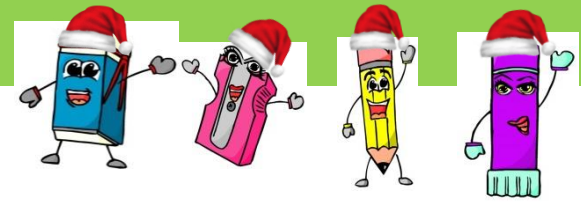




# KSI and Foundation Stage performance

On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December and Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, KSI and Foundation Stage performed their amazing nativity performances. KSI's performance was called Babushka and Foundation Stage's performance was called Stable Surprise. All the parents enjoyed it and there were certainly a few tissues used to wipe away tears of joy. Before the performances the school had a raffle and all the money made went to school fund for new playground equipment. Altogether they raised £40.32 and parents were very happy to receive a Christmas bundle of goodies like chocolate and festive cake.

Well done everybody - it was super cute festive fun!





- Jack from Year 5 said, "KSI was my favourite performance because they were great dancers. Next time I think they should do less singing. I rate it 8/10. I rated 8 because the acting was brilliant, but some children spoke too quickly."
- Olivia from Year 4 revealed that "The foundation stage production was my favourite because the children found some things very hard and they remembered every thing that they had to do. They were very cute and brave. I rate it 9/10. Next time I would like to see some more acting."



*Inspire, challenge, learn*



# Babushka in action



As you can see everybody had a great time with budding actors and actresses showing their skills to a packed PHP hall! Great costumes too..!



# Foundation stage performance



Well done Foundation Stage - you sang like little angels and your outfits were simply excellent. We're already looking forward to next Christmas! What a Stable Surprise it was!



# FOCUS WEEK



All classes at PHP worked very hard to learn about our past. We researched the battles and the soldiers who fought in the war and kept our nation a free country. Year 6's topic block was about World War II so not only were they experts when they were writing poetry and recounts but they also completed some stunning artwork. The whole school enjoyed the activities that the teachers gave us and we all respect the soldiers for what they did for all of us so many years later - may they live on in our hearts. Haylie from Year 6 said - "I really enjoyed the artwork - we painted scenes from World War Two and I painted a rescue dog as I feel they were just as brave as the soldiers. All our work was celebrated in focus week celebration assembly and many adults cried because our work was so emotive. There is now remembrance work to be found all over our school including a brand new poppy display in our entrance reception area and the displays on the next page.

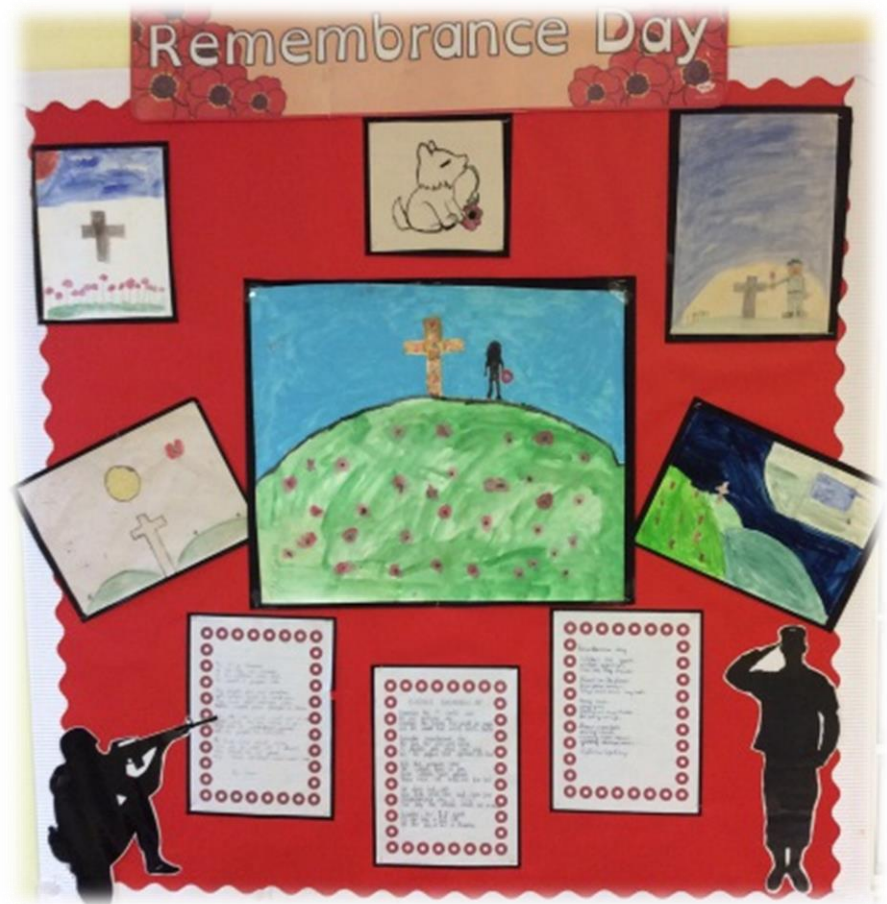
# A work of Remembrance

## Year 3's display



The work on display is a variety of poetry, art and a design project for the poppies. We think it looks stunning - why don't you come in and have a look for yourself?

## Year 6's display



# Cannock Chase Museum visit for Year 3

On the 5th of November 2016 Year 3 went to Cannock Chase museum. They went on a short coach ride to get there so they could learn all about life during the war. The whole class played some games like; if you were a child in the war and you had lost your mom and dad.. we found out that you would be evacuated to somewhere else in the country. The guide also taught us that if you wanted a sweet you had to pay one penny in those days.

We enjoyed having our lunch and then we had a gas mask to try on.. just in case there was an attack! We all thought it smelt very bad. It was very good fun, especially the part when we tried on tin hats and pretended to be in an air raid.

# Photo Gallery



This is Meya trying on the gas mask



This is Luke and Karan wearing a tin hat!



This is the museum from the outside

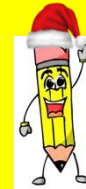




# Christingle at PHP

On the 30<sup>th</sup> November at 1:30pm Pool Hayes Primary walked up to the Holy Trinity Church. We went there for a Christingle service. Year 5 told us about where Christingle originated from and the history behind it. Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the service. Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle. Each piece of the Christingle holds special symbolism to help us understand the importance of Jesus and the Gospel, and why it's important at Christmas time.

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness



They also brilliantly sang :

- Shine Jesus Shine
- This Little Light of Mine
- Away in a Manger
- The Christingle Song

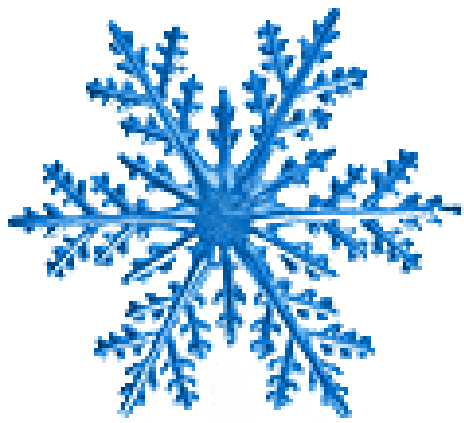


All of year 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to the Holy Trinity Church because they wanted to do their Christingle service in front of their parents and support Year 5. They did everybody proud and the singing was very festive - you could tell it was well practised.

# Photo Gallery



In these pictures we are in the church, as you can see in the picture on the right, Year 5 are holding Christingles while singing 'Away in a Manger' and in the picture on the left it looks like we are having a speech from the Vicar while we are getting ready.



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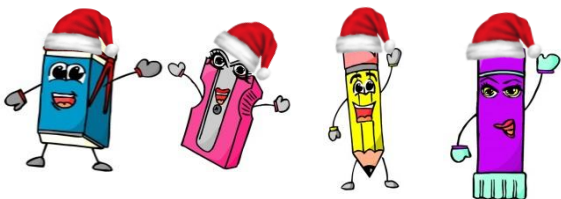


# It's Christmas Festive Fun and Games Time



Enjoy these Christmas games  
(you may want to print them out to  
complete them)





# Save Santa!



Can you complete the Christmas Word Search?



## Christmas Santa Word Search

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| Christmas | Presents | Santa Claus | Sleigh    | Tree | Red |
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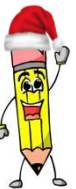


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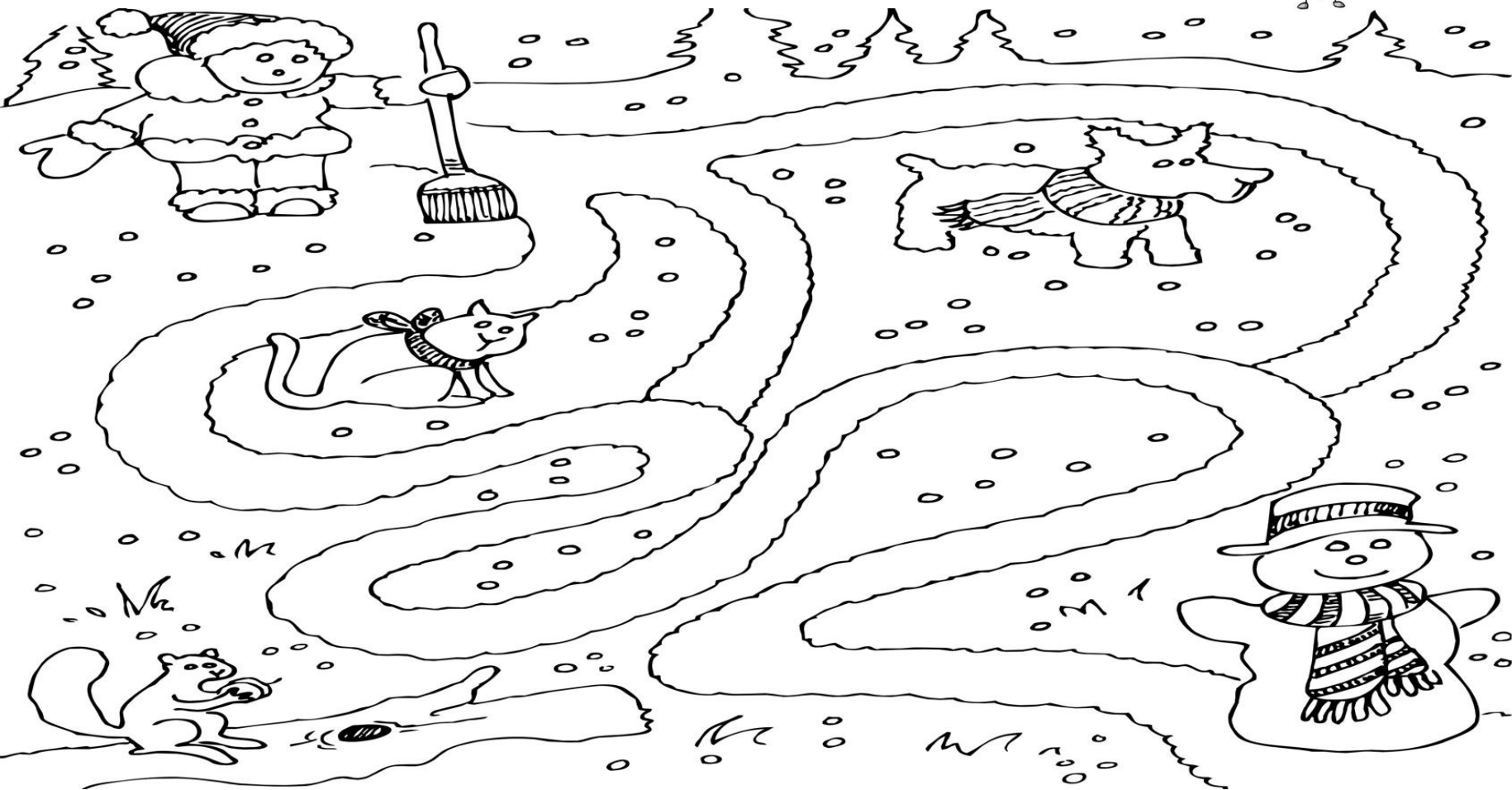
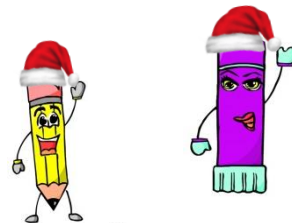
# Elf Adventure

Can you help the Elf escape the maze?





# Snowy Paths



Print this out and colour it in - remember to stay in the lines!

Which letter leads to the sleigh?



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B

C

D

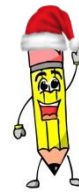
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# Christmas Quiz!



- 1) How many Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus?
- 2) In what town was Jesus born?
- 3) How many presents were given in total in the 12 Days of Christmas?
- 4) What country did Jesus's family escape to?
- 5) How many of Rudolph's eight companions names start with D?
- 6) What country did Christmas Trees originate from?
- 7) What's the second line of "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas"?
- 8) What was Joseph's job?
- 9) Who were first people to visit the baby Jesus?
- 10) What's lucky to find in your Christmas Pudding?
- 11) Which Angel visited Mary?
- 12) Where did the baby Jesus sleep?

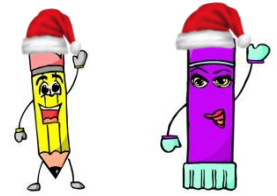


Answers found  
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the Newspaper





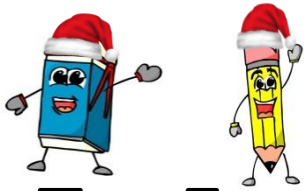
# Christmas Fayre



This year's PHP 2016 Christmas Fayre was a great festive feast of fun.

Lots of year-groups joined in the Fayre this year to make it the biggest and best yet. The fund from the Fayre went to new equipment for our playground, which we desperately need this year. This Fayre was in the KS2 section of the school and the school hall and this is where the parents and pupils bought their Christmas gifts and games from.





# About the Fayre



The Fayre was on the 25th of November 2016. All our classes at PHP made something and put it in the hall and the Year 3, 4 or 5 classrooms. Also, making a special guest appearance before his very busy build-up to Christmas Eve... Santa Claus (thank you Mr Nardone) came to give the children presents. Most children were delighted to see him but some were a little put off by his rather large white beard! In total PHP, with some amazing assistance from the PTA, raised a staggering £1074.88 for playground equipment for all the children in the school. Merry Christmas everyone!





# Interviews



This is an interview with Heidi from Year 5; "I loved the Fayre, it was so much fun and I enjoyed it very much. The stalls were full of fun games and Christmas craft presents that each class had made. I went on the raffle five times and won baby cream, Minion socks and lots more. I also bought lots of Christmas decorations for my house tree and bedroom. It was brilliant to get a present from Santa as well!"



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# Christmas Jumper Day



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How did we do it this year?

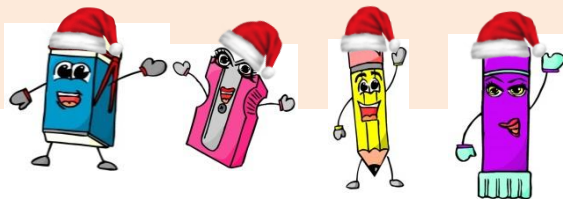
We did it with all children at PHP who paid £1 to wear a Christmas jumper on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December for Save the Children.

Because we achieved that goal we raised an incredible £140.39 and we are delighted that we could contribute to over a million pounds raised by Children in Need so far this Christmas. All the money goes to make sure children's lives are made safe and their Christmas is a happy one.

After asking some of the children who took part, they had this to say:

Ruby - "I liked wearing my jumper and raising money for Save the Children. it was fun to see everybody's jumpers.

Anjun - "I liked wearing my jumper and I also liked seeing other people's jumpers. I enjoyed it more because it was a fun day and we all raised money for children at Christmas time."



**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**



# Photo Gallery - Christmas Jumper Day



I love wearing my Christmas jumper to school!



I enjoyed Christmas jumper day - it was great fun!



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

# PHP Football Team

The school football team is a combination of year 4, 5 and year 6 children. Those particular people are, Coby, Aiden, Joe, Caden, Sean, Jack B. Kane, James, Harley, Ciaran R. Harry and Katie. Earlier this term, we entered a tournament and lost two games and won three. Overall we came second and we all felt that this was a great way to start the year. It was also a great way to get warmed up for the Walsall league season. This is Coby's interview: "I feel relieved because it was my first tournament and we came second overall. I felt like Marcus Rashford. On the pitch, I feel so proud because I play for my school team."

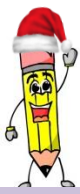
FT- Pool Hayes 3 - 0 Christ Church



The first game of our season went really well - Mr Dean (our manager and coach) said:

A very professional performance from the Pool Hayes players allowed them to come off the field in a winning position at 3-0. Great team attitude and spirit was shown throughout the match at all times which was a delight to see. We take confidence from this performance into our next match against Busill Jones Primary School and continue the high level expectancy I have of our squad of players.

Thank you for your continued support.



# PHP Football Team



As we always 'go for gold' at PHP these are the areas that we are looking to improve as we play more games this season.

What we could have done better:

We could have passed and chased down the ball a lot better so in training we are working on passing quicker and going to the ball.

In an interview with Jack from the squad, he had this to say:

"We lost our last game against Busil Jones and it wasn't the best week that we ever had. They also ended our winning streak so we have to work even harder in training to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Another member of the squad, Sean, had this to say: "We played a good match, we scored three brilliant goals and our next match was a bit disappointing because we had three good opportunities but didn't take them. We must try harder in training to finish our chances."

We are looking forward to the second half of the season where we can show that we are league and cup contenders - come and cheer us on!



Here are the team in action against Christchurch where we won 3-0

# It's Christmas Party Time



The Christmas parties in KS1 and KS2 were full of fun and activities this year with festive food galore (yummy mince pies and savoury treats) and all the best Christmas hits to sing to and fun games to play. Demi from Year 3 said: "I was dancing together with my friends Freya, Caitlin and Konnie and it was so much fun - my favourite song was Crazy Christmas and Last Christmas. We have to say thank to our parents for sending in so much delicious food and thank you to the teachers for planning the fab games and activities."



# Party fun photo gallery

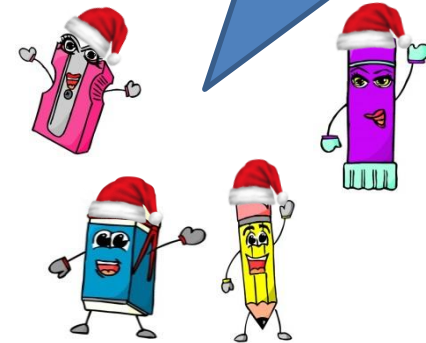


Both Christmas parties were full of fun and games with prizes to be won for everybody

# Perfect Peer Support



Keep learning  
- don't forget  
to read at  
home!



At Pool Hayes Primary School we do not allow bullying. Luckily we have peer supporters to help us. They help children at playtime with things that they are struggling with or when they are feeling down. If they see anybody on the buddy benches they won't hesitate to talk to them and reassure them.

peer Support



Make a  
**NO!SE**  
about bullying  
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

IN ANTI-BULLYING WEEK WE FOCUSED ON PREVENTING ALL BULLYING BUT ESPECIALLY CYBER BULLYING. WHICH CAN HAPPEN ON :



'I like that, along with keeping the children happy and safe, we get to play with the little children. Its also not that hard either because they listen to me.'

If you are getting cyber bullied on social media don't hesitate to tell an adult and press the report button.

The report button is usually on every social media site.

If you suspect something, report it!

It will look like this:



In our next issue:

Spring term focus week  
Sporting  
Achievement  
Young  
Enterprise  
Music  
Keeping safe  
New beginnings



On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November we had a **Childline** assembly that was all about anti-bullying and about how **Childline** can help. We were told that there will always be someone there to answer our call. If we wished we could talk to them any time about anything even if it was a good thing.

Their free phone number is 0800 1111.





- 1) 3
- 2) Bethlehem
- 3) 364
- 4) Egypt
- 5) Three - Dasher, Dancer and Donner
- 6) Germany - it was Latvia but it was part of German then!
- 7) Just like the ones I used to know
- 8) Carpenter
- 9) Shepherds
- 10) A six pence
- 11) Gabriel
- 12) In a manger

