

## Headteacher's Note:

Hi everyone,

I'm pleased to say the children have settled beautifully back into school following our half-term break. It's hard to believe that we now have Christmas fast approaching! Because of the difficult challenges we still face, it is very important to us that we make Christmas particularly special for the children in school this year. Firstly, thank you for sending the children in with chocolate today. We will use this for a chocolate tombola at our Christmas fair.

As well as the Christmas fair, we have planned more events this year. There will be 'breakfast with Santa' and all children will take part in some kind of event which will be recorded for parents: Reception, KS1 and Years 3-4 will be performing a nativity or play and Years 5-6 will be singing Christmas carols. We will be contacting you with further details of our different events, but meanwhile please take a note of the new dates added to the diary.

Have a good weekend.

Kind Regards

Julie Bratt

## Value of the Month

### Positivity

## Dates for your diary



### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November:

Children In Need

Danceathon - £1 donation

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November:

Non Uniform Day -

'smellies' donation

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November:

Deadline for donation for

Bag2School collection

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:

Christmas Dinner (children only)

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December:

Christmas Parties

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December:

Breakfast with Santa

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:

Break-up for Christmas

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:

Return to school

## Class Heroes:

Reception Rangers M:

Darcy

Sachin

Reception Rangers S:

Emma

Brody

Shooting Stars:

Emilia

George

Racing Rockets:

Daisy

Joseph

Cosmic Comets:

William

Lois

Well Done!



## Attendance:

### 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November

Reception Rangers M	88.6%
Reception Rangers S	95.7%
Shooting Stars	95.0%
Racing Rockets	92.1%
Cosmic Comets	98.6%
Skyflyers	96.2%
Starships	97.0%
Stargazers	97.4%
Explorers	96.3%
Aeronauts	95.7%

## Meet our Deputy Headteacher!

### About Me



My name is Karen Tearle and I am the deputy headteacher here at Albrighton. I have only been here a short time but as I've been welcomed so wonderfully by everyone I have settled in very quickly. I am really enjoying working around school with different classes, groups and children, as no week is the same. I feel really privileged to do a job that I can honestly say I love and every day is a learning day.

I am mum to two daughters, Evie (14) and Betsy (10) and wife to Tim. I have lived in Telford for about 18 years, after relocating from Surrey. Although I was actually born in the West Midlands, near Solihull.

I'm a creative person, really enjoying using the arts in different ways within my teaching. As a specialist teacher, I have a particular passion for heritage and I'm excited about a local heritage project in Albrighton, which we are just starting.

I am really looking forward to all the exciting projects and learning experiences that we have planned for the future.

### My Favourites

**Food:** Curries, Tapas, Roast Pork dinner

**Colour:** teal and purple

**Sport:** Football and netball

**Books:** Tilly and the Book Wanderers, The Explorer and To Kill A Mockingbird

**Movies:** Elf (I love Christmas) and action films

**Place:** Anywhere hot and sunny

**Animal:** Cat

**Subjects:** History and Literacy

## We Will Remember Them

Yesterday, at 11am we held our two-minute silence to remember those who have fought for our country in conflict and lost their lives.



Children in Year 3 and 4 created artworks to help them remember and reflect. They also listened to music from war time in their music lesson.

*"Lest we forget"*  
*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember them"*



Over the week, children have been learning about why we have Remembrance Day and why we hold it on the 11th November at 11am.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
*Lest We Forget*



## *Memorable Experiences*

### *Reception Rangers M*

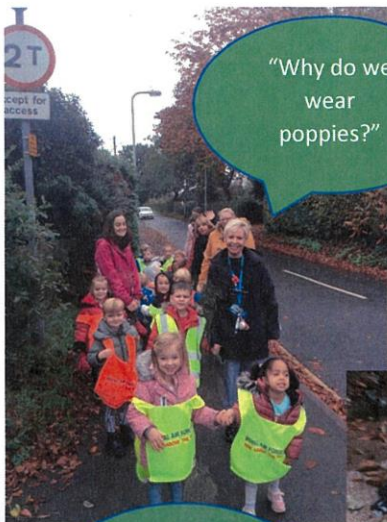


Rangers M had a lovely visit to the library. We shared stories with our friends and then listened to a story from Lauren the librarian. We even got to scan the books we were borrowing for class ourselves!

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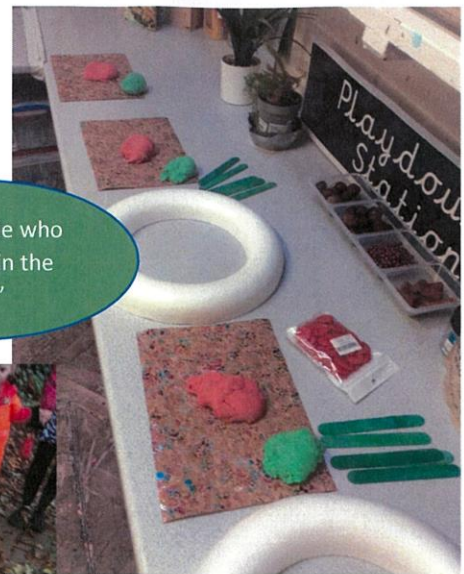
## Memorable Experiences Bright Stars (Pre School)



"Why do we wear poppies?"



"for people who fell over in the war"



"Because soldiers do lots of work".



"to rember everything".



"People help us and then we say thank you".



"Soldiers help the people"



"My mummy has a medal"".

Pre-school have been deeply engrossed in remembrance this week. They made their own mixed media wreaths and walked these to the memorial. There has been lots of talk about poppies and why we where them alongside the provocations to encourage meaning and introduce new vocabulary.

We are very proud indeed!



## Memorable Experiences Shining Stars (Toddlers)



"People help  
us"

Age 3



"Thank you"

Age 2



"Ooo, poppies,  
we say thank  
you"

"I see poppies  
in the shop"

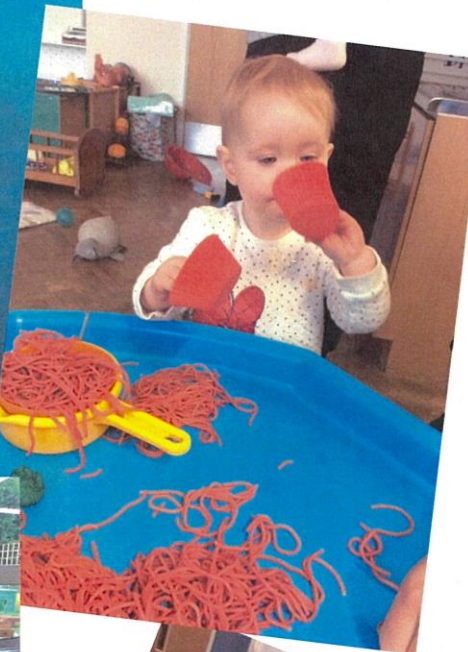
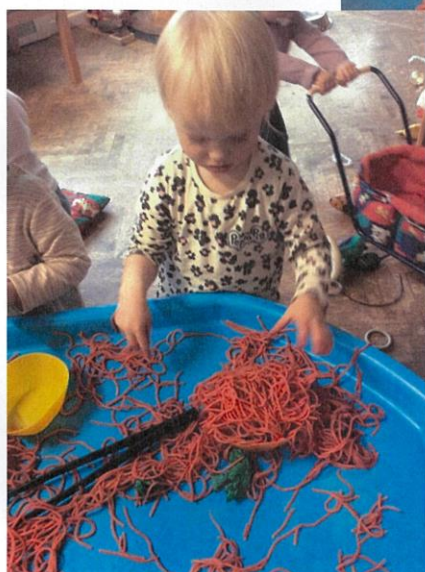
Age 3



Toddlers have been exploring remembrance with a wide range of mixed media, sensory activities and learning to say thank you to people who keep us safe.



## *Memorable Experiences Twinkling Stars (Babies)*



Babies have explored remembrance through sensory play with a focus on developing fine motor muscles.



## *Christmas Events*

### *Dates for your Diary*



**Friday 26th November** - Non-School uniform to bring in smellies for the tombola at the children's Christmas Fair.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Fair for the children only will be set up in the hall, with each class having a timeslot to attend. They will have the opportunity to spend their money playing games, try their luck on the tombola and buy various Christmas items that will be on sale.

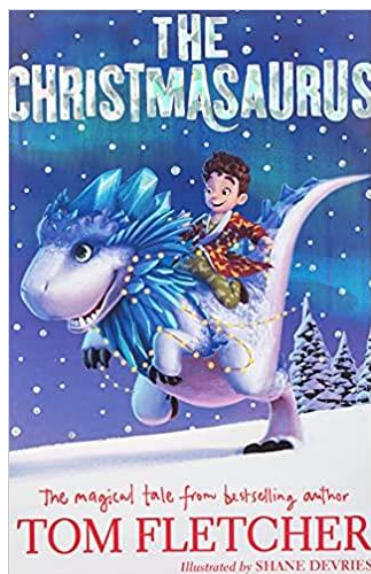
**Tuesday 14th December** - Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - a 'Breakfast with Santa' will take place for children who have booked their breakfast and visit with Santa. The children will be served a festive breakfast by Santa's Elves in the dining room between 9am and 10am, later in the day each child will then visit Santa's Grotto and receive a present. The cost of this experience will be £5.

Over the last few weeks of term a 'Secret Shop' will be set up to give children an opportunity to purchase a surprise present(s) for parents or grandparents. All presents will cost £2 or £3 and there will be a range of presents. Children will be able to choose their presents, pay for them and receive them already wrapped to help keep them a secret until Christmas.

**Christmas Raffle-** Raffle tickets will go on sale in December.

# The Albrighton Book Worm



**Title:** The Christmasaurus

**Author:** Tom Fletcher

**Reviewed By:** Mrs Tearle

## Plot - What happens in the story

This is a story about a boy named William Trundle and a dinosaur named the Christmasaurus.

It's about how they meet one Christmas Eve and have a magical adventure together making the unexpected happen. The themes of friendship and family run through the story, as well as sleigh bells, Santa, singing elves and magical flying reindeer.

It's about discovering your heart's true desire, and learning that the impossible might just be possible....

## Who would like this story?

This story is an excellent read before Christmas and is suitable for anyone who loves Christmas, adventures and the unexpected.

Suitable for boys and girls to read alone from Year 3/ 4 onwards but it would be a lovely story to read and share with slightly younger children also.

I read this book with my daughter last Christmas, and we really enjoyed it. We are about to start reading the sequel.

## Characters:

This is a story about a boy named William Trundle and a dinosaur named the Christmasaurus.

## Also Read:

The Christmasaurus and the Winter Witch  
The Christmasaurus and the Naughty List



## Information and Reminders

### Children In Need

This year's Children in Need will take place on Friday 19th November. At school we are going to 'get our Strictly on' and have a Danceathon, where children will be able to come to school dressed in dance or sports clothing and throughout the day children will take part in a dance workshop, where they will learn popular dance routines.



We ask that children bring £1 on the day that will go to Children in Need.

### Zoom Club



Bookings for Zoom Club can be made using our paper booking form or our new online booking form <https://forms.office.com/r/81qNaTdqbK>. Booking forms are available from our website: [Albrighton Primary School and Nursery - Session Booking Forms](#)

Bookings for December must be sent to us by Friday 19th November, in order that we can ensure correct staffing for after half term.

Bookings are increasing and we are unable to guarantee that we will be able to accommodate late requests for places.

### School Dinners

Vicky has created a new menu for the winter; see attached menus. Meals cost £2.40 per day for children in Nursery and KS2 (Years 3 to 6). Reception Rangers and KS1 (Y1 & Y2) are free.

### School Uniform

A reminder to parents that all school uniform including PE kits and coats need to have your child's name in it. Our lost property collection is getting larger and we are unable to reunite items as they are not named.

It is part of our home school agreement that our school uniform policy is adhered to. There are increased cases of children wearing of nail varnish and jewellery and the size/colour of hair accessories, all of which are outside policy. We hope we can rely on your support in addressing this issue.

### Home Learning

We are updating our home learning class pages in case your child needs to self-isolate. Work will be updated on a weekly basis. If you require any further support with this work, then please email your child's class teacher. Email addresses can also be found on the class page.

We have published a document that is on our website which gives details of resources to support reading and book related activities at home. It can be found at:

<https://www.albrightonprimary.com/homelearning/websites-and-resources>

Just click on the book worm picture for the latest document.

### COVID 19 - LFT and PCR Tests

Lateral flow tests can be ordered online following this link and are usually delivered the next day.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>


To book a PCR test follow this link <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>





## Autumn 2021-2022 Menu - Week 3

Weeks Commencing: 15-Nov-21, 06-Dec-21, 10-Jan-22 and 31-Jan-22

	Marvellous Monday	Tasty Tuesday	Wicked Wednesday	Thrilling Thursday	Fruity Friday
MAINS	Pork Meatballs served with a Tomato Sauce or Gravy Or Quorn Meatballs served in a Tomato Sauce or Gravy (v)	Quorn dog! Quorn dippers served in a hot dog roll Choose your toppings - Cheese - Tomato Sauce - Coleslaw - Salad	Roast Chicken Fillet Or Quorn Fillet (v)  Served with Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding	Selection of Breaded fish: Fishcake, Fish Fillet, Fish Finger Or Jacket Potato with Cheese (v), Beans (v), or Tuna	Pizza - Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) Or Chicken Casserole served with a Bread Roll
SIDES	Penne Pasta Creamed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables (Broccoli, cauliflower, carrots)	Potato Wedges Mini Corn on the Cob Baked Beans BBQ Beans	Roast Potatoes Creamed Potatoes Carrots Peas Cabbage	Diced Potatoes Baked Peas Mushy Peas	Chips Sweetcorn Baked Beans
DESSERTS	Vanilla Cookie Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad	Yogurt & Granola Cheese & Crackers Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad	Apple & Sultana Pudding & Custard Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad	Iced Bun Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad	Fruity Friday Frozen Desserts Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad 
SOUP	Tomato Soup & a Cheese Sandwich	Leek & Potato Soup with a Bread Roll	-----	Vegetable Soup & a Ham Sandwich	Minestrone Soup with a Bread Roll





# *Breakfast with Santa*

On  
*16th December 2021*

## *Menu*

### **North Pole Breakfast**

(sausage, beans, mini hash browns & scrambled egg)

or

### **Petit dejeuner de Noel**

(pain au chocolat or  
croissant with jam & butter)

Both options served with  
apple juice or orange juice

*Allergen options also available*

Book online through  
ParentPay by Friday  
26<sup>th</sup> November  
£5



During the day  
children will visit  
Santa in his grotto  
and receive a gift