



The Christmas Holidays are here! However Christmas isn't the only cause for celebration in school.

As you will hopefully have seen from our weekly editions of 'Sutton News', we have worked tirelessly to move the school forward and ensure we are providing the best possible education and care for your children. We are hugely ambitious in fulfilling this brief and have made great strides already this term that provide a glimpse as to the direction in which we are heading.

I am pleased to say this is being reflected in our performance data, pupil attendance and interactions with external professionals working with the school. Great examples of this include:

- 85% of our Year 2 pupils passing the standardised Phonic Screening Check this month. This was 37% the last time the test was undertaken in 2019!
- The Local Authority Implementation Group (LAIG), which the school has been subject to since June 2019, has now finished. Initially instigated following the school's 'Requires Improvement' grade in its last Ofsted Inspection,

the group is now satisfied the school is on track for 'Good' in its next inspection. It has commended the rapid progress the school has made this year.

- Despite the significant disruptions we are all experiencing as a consequence of Covid, our pupil attendance over the entirety of the Autumn Term remains considerably higher than County, Regional and National Data! Our overall attendance averages 94.3%; 2.7% higher than Cambridgeshire, East of England and England averages.

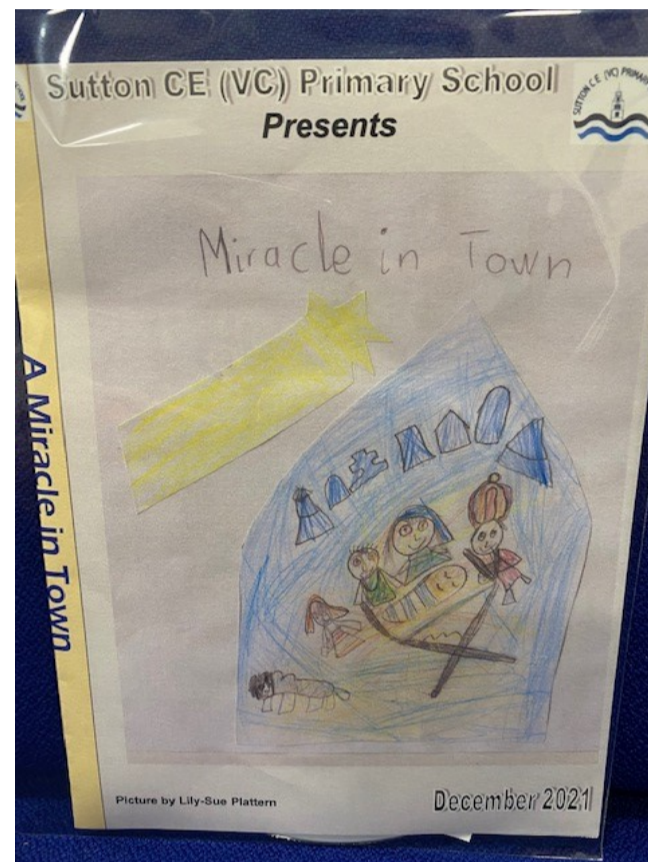
These are hugely positive signs, but we will continue to STRIVE to be the best we can be.

This leads me to my main point, which is to say 'thank you' for your engagement and support—these achievements are testament to our community working together.

So on behalf of everyone at Sutton Primary School, I would like to wish you all a very Merry (and safe) Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you all back rested and recuperated on Wednesday 5th January.

Mr Harrison

RECEPTION & KS1 PERFORM A 'MIRACLE IN TOWN'!



Today has signalled the release of the Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity Show, 'Miracle in Town'. Covid may have prevented parents from coming in to watch, but we have managed to share the performance via YouTube (link posted on respective ClassDojo walls), DVD and Memory Sticks. The children are fantastic, so do take a moment to watch our hugely talented children perform!

Thanks must go to the Reception and Key Stage 1 staff for all of their time and effort in producing such a fabulous show.

Thanks must also go to you, the parents and carers, for preparing the costumes and helping your child learn their lines! Your contribution is very much appreciated.

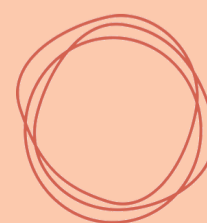
REV. MARY LEADS OUTDOOR KS2 CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

On Tuesday 14th December, our Key Stage 2 pupils performed in our outdoor Carol Concert led by Rev. Mary and Mrs Bradley. It was great to be able to share some festive cheer together! If you haven't already, check out the videos on ClassDojo.



KEY DIARY DATES

17th December	End of Autumn Term
4th January	INSET Day—School Closed
5th January	Start of Spring Term
19th January	Year 5/6 Inter-School Football Competition
6th June	Platinum Jubilee Holiday (school closed)



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SPONSOR SCHOOL'S NEW FOOTBALL KIT!



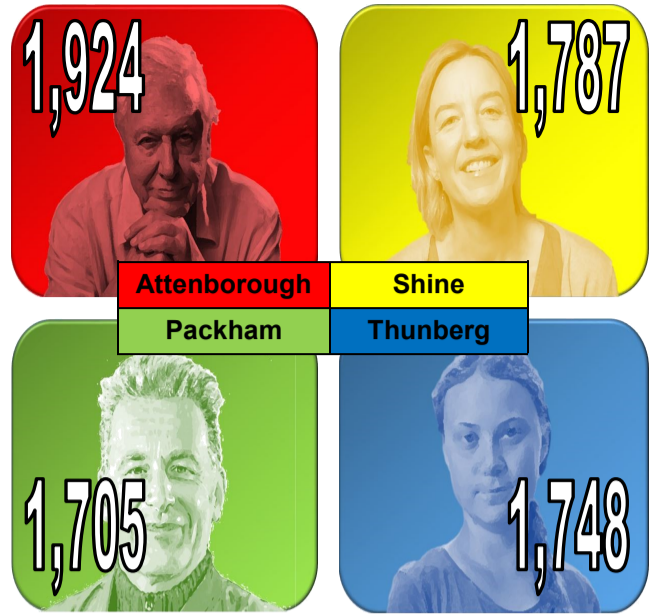
We are pleased to announce the introduction of our new school football kit, kindly sponsored by Cineworld, Ely. We are anticipating our first competitive football tournament on January 19th, so the children will be running out in our new school colours! This new kit reflects the importance we place upon sport within our curriculum, and our intention to give children the opportunity to represent their school.

RECEPTION PUPILS ENJOY FESTIVE WALK AROUND VILLAGE



Dolphins and Elephants Classes had a wonderful festive walk around the village on Thursday. The children were amazed by the lights and Christmas characters we saw along our route. They were very well behaved and also wished lots of passers by a 'Merry Christmas!' Thank you so much to our parent helpers today, your support makes these exciting outdoor learning opportunities possible!

HOUSE POINT TOTALS



ATTENBOROUGH HOUSE SECURE TOP SPOT AT END OF AUTUMN TERM

A massive well done to members of Attenborough House who have secured the highest number of House Points over the course of the Autumn Term. It has been a close fought contest, but Attenborough have consistently been the highest scoring house each week. This achievement will be celebrated in our first assembly of the New Year. I'm sure this will motivate the other three teams to secure even more House Points next term. Having been issued 7,164 House Points this term, pupils should be proud of their fantastic achievements.

KS1 PUPILS EXPLORE LOCAL HISTORY



On Wednesday 15th December, Year 1 & 2 pupils enjoyed an historical trip to Ely, visiting the Cathedral Stain Glass Museum and Ely Museum. The children were impeccably behaved learnt lots about the city of Ely and its history dating back over 1,000 years. Many thanks once again to the parent helpers, whose attendance made this trip possible.