



Saint Nathaniel's Academy

December 2023 Newsletter



What a busy half term we have had again! We hope you and your children have all enjoyed the different activities and events that have taken place over the last few weeks, from Christmas lunches and Nativity shows, to trips to the farm and the cinema for some! There is plenty to share in this newsletter, but we would like to wish you all a very peaceful and happy time over the festive period, as well as wishing you all the very best for 2024.

Staffing Leaving

This week will mark the final week in school for several members of staff. We would like to say a special thank you to Miss Harley in Year 3 and Mrs Jackson in Year 1 who will be leaving St. Nathaniel's Academy this term in order to pursue other opportunities and adventures. We will miss them both and wish them all the very best in their new ventures. We will also see our Admin Assistant, Miss Shaw, leaving our school office this term as she starts her maternity leave. We wish Miss Shaw all the very best, and we can't wait to see the new addition to her family!

New Staff

As is the case when we have current staff leaving, we also have the exciting opportunity to welcome new staff to the St. Nathaniel's family. In January we will welcome three new members of staff in different positions. Miss Sultana and Mrs Barrell who will be joining us as teachers in Year 3 and Key Stage 1 respectively. We will also be welcoming Mrs Ridgway who will be joining our team in the school office.

Christmas Performances

A huge congratulations has to go out to our Foundation Stage children (including Squirrel Lodge), as well as our Year 2 children, for their fantastic Christmas shows which they performed for the whole school and to all the parents and carers who were able to join us. The performances allowed the children to showcase all the hard work that they have put in, and to really get everyone into the festive spirit. What an amazing job they did too! Thank you also to all the staff who helped to organise and co-ordinate these, as well as all the families and friends who were able to join us to watch them.

Christmas Performances

As a reminder, don't forget that Year 1 will be hosting their Christingle workshop and performance on the afternoon of Thursday 21st December.

Fun Friday

On Friday 22nd December, to celebrate a wonderful term, we will be having a 'Fun Friday'! We've got a magician, circus skills activities and football zorbing! Children will be doing a variety of activities throughout the day. All children will be creating a little bit of artwork to bring home too! We are really excited to celebrate a fantastic term and are looking forward to our fun filled day! It will also be Christmas jumper day too. Children will be allowed to come to school in non-school uniform along with their Christmas jumper. Because of the activities that are planned for throughout the day though, we ask that children come in clothing which allows them to be active, so please avoid any party dresses, open toed shoes etc.

Online Pantomime

This year, our school have paid for an online pantomime to share with the children at school, which they should have watched this week. However, the link is also available to share with family and friends to enjoy at home together over the festive period. If you wish to watch the pantomime, Puss in Boots, follow this link and use the password 'Puss' when prompted <https://vimeo.com/891016880>

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School Lunch Price Increase

As you may be aware, the price of school lunches will be increasing when we return to school in January. For anyone who pays for school lunches, the new prices are as follows:

Nursery - £2.30 per day

All other children - £3.00 per day

Winter Support Services

Our Inclusion team in school have posted a copy of a Winter Support leaflet on our school Class Dojo page. This leaflet has a lot of useful information should you ever need any help. There is also a copy of the leaflet in the reception area by the office. You can access the leaflet by following this link:

<http://bit.ly/3Ry1K38>

Port Vale Carol Service

Well done to all our children from the choir who attended the Port Vale Carol Service last week with Miss Danek, Mrs Parker and Mrs Meredith. The children had an amazing time and did a great job of representing our school so well. They even got to meet a host of Port Vale players too!

Attendance for December

We continue to monitor attendance very closely at school. To the right are the latest attendance results for each class for last month. The national average for attendance which we strive to achieve is 96%.

Congratulations to Class 2TB for having the highest attendance during the month!

	<u>Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>		<u>Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
R1EP	45	89.1%	3DY	11	96.7%
R2SP	25	94.4%	4EP	28	90.1%
1AT/ZB	32	83.3%	4RT	25	96.1%
1MB	33	90%	5HH	17	93.8%
2DF	15	90.6%	5SB	24	91.1%
2TB	21	97%	6ES	20	94.2%
3CH	25	94.2%	6TG	24	93.9%

Diary Dates

Thursday 21st December (afternoon) – Yr 1 Christingle service

Friday 22nd December – School closes for Christmas & Christmas jumper day

Monday 8th January – School opens for pupils

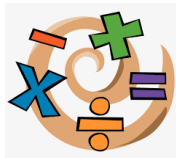


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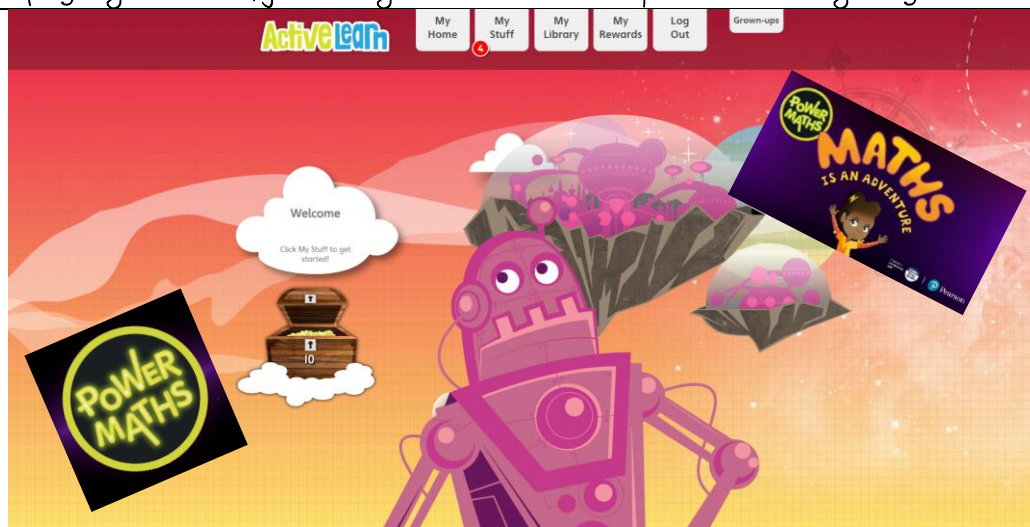
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Magic Maths!



Don't forget to log in to your Power Maths personal space at home in order to get the most out of the free resources that are on offer to you. Just head to <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0> and use your username and password to login. If you've forgot your details, just ask your teacher who will provide them to you again.



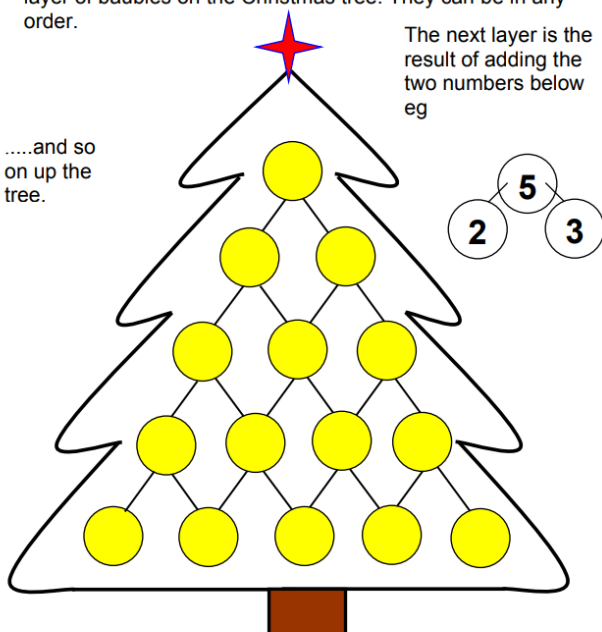
Puzzle time

Christmas tree

Put the numbers **1,2,3,4,5** in the bottom layer of baubles on the Christmas tree. They can be in any order.

The next layer is the result of adding the two numbers below eg

.....and so on up the tree.



What order on the bottom line will give the highest possible total at the top?
Clue: there is more than one possible way.

Elves' challenge



Three elves' made some toys.
Each elf made an odd number of toys.
Altogether they made 19 toys.

How many toys did each elf make?

Find different ways to do it.
You could use 19 counters or blocks to help you.

Maths website of the Month:

Our next website is Math Playground, which has a range of online maths games for all ages and topics.

<https://www.mathplayground.com/>