

Newsletter

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2023! The Autumn Term always seems to be a particularly busy one. Here's what we've been getting up to.

The cultural education of children is hugely important at Putnoe. As well as being embedded across our curriculum, 'Black History Month' was an opportunity to learn so much about black culture and our local community. Thank you so much for supporting us if you were able to join us to celebrate this learning.

One of my favourite features of Putnoe is the positive relationship we have with our community. You told us you loved spending time in school, so we increased the range of opportunities for you to come into school to share the outcomes of your child's learning journey. You've joined us on formal occasions such as consultation evening, as well as key events, such as the Christmas workshops and various other shows and performances. Whether your child has been involved in the Nutcracker or a nativity play, you've been there to support them.

We were really pleased to see so many of you at our first community coffee morning. As well as being a great opportunity to have a good chat, we were joined by external agencies like Autism Bedfordshire, BPHA and local charity, FACES. Our next session is coming up in the new year!

The children have experienced a huge range of other opportunities during the Autumn Term. As well as competing in sporting competitions and spending time with our visiting international athlete, children have visited museums, libraries and met inspirational authors. We have packed so much in this term that Y5 are even off to London on the last day of term to take part in an incredible event at the Royal Opera House.

In addition to our more obvious links to Bedfordshire Police, we've been going the extra mile to help children make safe decisions. The 'Stay Safe' project, delivered by the NSPCC, has been such a valuable process. We were so proud of the children's responses to these often-difficult topics. This work will continue in the Spring Term.

For those of you who celebrate Christmas, you may have been involved in the 'Winter Breakfast', with Santa. Our 'Winter Fayre' also takes place on Monday 18th December! We are looking forward to seeing lots of you there to enjoy the festivities.

That just leaves me to say a massive thank you to you all for making Putnoe Primary School the amazing place it is - your support is hugely appreciated. From all of us at school, have a lovely break. See you all back on Thursday 4th January 2024!



Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently at 95.50%

Our top two classes so far are Monet and Turner both ending the first term at 97.3% attendance. Year 2 achieved best year group at 97%.

A massive thank you to all our families for persevering with good school attendance and recognising how essential this is to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing and wider development.

On the 10th November, Year 5 and 6 had a brilliant afternoon with award winning author Megan Rix who spoke about her World War 1 & 2 themed books with the main focus on animals. The children loved listening to Megan and we learnt so much. Did you know lots of animals won medals in the war!

Our Poppy appeal raised £547.39

Our international Athlete Event raised £2,099.59!
400m sprinter, Victoria Ohuruogu, raised

Thank you

For Children in Need we raised £556.56

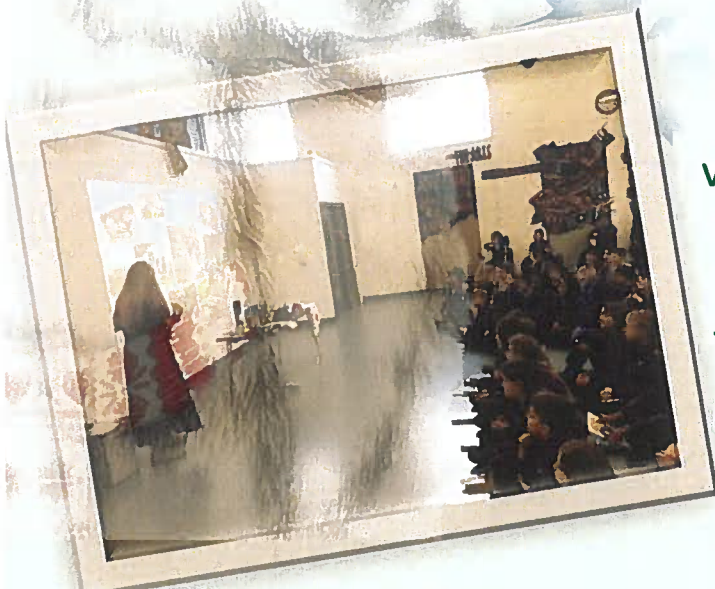


Library news



Author visits

On the 15th September, we were very excited to welcome author Petra Hampshire into school to talk about her book "Do Dinosaurs Like Thunderstorms?" The children asked great questions about how the book idea happened & the publishing process - we had a great afternoon!



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Booky Breakfast



At the end of September, we welcomed parents and carers for a Booky Breakfast in the library. This offered the chance to enjoy a light refreshment whilst reading our favourite stories! Lots of families joined us and it was a lovely event. Thank you to all who attended!

Putnoe Library

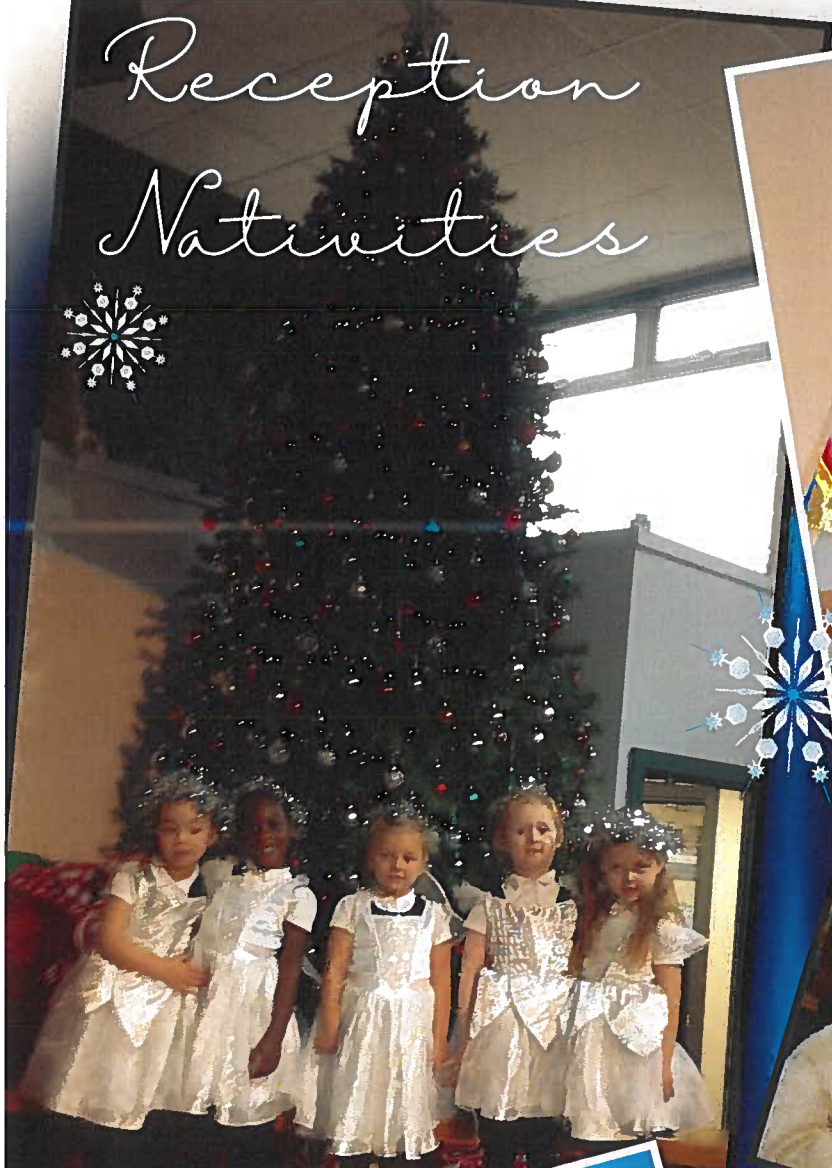


Year 1 visit to Putnoe Library

In November, Year 1 had a fantastic time visiting Putnoe Library! We had a look at how the library is run, the different books we can get and read some lovely stories - did you know, you can get 20 books out at Putnoe Library!



Reception Nativities



We have had an exciting half term; we have been learning all about different celebrations. The children have enjoyed learning about Diwali and dressing up in traditional clothing.

Reception



We have also been thinking about the seasons, painting Autumn trees and making jelly with all things autumnal. We have made our own winter tree pictures using different materials; we did this also when we made our own poppies!



We have also been busy cooking and have made cakes and bread after reading 'The Little Red Hen'.

