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Father William came in this week to tell us the origins of the season of Advent and to talk about some of the Christmas Advent traditions, such as Advent wreaths, Advent candles and of course the much loved Advent Calendars. Father William taught the children about the colours of the five candles in the Advent wreath and why one candle is traditionally pink and one is white.

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children:

Reception: **Ivy** —for her enthusiasm for learning and being part of our special team!

Years 1&2: **Cleo** - for thinking of ways to make others happy and practising confidently for our Nativity!

Years 3&4: - **Charlie HT** —for super learning this week and for stepping out of your comfort zone.

Years 5&6: **Grace**— for showing great focus and determination this week!

Years 3 & 4 Ball Skills Tournament

Years 3 & 4 took part in the Balls Skills Festival this week with children from other local schools. The event is always great fun and is arranged and organized so that children of all abilities can take part. Ava and Jamie, in Year 4, told us a little about their afternoon. *Ava reported, "We started with warm-ups to get to know each other and we all made new friends. We played different types of games. We got into different countries and I was in team Germany. We learnt lots of different skills. We played this really cool game which was Bench Ball and we won most of these games. When we finished team Germany were in 3rd place!"* Jamie remarked, *"Miss Northcote gave us stickers with different countries marked on them. First of all, our leaders led us to the spot with our country and we played some really fun warm-ups including a name game to help us get to know each other. After about 10 minutes of practising we started our first game of Bench Ball where we enjoyed ourselves tremendously. I was in the Denmark team and we came 2nd!"*



Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is **Alice** in Year 5. Alice hasn't been with us very long but she has already become a well-established and much valued member of her class. She is smiley and positive and makes everyone feel special. Miss Northcote remarked: Alice is always thoughtful, treating everyone she meets with care and understanding. Her calm and steady presence has a way of soothing others, even in stressful situations. Alice's warmth, calm nature and gentle manners make her a fabulous friend. Thank you for sharing your wonderful personality with us. The children went on to add: *"Alice plays with all her friends really nicely".... "In netball she always has a giant smile on her face and doesn't frown".... "When we had a play date, Alice was so much fun and made positive decisions".... "She helps sort out arguments and is a really good friend".... "Alice plays with friends so nicely and always lets everyone join in when we are playing".... "She is calm and doesn't argue".... "Alice has a smile which is too big to put on a face".... "When you were playing with your friends you made me feel so welcome and made me feel included. You also gave me some great ideas" (Mrs Platt!).... "When we bumped into each other, you said, sorry".... "Everyone here is your friend and you let everyone play even if they are younger or older".* Alice, you have so many wonderful qualities and you are a friend to everyone; we are so glad you came to join us at Great Tew.

Years 1&2 in the Wild Garden

The children so enjoyed their afternoon in the Wild Garden with Chris, from Little Wild Things. They arrived there, having been sailing the seven seas for weeks and having finally found an island to land on and bury their treasure! It took a bit of time to decide where best to hide the treasure so as a group they explored the island, set up camp and made sure everyone had enough food to keep them going. They then made some maps of the island so they could mark where their treasure had been hidden and can find it again when they return!

Dates Coming Up

Sat 7th Dec	Christmas Fair 11am to 2pm
Sat 7th Dec	Great Tew Village Carol Service 5pm
Thurs 12th Dec	Christmas Nativity Play—Reception, Year 1&2 Performances at 2pm and 6pm.
Tues 17th Dec	The Christmas Feast
Thurs 19th Dec	Fresh Start Christmas Lunch
Fri 20th Dec	End of term Christmas Service, Great Tew Church 9am
	End of term at 12 noon
Mon 6th Jan	Inset Day
Tues 7th Jan	Back to school—Spring Term begins
Fri 10th Jan	Year 5 and 6 Swimming Lessons Commence
Wed 15th Jan	Swimming Gala CNPS
Wed 29th Jan	U11 Hockey Tournament CNPS
Fri 31st Jan	West Oxfordshire Cross-Country Final



High Flyers

Breakfast and After-School Club

We've had another fantastic week packed with creativity and fun!

The children have been busy making amazing Christmas decorations using a variety of craft materials to bring their festive ideas to life. A highlight was creating fun reindeer stockings- so imaginative and full of personality!

Indoors, we also explored aerodynamics by designing and making paper airplanes- some truly impressive flyers took to the skies!

Outdoors, the children enjoyed exciting football matches, giving everyone a chance to let off steam and have a blast with their friends.

High Flyer of the Week

This weeks High Flyer certificate goes to Grace for her excellent listening skills, her ever- present lovely smile, and her kindness to others. Well done, Grace- we're so proud of you!

We're excited to announce that our Christmas party will take place on **Thursday 19th December!**

This is always a highlight of the season, filled with fun party games, laughter, and plenty of delicious food to enjoy. It's a wonderful opportunity for the children to celebrate together and get into the festive spirit.

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Childcare Vouchers - for those working over 16 hours, you can take advantage of the 'Government's Choices Scheme', to save 20% on childcare. Also, when booking through our system you can pay by bank payment, so there is no booking fee.

We also offer 10% off for siblings attending the club!

