

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a busy and exciting Autumn term. As you can see from all the class reports, our pupils have had a wealth of enrichment opportunities and a very broad and rich curriculum.

I would like to thank you for all your continued support this term, as always it is our strong partnership with you that is a key to our continued success at Blanche Nevile.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Xmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Best Wishes,

Karen Khwaja
Interim Head

Conor's Class

As the leaves turned golden and the air became crisp, our Year 1 pupils embarked on a magical journey through the season of Celebrations. This term has been nothing short of spectacular, with every week bringing new traditions, stories and sparkling fun!

We kicked off the term with a bang (literally!) by learning about Bonfire Night. The children explored the story of Guy Fawkes and created colourful firework art. The classroom was ablaze with creativity! Next, we spun dreidels and explored the miracle of light during Hanukkah. The children enjoyed learning about menorahs and the importance of family and community in this joyful celebration. The classroom was transformed into a winter wonderland as we read festive stories and decorated Christmas crafts. The grand finale? Signing our wishes to Santa and a cosy Christmas party filled with smiles. As we step into the next term, we're excited to continue exploring and growing. Until then, have a wonderful festive season and a very Happy New Year!



Claire's Class

Our Early Years class quite literally ventured 'Into The Woods' this term, with two mini adventures to Highgate Wood where their learning on the topic was brought to life. They enjoyed climbing over and through tree trunks, listening for birds, looking for rabbits and spotting birds' nests high up in the tree branches. They met a friendly robin (who we later drew pictures of), found a centipede under a log, and even saw a tree trunk that had been pecked full of holes by a woodpecker looking for insects to eat. As a treat for being so good at following rules to stay safe when out in the woods, the children went to the Highgate Wood cafe and each used their communication skills to order hot chocolate from the counter – yummy!



Jodie's Class

This half term, Year 2 have been diving into the fascinating history of the Great Fire of London! In our History lessons, we explored the key events of the fire and how they helped shape London today. We also learned about how materials like straw and wood can easily catch fire, making the city vulnerable in 1666. To bring our learning to life, we visited Pudding Lane, near the site of Thomas Farriner's bakery where the fire began. We were amazed by the towering Monument to the Great Fire, it was so tall!

Scan the QR code below to watch our class retell the dramatic story of the Great Fire of London!



Simon's Class

As the term ends, we reflect on a delightful seven weeks of creativity and discovery. In Literacy, the children invented amazing machines and explored emotions with *The Colour Monster*—rest assured, happiness levels spiked after a little chocolate tasting! In Maths, they tackled addition, subtraction, and multiplication, while in Science, they experimented with melting chocolate and even created their own chocolate bars, complete with unique wrappers. We rounded off our chocolatey adventures with a warm cup of hot chocolate, marking the end of a truly delightful term.

The class team and I are incredibly proud of the children's hard work and creativity this term. As we welcome the Winter Solstice and the holiday season, we wish you all warmth, joy, and a well-deserved break. Here's to another exciting term ahead in the New Year.



Sarah's Class

This half term year 5 and 6 have really been honing in on their acting skills. Year 6 performed alongside their mainstream peers in Beowulf and both year groups have been practising for the Christmas show. Our current history topic is 'Migration' and we have been role playing what it may have been like boarding the Windrush from the Caribbean and coming to England. As you can see from the photos we really tried to put ourselves in other's shoes. In our Design Technology lessons we have been tasting and designing our own Jamaican patties and will make them before the end of term. Our literacy lessons have also linked to our topic and we have been reading and writing lots of different stories where people migrate across the world.

It's been another fun and busy half term and year 5 and 6 are definitely ready for 2025 because if 2024 is anything to go by...it's going to be fantastic!



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had another busy term at Primary. The children have been working hard and have been enjoying the new learning of their topics as well as having fun along the way!

Thank you to all of those parents who were able to join us for our recent Winter Fair and the end of term and Christmas Performances. The children were superstars and did us all proud!

A huge thank you to all of the school team for all their hard work this term and the many opportunities given to the children. The last few weeks have been busy with our usual Christmas activities and celebrations as well as some lovely trips. We are especially very proud of all of your wonderful children and their amazing hard work and progress this term. We have been lucky to welcome many visitors and we look forward to the new term and many more opportunities in the new year. A special thank you to Liya's family in Claire's class who kindly donated a wonderful Christmas tree this year for us all to enjoy.

As always, thank you very much for your continued support and I wish you and your families a very festive holiday and a Happy New Year!

Wishing you all the very best,

Kathryn

Head of School



Important Dates

Friday 20th of December 2024	End of Autumn 2 Early Finish 12.30pm
Monday 23rd—Friday 3rd of Jan	Christmas Holiday
Monday 6th of Jan 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday 7th of Jan 2025	Start of Spring 1 School open to pupils
Friday 14th of Feb 2025	End of Spring 1
Monday 17th—21st of Feb 2025	Half term break