



# Wetheringsett C of E Primary School MAT Newsletter Spring 2024



# **Bikeability**

Years 5 and 6 had a fantastic time learning essential skills on how to stay safe on the roads. All children participated and were rewarded with safety on the roads' certificates.



# Police visit



EYFS and KS1 thoroughly enjoyed PCSO Harvey's visit. They were able to ask lots of questions, try on a range of uniform items and explore the police van.

### Colchester trip



The children thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Colchester Castle in December and it was so lovely to see them filled with excitement.

Sycamore class were learning about Roman's at Colchester castle. Lime class explored toys and schools from Victorian times.



## Reading cafe



Our literacy Lead organised a reading cafe for parents and guardians to share the love of reading with their children and tools:

"Really enjoyed it, so important that reading is done at home and so glad the school does event like this"

"Excellent! My favourite cafe so far."

"It was a really wonderful experience to be able to share some lovely books with [my child]. Thank you for such a calm end to the school day"

#### Pantomime

In December we enjoyed a trip to the pantomime. The children were so well behaved and they made us all proud. It was so lovely when we had members of the public speaking to members of staff saying how well the children behaved and how they made their own experience even better.

#### Community Christmas lunch

In December we held a community lunch for the pupils, parents and gardens and from the Village. We gave a performance of the MAT Christmas song and were able to raise further funds for Save the children with a cake sale, everyone enjoyed themselves. The local community were very grateful and said how special it was to share the lunch and hear the pupils singing.

#### Forest schools

It is wonderful that our children get to learn so many important life skills at Forest schools. The children this term so far have built on their subject knowledge within science by looking at habitats and the changes in the seasons, Design technology by designing and making a range of different models. They have been given the opportunity to drill, hammer and learn knots. We have also worked on PSHE supporting the children to build resilience, determination, problem solving and communication. The children thrive in the forest.



# **Nativity Production**

The pupils put on a re-telling of the Nativity in a packed church. Key stage one told the story and key stage two produced the music on brass instruments.

#### Tractors in Schools

In Geography we have been learning about the journey of food.. In February we had a visit from a farmer with his tractor. Lime Class were able to ask him lots of questions. He said 'It's always a great pleasure to be able to bring a tractor into school and talk about farming, especially with classes of children as well behaved and engaging as yours.'

A year 6 pupil was inspired to produce his own tractor artwork, which the farmer has told us is up on his office wall.





