# St Lawrence Church of England Primary School Rowhedge

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you don't have to be perfect

To be amazing

Children in Red Class have been reading the story of The Jolly Christmas Postman. They have written letters and cards

In Orange Class the children have been learning to subtract one number from a larger number. They have been talking about different strategies. Do ask them.

Year 2 are learning their lines for their nativity performance. They have been thinking about

how to project their voices to

the back of the hall. We can't

Year 3 are learning how to use the design features in WORD

to produce their own pictures.

They built up each design using the shape feature, changing

wait to hear them.

colours and sizes.

to each other.

# **Explore**

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## Excel

#### Years 1 and 4 at Colchester Zoo

Children in Years 1 and 4 had a fantastic day at the Zoo this Tuesday. They went to look at and talk about lots of animals, and met a Christmas Elf who had lost their magical flying dust for Santa's reindeers. They talked all about penguins; and whether they would make suitable replacements for reindeers, and came face to face with some real life penguins! They then met Santa, who found the dust AND gave them each a present. Make sure you ask your child about all the interesting things they learnt about penguins. The children made the day extra special for being so inquisitive and considerate of everything around them, and thank you to our parent helpers as well as all the staff, who all worked really hard to give the children such a lovely day.





# THUNK

What makes a good friend?

Winning KS1 Answer by Laudie in Red Circles When you stay friends even when they go far away

#### Winning KS2 Answer by Caleb in Year 9

I think a good friend deinitely has to be funny and trustworthy. You can talk to them about everything in your head because they won't judge you



### **Headteacher Awards**

Eric, Ivy and Fia in Year 1 and George, Isabelle, Sky, Lily, Drew, Ava & Leyton in Year 2



In RE lessons the class have been thinking about the Christmas story from the perspective of the different people and animals involved. They shared great ideas.

Year 5 the class have been revised their knowledge of complex sentences. They identified different features of a complex sentence and then wrote some of their own.

Year 6 have been plotting coordinates on a four quadrant grid. They needed to be very accurate in order to identify shapes. They even had to locate missing co-ordinates.

#### Whole school attendance this week: 92.01%

|            | Foundation<br>Stage | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Percentage | 92.78%              | 92.92% | 96.09% | 92.92% | 90.87% | 90.43% | 87.5%  |
| Absences   | 26                  | 17     | 9      | 17     | 19     | 22     | 29     |
| Lateness   | 0                   | 8      | 4      | 4      | 5      | 1      | 0      |

## **Giving Tree**

Our Giving Tree earned a 'Highly Commended Certificate' at St Lawrence Church Christmas Tree Festival last weekend. Thank you for your very generous donations. We took 48kg of food to Colchester Foodbank on Monday morning and the Munch Club were so grateful for all the wonderful toys you donated. THANK YOU – YOU'RE AMAZING!



## **Thank you Mrs Trellis**

Mrs Lawrence and six of our Year 6 pupils went to collect some topsoil from Mrs Trellis for our Foundation Stage raised beds. Mrs Trellis told us all about the history of her cottage. Thank you Mrs Trellis for your time and donation, we had a lovely morning and found it super interesting! Thank you also to the pupils for your effort







### **Essex Fire Service**

Year 2 were joined by Essex Fire Service this week, for their work on The Great Fire of London. They learnt all about how the Fire Service began as a result of the Great Fire, as well as how they used to put fires out They also learnt that we should be checking our home fire alarms every month, and that Essex Fire Service can even fit them for free! Some amazing questions were asked, well done Year 2.



#### **Head Teacher: Kerry Malcolm**

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