



# Sheldwich Primary School

## Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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### Mrs Garrett's Christmas Message

What an incredible year it has been! Your children have worked so hard and have been an absolute credit to you all. Whether they have been applying themselves in lessons, shining in productions, fundraising, enjoying class trips or taking part in sporting events, they have shown enthusiasm, determination and kindness every step of the way.

They continue to be wonderful ambassadors for Sheldwich Primary School, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

### **Christmas Festivities**

Dragonflies Class wowed audiences this week with their absolutely stunning production of 'The Big Little Nativity'. Everyone participated with such confidence and enthusiasm on the stage; singing, acting (constantly in character) and delivering their lines clearly. Well done, Dragonflies 🎭.



Butterflies Class also treated their parents and family members to a magical, musical morning of Christmas carols and sharing what they enjoy about Christmas. The children all mastered using a microphone for the first time and it was very moving watching the class signing to 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'. Well done, Butterflies 🎤.

### **St James' Church**

It was lovely to see so many of you at St James' Church this morning for our Carol Service and Ladybirds Class were outstanding in their Nativity.

**Thank You** to the PTFA Committee for their incredible hard work and dedication in organising such a fantastic range of events, including the Witches and Wizards Fun Run, Christmas Fair, Elfridges and the Jingle Ball, and to Sheldwich FC for taking on the Tough Mudder Challenge. Since September, an amazing £8,473.28 profit has been raised, which will go towards new iPads and a shed to store our new and exciting playground equipment. We are hugely grateful to everyone who supported these events—your generosity, time and enthusiasm truly highlight the strength of our school community and make such a positive difference for our children.

And finally, to our wonderful parent and grandparent helpers: thank you for giving up your time to support us in the classroom and on school trips. Your help is invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for your ongoing commitment to our school community.

On behalf of myself, the staff and trustees at Sheldwich Primary School and Little Hedgehogs Pre-School may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Garrett



## P.T.F.A. ELFRIDGES



Elfridges was a super success; thank you to everyone who donated gifts. The children had a fantastic time choosing a present for that special person. They really thought about who they were buying for. A big thank to all the elves who came to help and especially Elves Morrison and Diddams who organised the event.



## AWARDS

### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Headteacher Awards</u> | <u>Mathematician of the Week</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Little       |                           |                                  |
| Hedgehogs    | Penelope                  |                                  |
| Ladybirds    | Quinlan and Grace         | Pearl                            |
| Class 1      | Elyza and Fynnley         | Arlo                             |
| Class 2      | Felicity and Sammy        | Ruby                             |
| Class 3      | Edward and Indigo         | Llywelyn                         |
| Class 4      | Grace and Toby            | Olivia                           |
| Class 5      | Ronnie and Matilda        | Claudine                         |
| Class 6      | Sylvester and Aria        | James                            |

### Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Foxes  
Extended Schools: Joe (5)  
Presentation: Amelia (2)  
Citizen: Toby (4)  
Butterflies 99%

Pupil: Rex (5)  
Lunchtime: Dea (2)  
LSA award: Isla (R)  
Attendance Award:



### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Headteacher Awards</u> | <u>Mathematician of the Week</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Little       |                           |                                  |
| Hedgehogs    | Archie                    |                                  |
| Ladybirds    | Alba and Lucy             | Constantina                      |
| Class 1      | Tamar and Theo            | Lola                             |
| Class 2      | Elizabeth and James       | Blake                            |
| Class 3      | Myla and Arthur           | Megan                            |
| Class 4      | Fred and Roxie            | Mabel                            |
| Class 5      | Nicola and Issac          | Phoebe                           |
| Class 6      | Avie and Jack             | Aria                             |

### Weekly Awards

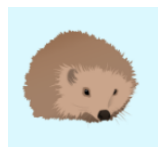
Class of the week: All classes  
Extended Schools: Eddie (6)  
Presentation: Ben (3)  
Citizen: Ava (R)

Pupil: Leo (5)  
Lunchtime: Joshua (6)  
LSA award: Dottie (3)  
Attendance Award: Otters 97.6%



## CLASS NEWS

### Little Hedgehogs



For the last two weeks of term we have continued learning all about and enjoying the Christmas festivities. Thank you to everyone who came to our Crafternoon. It is always a delight to spend time with you all. We made very tasty jam tarts and enjoyed many Christmas activities. Some of us were lucky enough to watch Ladybird's Nativity and enjoy a very tasty Christmas dinner. We love all the colourful Christmas jumpers, trousers and hair decorations that many of you have been wearing and your Christmas artwork has definitely brightened up Little Hedgehogs.

#### Ways to support your child's learning at home:

1. Learn the rhyme of the week – good rhymers make great readers.
2. Share a story every night.

**Picture of the week:** Edie; Wow! You have been so creative; we love your painting of Elsa.

**Headteacher's Certificates:** Penelope for learning all the words and actions of all our Christmas songs, singing with enthusiasm.

Archie for the great steps he is making in his language and speech.

We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

**Hedgehugs Mrs Scott and team**

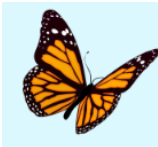
### Ladybirds



What an amazing term Ladybirds Class have had. I am sure that you will agree that all their hard work practising for the Nativity really paid off – what a show! We are very proud of them all. Next term, we will be trying to encourage the children to come into the classroom independently, if they are not already doing so. It can feel a bit overwhelming for the children who have walked up to the classroom by themselves to then have to try to move past other grown-ups in our doorway before actually getting into our classroom! Thank you for your help with this. We hope you all have a very happy and restful Christmas break!

**Mrs Minty**

### Butterflies



A huge thank you so much for coming along to our Christmas Concert on Wednesday. It was amazing to see the hall so full (the best attended concert ever, apparently) and the children loved performing to you all! They truly did a fabulous job and I was so proud of how confidently they sang and spoke. Well done Butterflies!

I hope you all have a magical Christmas, embracing the Christmas traditions, and enjoying the holiday together. See you in 2026!

**Mrs Charman**

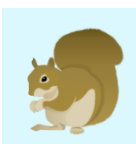
### Dragonflies



We have had a wonderful term in Dragonflies Class, focussing our learning on the Gunpowder Plot and the Great Fire of London. This term has involved a LOT of hard work by the whole class to learn lines, songs and stage directions for our class performance of 'The Big Little Nativity'. Thank you to all of you who were able to attend; I am sure you will agree that the incredibly hard work of the whole class resulted in two fantastic performances as well as an enthusiastic rendition of 'We are Wise Men' in church! A huge thank you to Mrs Barker for making the innkeepers' signs for our Nativity performances; your help was very much appreciated. On behalf of myself, Ms Clare, Mrs Twynam and Mrs Warren, thank you for the thoughtful and generous presents that we have received over the last week. Finally, we wish all our Dragonflies and their families a very Merry Christmas, a relaxing and joyful break, and we look forward to seeing you again in 2026 when we will be learning all about Dinosaurs!

**Mrs Waller**

### Squirrels



What a fun term we have had learning about the Stone Age! Next term, we begin our two term delve into the Ancient Egyptians. We will be learning about Myths and legends in English and 'Forces' lessons which is always great fun. We will also be starting our swimming lessons which is always great fun. Please remember, a bag for life (supermarket type bag) works really well for swimming, since it is big enough to fit everything in and we will be carrying our things poolside. I hope you have a lovely break! Merry Christmas!!

**Mrs Hammond**

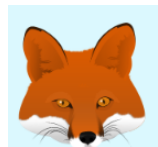
### Otters



Next term in computing, we will be composing our own piece of music. The children will need a named pair of plug in headphones that will connect to the PC and iPad. They will keep these at school all term. We are so proud of how hard the children have worked this term and we have had such a wonderful time celebrating Christmas with them. We want to say thank you for all your lovely gifts. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break. We have sent the children pencils cases home, please remember to add all the items back in, including glue, scissors, pencils and rubbers.

**Mrs Morrison and Mrs Tyler**

### Foxes



We have been working hard all term and are very much in need of a rest!! Our Topic learning has been a highlight and we have been very busy learning about all the continents of the world. Recently we have been showing off our artistic talents, making stained glass windows, clay Moai statues, Aboriginal Art and sketching some of the landmarks in Oceania. The class have done exceptionally well in their swimming lessons and should be very proud of the progress they have made. Next term, we look forward to learning all about the history of fairgrounds in our 'Thrills and Spills' Topic and 'Forces' in Science. I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2026.

**Mrs Fairs**

### Badgers



The Badgers have continued to impress me with their hard work and determination as we approach the end of a busy term. Their writing has been highly impressive; they have all written brilliant pieces of descriptive writing and stunning poetry. In Maths, we have been finishing our unit on converting measure. They will all be able to convert measures to help at home, whether that is converting units of measurement in cooking or distances. The Class were amazing when leading the Christmas Service at St James' Church. Well done, Badgers!

I wanted to end by thanking the whole class for being so welcoming and giving me such an enjoyable time at Sheldwich Primary School.

**Mr Lines**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**New dates are highlighted**

### Term 3

|                                |                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan        | Start of Term 3<br>Reverend Peter to visit school Epiphany assembly<br><b>PM – Class 3 start swimming lessons</b>  |
| w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan       | Winter Walk week                                                                                                   |
| <b>w/c 19<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> | <b>Extra curricular clubs start this week</b>                                                                      |
| Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb        | 9.10am - Class R assembly for parents                                                                              |
| Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb      | Classes 5 & 6 trip to Dreamland, Margate.<br>2pm - Little Hedgehogs Crafternoon<br>Reverend Peter to visit Class 4 |
| Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb     | 9.10am – Class 4 assembly for parents                                                                              |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb       | Last day of Term 3<br>Mid-year reports sent home                                                                   |

### Term 4

|                           |                                                                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb  | Start of Term 4<br>Lent Assembly – Reverend Peter visiting<br>R.E. Day Ramadan |
| Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Book Week                                                                      |
| w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> March | World Book Day – dressing up day                                               |
| Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar | Class 4 Leeds Castle                                                           |
| Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar | Chess tournament – Round 1                                                     |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | 2pm – Class R Mothers' Day tea<br>2pm – LH Crafternoon                         |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | 9.10am – Class 3 assembly for parents                                          |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | 9.10am – Class 5 assembly for                                                  |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | parents                                                                        |
| w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | Spring Walk Week                                                               |
| Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar | Parents' evening                                                               |
| Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr  | Parents' evening                                                               |
| Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr | Last day of Term 4<br>9.30am - Easter service in church                        |