



LITTLE GONERBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear families,

As the term comes to an end on Thursday, the Little Gonerby staff would like to share some of our highlights of this term. It has been a long term in which we have achieved so much! We are actively using our school Facebook page a lot more to share what we have been up to in school, so please search 'Little Gonerby CE Primary Academy' and make sure to click 'Follow'. A huge thank you goes to our children, staff, families, PTA, Academy Champions, colleagues across Infinity Academies Trust and our wider school community for everything this term.



Remembrance – Cedar Class

Our Year 4 children led a poignant Remembrance Worship in November. This was an important time to reflect on those who sacrificed their lives to protect our country during the wars. Alongside this class worship, the school community raised **£156.54** for the Royal British Legion.

Children in Need

Children in Need took place on Friday 15th November as the children came into school in some fantastic non-uniform, as you can see in this photograph. A fantastic day was had by all as we took part in a whole school dance session and we also raised money for this wonderful charity. Thank you for all of your support.



Fun in the snow

The whole school had a brilliant time playing in the snow - school looked stunning in the snow and it laid particularly heavily on the field, so that is where we headed! We built snowmen, played games and enjoyed spending time outside. Our school Facebook page has a lot more photographs of us playing in the snow, so please take a look on there.

Mini Police Workshop

Year 4 experienced a Safer Strangers workshop, led by the Mini Police Youth Engagement. The Mini police is a scheme organised by Lincolnshire Police, which is usually targeted at Year 5 & Year 6, but we were lucky to have a session with them. Aimee taught the children all about how to stay safe, what a 'safer' stranger is and what to do in an emergency.



Road Safety

We took part in the annual road safety event – not only did we spend time learning about road safety in our classes, but some of our classes had road safety workshops by the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership. These workshops were fantastic, interactive ways to learn how to keep ourselves safe. In April, two of our classes will have additional workshops and will go outside to learn how to cross the roads in our community safely.



Christmas Tree Festival

The whole school worked together to create hands for our Infinity Academies Trust value of **unity**. We turned these into decorations for our Christmas tree, which we then took to St Wulfram's Church for their annual Christmas Tree Festival. It was great for us to take part in this festival as we are an important part of the Grantham community.





Pantomime

To start the Christmas festivities, a generous family made a significant donation to school, which enabled our Year 3 and Year 4 classes to attend the pantomime at the Guildhall. The children were treated to a wonderful performance of 'Beauty and the Beast'. It was entertaining and loved by all who attended!

Film Nights

This year, we introduced film nights for KS1 and KS2. The children were treated to a Christmassy film, popcorn, drinks and time with their friends – the atmosphere was wonderful and the children really enjoyed this experience. Thank you to the PTA for their support.



Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day took place on Thursday 12th December. The children and staff looked wonderful in their Christmas jumpers, where our school raised **£156** for the Save the Children charity. Thank you for your support with this. We also completed a Santa dash on the day, which is a challenge organised by Inspire+ and carried out in other local schools.

Christingle – Olive Class & Willow Class

Our Year 2 and Year 3 classes treated parents to a wonderful Christingle service at St Wulfram's Church. This service brilliantly explored the meaning of the Christingle and how Jesus is the light of our world. The children sang beautifully, proudly holding their Christingles and speaking clearly in the church. Well done. Here are some photographs of the children making their Christingles in school.



Christmas Fayre

On Friday 13th December, we had a Christmas Fayre for the first time in a few years. This event was extremely successful and we offer our thanks to the children, PTA, families and school staff who supported with this. There were Christmas treats galore, balloons, games, decorations, cards, a tombola, a raffle and all sorts of fun Christmassy activities. We are delighted with how well-received this event was and we look forward to planning the fayre for next year! A lot more photographs are on our school Facebook page, so please keep an eye out on there.

Nativity – Oak Class & Palm Class

One of our final events in this busy term was with Reception and Year 1 leading our nativity – this year the performance was 'Shine Star, Shine'. The children sang beautifully, danced wonderfully and spoke clearly as they performed. Thank you to the staff for their support, especially Mrs Rattigan who led the nativity, and thank you to our families for your support in providing costumes and helping the children to learn their lines.



We would like to wish all of our families a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. The term ends on Thursday at 3:15pm – we look forward to seeing everyone back in school **at 8:35am on Monday 6th January 2025!**

With the very best of wishes,
Mr Hawkins and the Little Gonerby team