

Sebert Wood Primary School

Parent/Carer Update



Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an incredible final few weeks of term, packed with opportunities for children to showcase new strengths. Photos of many of these follow at the end of this newsletter. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 each put on fantastic performances for parents and families – audience members were full of praise for how well the children remembered lines, songs and actions! Years 3 and 4 offered a special service at Christ Church with festive songs and messages. We're proud of the way the children grew in confidence during rehearsals and have found one or two future stars!

Last Friday was our FOSWS Christmas Fayre. Seeing the whole school come together to perform songs from their performances was a special moment. Our thanks to FOSWS organiser Mrs Pryke for co-ordinating the event and to everybody helping – whether running stalls, buying raffle tickets or coming along to enjoy the atmosphere.

This week saw the prizegiving ceremony for our 500 Words Sebert Stories competition. Entrants were invited to attend the event in the school hall and there was certainly a buzz amongst potential winners! The winners were announced as follows:

Years 1 and 2: Henry, Y2 (Runner-up: Hope, Y1)

Years 3 and 4: Beatrice, Y4 (Runner-up: Ellie, Y4)

Years 5 and 6: Jake, Y6 (Runner-up: Feliks, Y5)

The winning entries were read out in full by Mr Tottie, Mr Winch and Mr Wells, and winners received £10 book vouchers. Runners up each got a £5 voucher and all entrants received a small prize for their efforts. It was truly a pleasure to speak with a small community of budding young writers about what the writing process means and give words of encouragement. Well done to everyone who took part.

We also held two Rock Steady concerts, with pupil bands rocking out for their friends and families. Band members showed incredible confidence during the shows – we were amazed by some of the transformations and have been singing some of the songs for days afterwards! Our thanks to music lead Mr Rampley for co-ordinating this.

None of this term's events would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our enthusiastic staff. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for making Sebert Wood the special place it is.

All that remains is to wish you all a Happy Christmas - we hope you enjoy the festive break. When we return in the new year, this newsletter will move to a fortnightly format, with forthcoming school dates being sent out in the intervening weeks.

Thank you for being part of our school community – see you in 2026.

Mr James Tottie and Mr Jamie Winch

Swimming Changes

Our swimming tutors, School's Choice Swimming, have informed us that they will no longer teach Year 2 pupils to swim. This is disappointing news as we have been proud to be one of the only local schools who offer lessons to Year 2 pupils. Our apologies to current Year 2 pupils who were looking forward to swimming next term. For this academic year, swimming will now be offered to pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5.

Outside of School



Well done to Grace in Year 4 for her amazing achievements a few weeks ago in weight lifting. Grace has been weightlifting for about 6 months now and is an absolute natural! A few weeks ago she entered her first competition - she was the only child there and gained 2 PB's in both her lifts. All the grownups there commented on how great her technique was and what an inspiration she was to others!

Congratulations also to Willow in Year 3, who attended her first competition at Bury Spectrum gymnastics club last weekend. She competed in the trampette competition in the '7 and under' age group. She gained first place, winning her first ever gold medal and trophy. Her family and friends are very proud of her achievement – as are we!

Finally, well done to Annie in Year 5, a budding young writer. She recently attended a reception at Thurston Community College as her entry won the Visionary Verse category in their Writing Awards for year 5 and 6. She had a lovely time and was awarded a certificate, some chocolate and an amazon voucher. She is a real role model for other pupils – well done Annie!













