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Reading Challenge

We are delighted to celebrate the success of our festive reading challenge! Our reading ambassadors had great fun designing a range of mini challenges to inspire a love of reading throughout the festive season. Thank you to all the children who completed the challenges and returned their sheets — we were so impressed by the enthusiasm and effort shown. All completed entries were entered into a prize draw, and we are excited to announce that the winners are: Eva, Mia and Keira. They have each won a wonderful book to enjoy at home which they will receive in our achievements assembly.

Well done to everyone who took part and a huge thank you to our reading ambassadors for promoting reading so creatively and enthusiastically.

Reading

This year, we are using a phonics programme called Little Wandle to support our youngest children to read. You can find more information about Little Wandle by clicking the link below:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

This website explains how we teach phonics in school. There are also videos for you to watch. These videos show the sounds that your children will be learning in our Reception and year 1 classes. Please keep going over the sounds and tricky words that your child has already been taught. Also, try to listen to your child reading aloud their Oxford Reading Tree book for at least ten minutes a day.

If you have any more questions about Little Wandle, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%. Congratulations to year 2 for having an attendance of 100%!

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
97.7%	96.5%	100%	95.7%	98.3%	95%	94.4%	96.7%

Instagram

Please remember to continue to check our Instagram account for the latest information about the academy. Last week, our teachers shared examples of work that the children have recently done in class.

Year 6

Next week, the children will be doing their practice SAT tests. Please make sure your child comes to school every day because their practice tests will prepare them for the tests they take in May.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher



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