

THE RADSTONE

REPORTER

DECEMBER
EDITION
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Stone Age Day

On Friday 29th November year 3 had a Stone Age Day! The children got to experience what life would have been like for a Stone Age person, what tools they used, what they would have dressed like and what animals they would have come across. They were able to take part in mini archaeological digs, create their own stone age drawings and even practice their archery skills.

I managed to speak with Adam from Primary History Workshops, who joined them for the day. "I really enjoy making new tools to see what our ancestors used to make their food. It's great fun meeting lots of new, excited children but driving up and down the country is a lot of work!"

By A O



Christmas Choir

On Thursday 5th December, a group of children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 visited Brackley Fields Country House retirement home.

They all spent some time talking to the residents about about their favourite songs and what they are looking forward to about Christmas. They then performed several songs including 'Merry Christmas Everyone', 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'.

The choir sounded fantastic. Mrs Rigby said, "They all did a wonderful job representing our school. I'm very proud of them."

By E F-D and V P

Christmas School Disco

On Tuesday 10th December we all got our best dancing shoes on for the Christmas disco! With two separate parties for both KS1 and KS2, we were all able to have a great time with our friends.

Rachel said "It was the best disco yet" and Sofia said "The highlight of my evening was when my favourite song was played!".

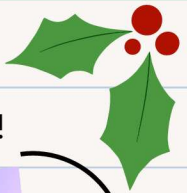
This year, we had the opportunity to buy wrist bands, which got you extra snacks from the tuck shop on the night. It was such a well organised event, thank you to the Friends of The Radstone Primary for organising. It sounds like a lot of money was raised by the event as well. What a brilliant night!

By E W



We have even had a visit from Father Christmas

Our beautiful tree from Wappenham Farm!



Christmas at Wappenham Farm

This year, Wappenham Farm has kindly donated a Christmas tree for our school hall, to help us get in the festive spirit!

I recently visited Wappenham Farm to enjoy their Christmas events and spoke to the owner Anette. "We started selling Christmas trees in 2014 and on average sell approximately 800 a year. The biggest tree we ever sold was around 14 feet tall. My favourite thing about Christmas is enjoying a cup of delicious tea with a mince pie and sitting down with family for a nice Christmas dinner."

My favourite part was seeing the animals. The donkeys were so lovely. Wappenham Farm is definitely worth visiting this Christmas.

By A O

School Council Update

We have some exciting news! We have recently had the opportunity to win some prize money. The School Council decided to bid for the money to pay for a giant magnetic marble run ... and we won! This means we will all have the opportunity to play with it! We hope you enjoy it.

By now you should all have seen our big red suggestion box near the main entrance. It lets you express your ideas and thoughts on how to help the school. We have had lots of amazing suggestions already and some of them you may see pop up around school. Keep sending us through your ideas, we love reading them.

By S-R J



Some of our team in their amazing Christmas jumpers!

Our Christmas Traditions



As we all know, Christmas is a special time of year for us all. We spend time with our families, decorate our trees and enjoy Christmas dinner. Some families have extra traditions that they enjoy together. I wanted to share with you some of the traditions that our Newspaper Club members have.

My family and friends take part in a Secret Santa, as well as matching family pyjamas. It's so much fun, we always try to find the craziest ones!

Wendy and her family have a Christmas bake-off! "The whole family decides on a theme a couple of weeks before Christmas and then we get baking. We all get together and enjoy all the food that has been made and then the oldest member of the family judges each dish. The winner is announced and we all celebrate!"

Mrs Jacobs's family have a Christmas Eve box that is delivered by some cheeky little elves! It always has new books inside, a family game to play and some sweets to enjoy in front of a movie. Afterwards, they always read 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' together.

Whatever special traditions you have, we hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

by I K-T

COMMUNITY NEWS



Brackley Christmas Market and Lights

Brackley held its annual Christmas market and light switch on event Saturday 30th November. The market opened at 3pm and was soon full with people shopping for their Christmas presents from some of our local businesses. There were festive gifts and lots of delicious food too.

Later that afternoon, the town Mayor turned on the beautiful Christmas lights with people filling the town square to count down. Brackley is looking very festive now!

by V P and E F-D

Brackley Lantern Parade

On Saturday 30th November a magical parade of lanterns took place in the centre of Brackley. Lots of children from the community participated in this event, showing off their amazing lantern designs.

The lanterns were decorated using anything from pencils and pens to paints and papier-mâché. All of the designs looked absolutely awesome as the children of Brackley paraded the streets.

It is always a fun thing to do at Christmas, especially when you see all the brightly coloured lanterns glowing in the night. Well done to everyone who took part!

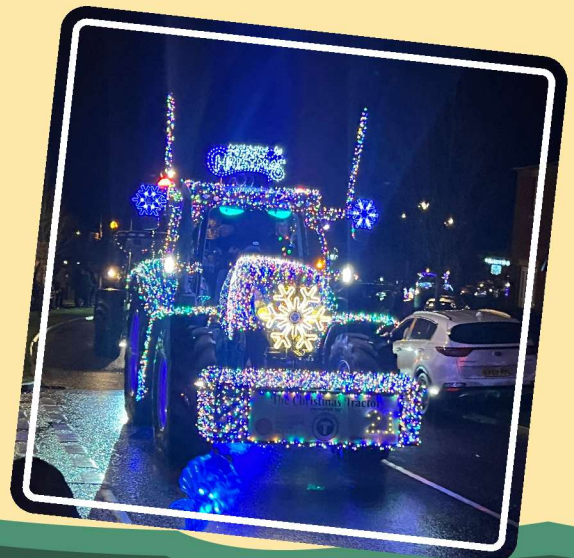
By W D C



Christmas Tractor Run

On Sunday 8th December Brackley's annual tractor run took place. Starting at Sainsbury's 115 tractors made their way around the streets of our town covered in everything from twinkly, fairy lights to inflatable santas and snowmen. The tractor run raises money for Yellow Wellies, an independent charity in aid of the mental and physical health and wellbeing of farmers across the country. It definitely feels like the start of Christmas when this event takes place!

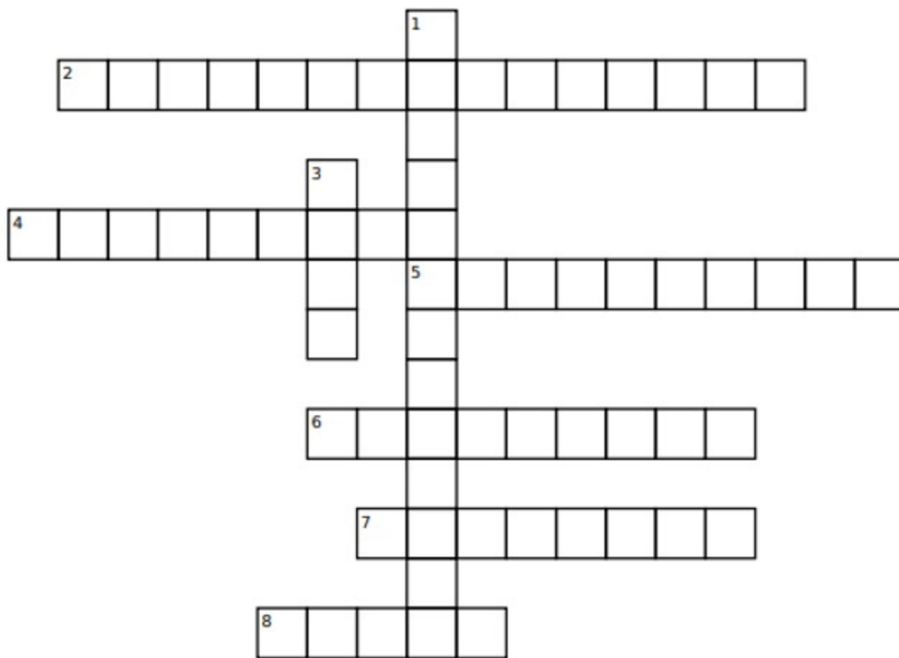
By I M



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Our Christmas Puzzle!



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3. Let it

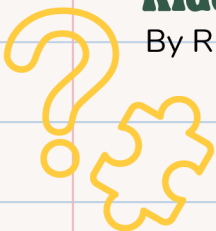
Across

2. I hope he doesn't get stuck up the Chimney!
4. These are hanging by the chimney with care.
5. We wrote an article all about these this month!
6. This is often found hanging around at Christmas. Don't stand underneath it!
7. I wonder what you will receive this year?
8. You'll find one sitting on top of your Christmas Tree.

Back to school on
7th January

Riddle me this...

By R C



What does a snowman call it's offspring?

The answer to November's riddle was: your shadow!

SPORTS NEWS

Year 1 Multiskills

On 28th November and 5th December our year 1 children took part in multiskills events which took place at Brackley leisure centre. I went along to help at the second event and it was so much fun. It was lovely to see all the children's faces light up when they played.

Year 6 sports leaders helped with the activities and were able to award children who did well with stickers, however everyone did an amazing job with the games. The overall winner of the event was Nicholas Hawksmoor. Thank you to Mrs Keites for organising the event. We really appreciate your hard work.

By S-R J



*Did you know that Father
Christmas consumes
roughly 336,150,386
biscuits each year on
Christmas eve?
How does he manage to fit
down the chimney?!*

**Happy Christmas, from all of the
Newspaper Club team**