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Dear Parents / Carers

What a wonderful half term we have had. It has certainly been a busy one, filled with opportunities to celebrate our autumn learning through product sharing, presentations of learning and autumn assessments – and, of course, the excitement and magic of Christmas.

Our two-week Christmas schedule is now well and truly embedded and continues to be such a special time for our children, staff, parents and wider community. We hope you enjoyed the festivities as much as we did. Did you have a chance to see our recent blog post which captured some of that Christmas magic? It truly reflected the joy and togetherness felt across the school.

<https://www.greentopschool.co.uk/green-top-christmas-2025/>

We have also been incredibly proud of our local community this year. From the many exciting activities, including the hunt for the naughty elf, to the amazing community tree, it has been wonderful to see everyone come together. The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the tree, and Year 2 took great pride in delivering wreaths to different parts of the community, spreading festive cheer and kindness.

<https://www.greentopschool.co.uk/green-top-christmas-community-tree/>

Student leadership

Our Student Leaders have had a very busy Autumn term! They have helped at coffee mornings and bake sales, supported school interviews, taken part in the Harvest Festival, and shown visitors around our school. They have proudly represented Green Top at the Remembrance Service in Thorne Park and helped develop our new Extended Study programme. We are so proud of their hard work and can't wait to see what they get up to in the Spring term!

Autumn expeditions and products

We have had some great Autumn expeditions, which showcase the children's learning wonderfully. A particular highlight for Green Top was the Community Hero Awards held by key stage 1, that helped to celebrate the amazing people within Thorne and Doncaster. It was a night to remember and emotional for many of our award winners. What a way for our children to be activists in this world than to follow in the footsteps of these wonderful people. On top of this, EYFS made amazing birthday cards, Year 3 and 4 created a fantastically detailed Roman calendar full of facts and information and years 5 and 6 designed and made photo frames of their beautiful artwork of animals from the rainforest to highlight the impact of deforestation and climate change.

<https://www.greentopschool.co.uk/ks1-community-hero-awards/>

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Year 5 Bikeability

The majority of our Year 5 children participated in Bikeability this term securing skills on how to be safe when riding bicycles in the community and on the roads. We are so proud of how the children presented themselves and how mature they were when out in the community. We are also particularly proud of those children that were non-riders prior to Bikeability but are now able to ride confidently!

Specsavers

This term Year 3 and 4 engaged with our community friends at Specsavers. Following on from our work in First Week Back (FWB), we welcomed staff from the Thorne branch to learn all about how eyes work, different shapes of eyes and how eye tests are conducted. We are really proud of our links with our local community and we hope to further develop our link with Specsavers Thorne in the future.

Legacy Dance Show

The KS2 Legacy Dance Show was a truly fantastic celebration of talent, teamwork and confidence. The children performed with such enthusiasm, energy and focus, and it was clear how much effort they had put into learning and perfecting their routines. Their creativity and commitment shone through on stage, making the performance both entertaining and inspiring. Every child should be extremely proud of themselves for putting on such a memorable show.

<https://www.greentopschool.co.uk/ks2-legacy-dance-show/>

Anti-Bullying week

The KS1 and KS2 children enjoyed a performance of 'UGLY' by the effectus theatre company. The drama presentation highlighted the theme of bullying with a focus on cyberbullying. It was great fun with lots of fun songs and acting but full of meaningful content that was thought provoking. The children took part in 'Odd socks day' wearing their odd socks to show individuality and raise awareness about kindness, anti bullying and acceptance. The children had a focussed crew session enabling them to talk about the themes involved and ask questions.

We are looking forward to the spring term, new expeditions, learning new skills, gaining more knowledge and making memories together!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We feel extremely fortunate to be part of such a caring and engaged community and look forward to all that the next term will bring.

Kind regards

Kelly Overson