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Antibullying Week

By Marnie

ABA are the official organisers of Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 took place from Monday 10th - Friday 14th November, with the theme: Power for Good. The week started with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th, with adults and children wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all



unique.

During the week we learnt about why bullying is bad and what to do if you or someone you know is being bullied. Year 6 talked about what to say back to people who are mean to them.

The ambassadors also ran a poster competition.

The Ambassadors were in charge of judging our poster competition this year. They had some wonderful entries so it was very

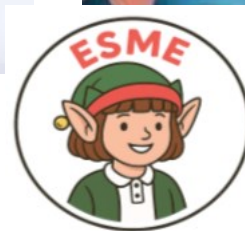
hard to judge. But they decided on this person because they did not only make a poster but they made a whole booklet!

The winner of the 2025 poster competition is Freya from Sir Isaac Newton class. Congratulations Freya!



Cute Christmas Pictures

By Lottie and Esme



Mr Mats Interview

By Lottie



Q. Do you like Somerset Bridge Primary School?
A. YES!

Q. What is your favourite sport?
A. Football

Q. What is the best and the worst thing about your job?
A. The best thing is

teaching the children and the worst thing is telling the children off.

Q. Do you have a favourite class?
A. All classes are my favourite.

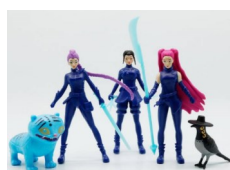
Q. Do you play for a sporting team?
A. Middlezoy Rovers.

Top Ten Christmas Gifts

By Alfie and Spencer

We're two Year 5 boys who take Christmas **very** seriously—especially the presents. We've spent ages talking and even arguing (just a bit!) about the best gifts you can get this year. From gadgets to games. We've put together a list we think any kid would love. Check out our ultimate Christmas wish-list!

10. Night Vision Goggles



9. K-Pop Demon Hunter action figures

8. Lego



7. Articulated Dragons

6. Bumper Fidget Box



5. Robo Dog



4. Limited edition Yo Yo

3. Mine-craft Lego



2. Books

1. Nintendo Switch 2



Sporting News

By Lottie

Girls futsal Year 5

On Tuesday the 23rd September 2025, Mr Birch and Mr Mats took eight girls to Bridgewater College Academy to play in a girls futsal tournament. Our girls team played really well and won three out of their four games and drew one of them. They finished first place out of six teams. Well Done Team!

Girls Football Year 5/6

On the 16th of October Mr Birch and Mr Mats

took a team of strong Year 5 and Year 6 football players to Bridgewater College. Both teams played really well but our year 6 team won their group and progressed into the final against St Josephs.

It was a really close match and we played brilliant but unfortunately lost 2-1. Finishing in 2nd place. We have qualified for the Somerset County Finals in January which is a

great achievement and they are looking forward to it! Well Done Team!

5/6 Athletics

On the 13th of November Mr Birch and Mr Mats took year six and year 5 children to Bridgewater College to take part in the 5/6 indoor athletics. The team played really well and managed to come second which is great and they have qualified for the indoor athletics finals.

Top Ten Christmas Tunes

By Lottie

We all love singing along to Christmas songs. But which is your favourite? Below, I have shared with you the country's top ten Christmas songs.



1. We Wish You a Merry Christmas

2. Silent Night

3. The Twelve Days of Christmas



4. Jingle Bells

5. Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer

6. Frosty the Snowman



7. Deck the Halls

8. Santa Claus is Coming to Town

9. Here Comes Santa Clause

10. I'm a Little Star



Children in Need

By Marnie & Lottie

This year, children in need day was on 14th of November. This year's theme is "Challenge yourself 25."

Children In Need has been on our televisions since 1980, so it has been going for 45 years. But Pudsey didn't join the line up until 1985 which means he celebrated his 40th Birthday this year. Happy Birthday Pudsey.



The aim of Children In Need is



to help young children around the world. The money we raise in school will go towards the BBC Children In Need.

This year, to celebrate Children In Need we brought £1 to school so we could wear non-uniform, Pudsey clothing or pyjamas to school. We also brought in our spare change to cover a picture of a Pudsey. All our

pounds and pennies added up to make our donation of £503.97 for Children In Need. This added to their final total of £45.5 million.

The school councillors also created two competitions. They asked us to design Pudsey's outfit and create a story using Pudsey and Blush. The Year 5 winners of the competition are Robert and Holly.



Letter from the Editor

By Mrs Burdett

As we wrap up another busy and productive term, I want to thank my team of student journalists for their hard work and creativity.

Your efforts have shaped this Christmas edition, and your commitment continues to raise the standard of our school newspaper.

As we head into the festive season, I wish the staff and pupils of Somerset Bridge a restful and enjoyable Christmas.

I hope the break brings time to relax, recharge, and spend time with those who matter most.

Enjoy the holidays, and I look forward to working

with our student journalists again in 2026.

If you're interested in joining our news room, lookout for the clubs list after Christmas.

Also, don't forget to share your comments on in our comment box outside of Isaac Newton Class.

House Point

At the end of the first half of the Autumn term, Penguins were way in the lead. Our current house point totals are as follows —

Lions: 1699
Penguins: 1756
Kangaroos: 1658
Dolphins: 1620

Well done to the Penguins who (at time of printing) are still leading the way into the New Year.

Diary Dates

Want to know all the dates for the diary? Well get a pen and some paper because we have the dates you need to remember.



5th January — Back to school!
8th January — Year 1 — toys and games workshop.
5th February — Year 4 swimming.

Cheeky Elves

By Esme

What does your cheeky little elf get up to when you're asleep?

My Elf was very cheeky last year. It ate my brother's advent calendar chocolate so I told it off. Then, in the night he brought a whole box of chocolates for my family to share and wrote a note saying sorry.

Here are some of the naughty things my cheeky elf has done.

- Snowball fight with

cotton balls and teddies.

- Climbing a Christmas tree with tinsel.
- Eating tree chocolates.
- Hiding in a shoe.

DID YOU KNOW
If you touch an elf, it loses its magic!

I love finding my elf and opening the presents it gives me and my brother at Christmas. Christmas is a time when everyone is kind and full of love and joy.

What does your elf do?

Dick Whittington

By Lottie

Kicking off the Christmas celebrations we welcomed in some very talented actors to the Somerset Bridge School stage this year.

On 8th of December, we welcomed in the Chaplins pantomime society who performed their Christmas pantomime of Dick Whittington. The whole school (Including Reception) went into the hall

to watch the panto. We were all full of excitement as we were waiting for it to start. The music, as we were walking in, made us full of excitement. The panto was really well performed and presented. Overall the panto was really good but very loud. I would give the panto four stars.



Puzzle Page by Sonia

Can you find the following Christmas words?

gingerbread house
gingerbread man
rainbow lights
decorations
Santa Claus
Christmas
chocolate
presents
reindeer
chimney
snowman
snow
milk
ho ho



Christmas Cracker Jokes By Spencer

Where does Napoleon keep his armies?

Up his sleeves!



Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners?

Rude-olph!



What do Santa's helpers learn in school?

The elf-abet!

What do cows use at maths?

A cow-culator



What type of photos do elves take?

Elf-ies!

Snowman Cupcakes

By Alfie

Cupcakes are the perfect Christmas treat for children to make.

Ingredients

For the cupcakes

- 200g caster sugar
- 275g plain flour
- 50g cocoa powder
- 1 ½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- Pinch salt
- 100ml sunflower oil
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tbsp soured cream
- 125ml boiling water

For the buttercream

- 200g unsalted butter
- 400g icing sugar
- 1–2 tbsp milk

To decorate

- 100g white icing
- Orange food colouring
- Red food colouring
- 12 white marshmallows
- Black writing icing
- 2 tsp desiccated coconut
- 12 pretzel sticks

Method

1. Ask an adult to pre-

heat the oven to 170C and line a 12-hole muffin tin with paper cupcake cases.

2. Sift the sugar, flour, cocoa, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and salt into a large mixing bowl. Stir in the sunflower oil, eggs and soured cream until smooth. Add the boiling water and beat again.



3. Distribute the batter evenly between the paper cases. Bake for 20–22 minutes until well risen. Leave to cool.

4. To make the buttercream, beat the butter until pale and light and then gradually stir in the icing sugar and milk.

5. Add the orange food colouring to 25g of icing then roll to make 12 small carrot shaped nos-

es.

6. Tint the remaining icing red. Roll out into a neat rectangle. Slice into 12 strips about ½ cm wide to make scarves.

7. Use the black writing icing to draw eyes and a mouth onto each marshmallow and stick an icing carrot just below the eyes.

8. Spread the buttercream on top of each cake and press a marshmallow into the icing. Scatter over the desiccated coconut and push two pretzel halves into each side of the cupcake for arms. Pipe black icing buttons onto the buttercream and wrap a red scarf around each marshmallow.

9. Eat and enjoy. Don't forget to share!

Serves 12



Christmas Craft By Marnie

To make a simple but effective Christmas decoration, follow these quick and easy instructions.

1. Draw the outline of two same sized Christmas trees on card (these can be any sized but I did mine around 12cm).
2. Cut out the two trees.
3. Draw a straight line along from the bottom of one of the trees to a little more than halfway up.
4. Draw a straight line along from the top of the other tree to a little more than halfway down.

5. Cut along the lines.
6. Insert the tree that was slit from the top into the bottom slit of the second tree.



7. Slide the slits into each other all the way.
8. Decorate your tree!



Merry Christmas By Lottie

At Somerset Bridge, we are lucky to have children who speak a variety of languages. Below are some ways to say 'Merry Christmas' in different languages.

Spanish - feliz navidad

German - Frohe Weihnachten

Irish - Frohe Weihnachten

Welsh - nadolig llawen

Japanese - メリークリスマス

Polish - Wesolych Świąt

Hawaiian - mele kalikimaka

Romanian - Crăciun
fericit

Arabic - عيد ميلاد مجيد

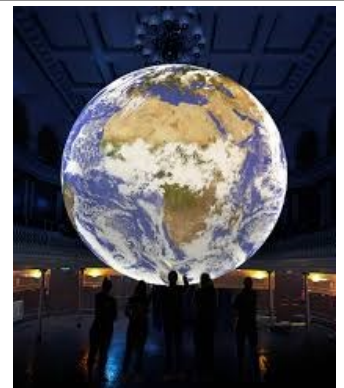
Italian - Buon Natale

Chinese - 圣诞快乐



Gaia By Esme

On Tuesday 4th November, Year 5 braved the wet weather to visit Gaia, an art installation created by Luke Jerram at Bridgwater Town Hall.



They observed a scaled down copy of the Earth created from many photos of Earth taken from space. Whilst watching, they listened to a recording that included music and astronauts talking about their experience of seeing Earth from space.

They then completed a quiz.



If you have any feedback, comments or have a suggestion of something you would like to see in the next issue, please enter it into the Pupil Press comment box outside Newton Classroom.



Dog Man: For Whom The Ball Rolls By Dav Pilkey

Rating:



Can Good Deeds Outdo Evil Doers? When awfulness arrives.....and evil escalates, Daring defenders must dig deep. It's time to do good!

Why I rated this book 5 stars:
I rated this book

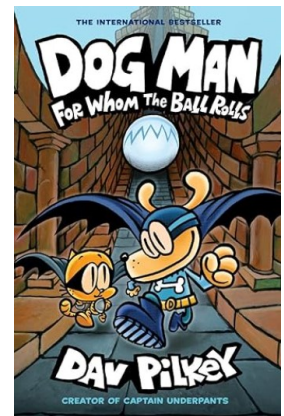
5 stars because of it's comic features which are really detailed and show what the author means. How the author makes the readers think about the characters in the book is really cool.

I recommend this book to any comic reader. I found it enjoyable and lot's of fun to read.

I think anyone from the age of seven upwards

should read this book and all the other Dog Man Books.

P.S. A new Dog Man book (Big Jim Believes) came out on 11th November 2025.



Word of the issue

By Esme

Top Ten Christmas Movies by Lottie

Fyole

Fyole is a dialectal word, primarily from Scotland, that means a light covering of snow.



We all love sitting on our sofas, watching Christmas movies and eating lots of chocolate. But which is your favourite movie? Below, I have shared with you **MY** top ten Christmas movies.

1. That Christmas
2. Nativity (1,2,3 & 4)
3. How the Grinch stole Christmas

4. The Grinch
 5. Frosty the Snowman
 6. Snowman
 7. Elf
 8. Arthur Christmas
 9. Home alone (1,2,3 & 4)
 10. The Polar Express
- Which are your favourites?