



December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has provided our pupils with a range of enriching experiences and as always, they have represented the school with exemplary conduct during offsite activities, embracing every challenge with enthusiasm.

We were delighted to welcome *The Selfish Giant Play* company to the school, who delivered a captivating performance of *The Jungle Book*, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Additionally, many of our pupils attended the Woodville Halls Theatre to watch *Cinderella*, an experience that was equally memorable. We would also like to extend our gratitude to *Busy Bee's* for granting us full access to their soft play facilities, enabling our younger pupils to engage and enjoy themselves fully.

Our Creative Media students from the Hub had the unique opportunity to attend a modern-day silent film screening, an experience that complemented their curriculum and was greatly appreciated. Furthermore, we congratulate both our U16 and Post-16 football teams for their impressive start to the season.

It was wonderful to see so many parents join us for the annual Christmas Concert, celebrating the confidence and talent of our pupils as they performed with pride. The festive spirit continued with our traditional Christmas lunch, where pupils showcased their colourful Christmas jumpers and enjoyed a visit from Santa at the School Grotto.

We wish you all a joyful Christmas and look forward to welcoming our pupils back on **Tuesday, 6 January 2026**.

Best wishes,

Adam Wadey
Principal



British Values



The various activities highlighted in this newsletter are an example of just some of the diverse learning opportunities that are undertaken by our students. Many of these activities take place within the local community as well as at school for real opportunities to explore these values in order to support students to understand the needs of others in a wider context. Helen Allison School teaches students by planning and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. British values embedded within this curriculum and these values are defined as: Democracy, Rule of law, Individual liberty and mutual respect.

If you have any comments on the Newsletter we would like to hear from you. If you would like to contribute to the next Newsletter, please let Liam Jones. have your article.

Corfe Class



The Primary and Springboard classes had a lovely trip to Buzy Bees, a local soft play centre.

All students travelled really well on the minibuses and had a fantastic time. It was fantastic to see the students playing so well together and enjoying their end of term treat.

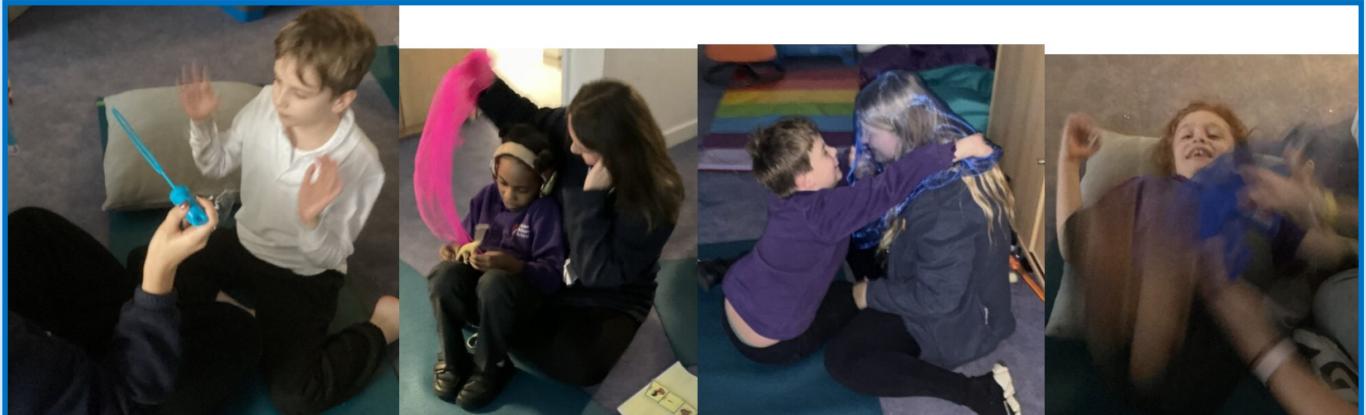


Corfe class have had a fantastic term with lots of learning and exploration taking place. Our carousel play sessions have had a winter and Christmas theme throughout the term and have focused on sensory exploration, as well as fine motor skills and cognition skills. We have also had some very successful offsite trips, including visits to shops, parks, a soft play centre and cafes. As part of our Science learning about animals, we also visited a local pet shop to look at the features of the different animals and think about which animal group they belong to.

Rufus Class



This term Rufus Class have been enjoying daily music / therapy sessions. The focus is upon developing communication skills in a fun and engaging way.



Leeds Class



History

Leeds class have been learning about the invasion of the Vikings into Britain. We have researched who the Vikings were, where they lived and worked.

We designed and made our own Viking shields and longboats.

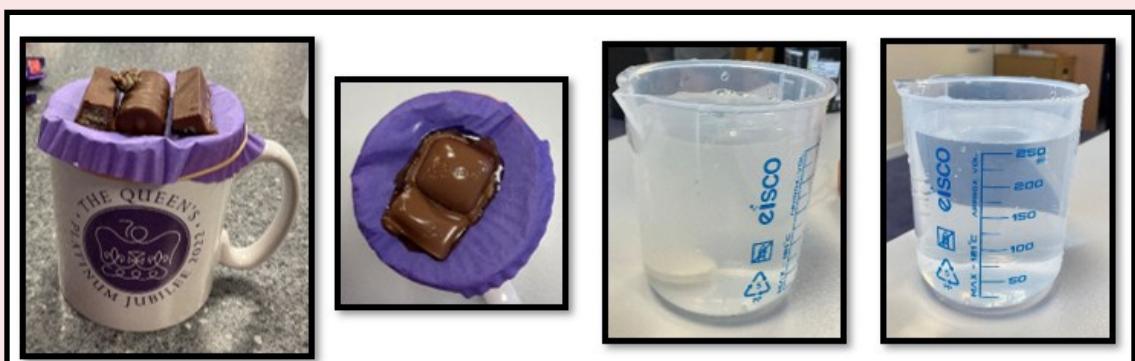


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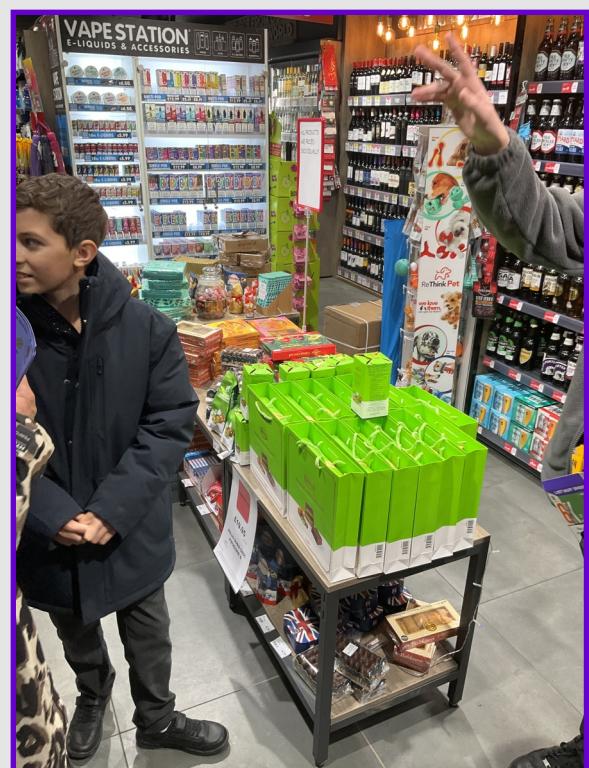
In Science Leeds have been experimenting with reversible and irreversible changes.

We melted chocolate and dissolved a vitamin tablet.



Warwick Class

For their wheel of independence lessons, Warwick class have been working on their shopping skills this term. They have been visiting the supermarket with a list to try and locate different items, and practising asking the supermarket staff where an item might be in the shop. Warwick class have enjoyed this.



Scotney Class

The students in Scotney class enjoyed celebrating end of Term 2 at the Hollywood Bowls in Rochester. They each took turns and tracked their scores, trying their best to beat their teachers. They then finished their journey with a trip to McDonalds for lunch.



Group 2

Thomas and Archie enjoyed their day at Lower Bush Alpaca's farm.



Isaac and Thomas enjoyed his Trip to the community:



Kyle enjoyed his food tech



Olly worked hard to create a Christmas gong in our Enterprise sessions.



Group 1



George Smith in Group 1 completed his bike this term in bike maintenance. George has worked on restoring this bike for a year. Well done to George for his determination and hard work.



Music

This term, the focus for the music classes was the Christmas concert, though we did find a little time to continue with curriculum activities. Warwick class are learning to play a song they had been singing.



The students ensured that the concert was a success and I am so proud of all of them. I hope all parents who attended enjoyed the performances. The students ensured that the concert was a success and I am so proud of all of them. I hope all parents who attended enjoyed the performances. Thank you all for attending.

The Guitar Ensemble played a version of the Christmas tune What Child is This? The students practiced and practiced the tune and their practice paid off! They performed very well.



Group 5



Group 5 have been taking part in some engaging Wheel of Independence outings this term, as they explore the "Time Management" topic - looking to understand units of time and how it applies to their own lives. What can be achieved in a morning? Which walking route should you take if you had a spare hour? Can you get the bus to Bluewater for the cinema at the correct time?



Group 3



R.O brought in a typewriter that belonged to their grandad 80 years ago which he used for his studies, all of the students were fascinated by this and found it very interesting to have a go, R.O now brings it in every Friday for the students to enjoy.



At hair and beauty Rowhill, they were celebrating different cultures. For Morocco day, we dressed up in the clothes and enjoyed their mint tea!



Bambo at hair and beauty created a lovely set of nails.

ART



Students have been working on abstraction and have produced abstract paintings influenced by the work of Spanish Artist Cesar Manrique. The students have explored texture, composition, colour and nature in order to create their unique pieces using mixed media.

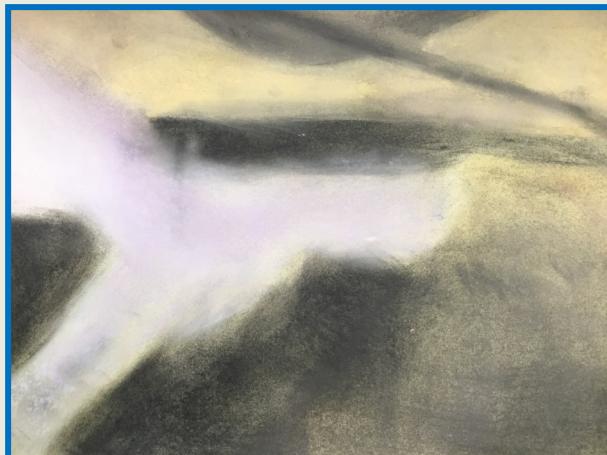


This term students have been exploring sculpture and have made 3 dimensional Christmas Houses which hold tea lights as presents for Christmas. The students have had to understand the importance of accurate cutting of templates, the use of clay slip and tools and the importance of balance.





A few students have been looking at the work of J M W Turner and they were tasked with producing an image inspired by one of Turner's paintings using the sfumato technique and chalk pastels.



Windsor Class

We have had an exciting term in Windsor class.

We have been learning to work alongside each other during carousel play, outdoor learning and bucket time. All while working on our attention and listening. We have had lots of fun on the trampoline too, bouncing together and holding hands.

Some of our students have travelled offsite to swimming and to soft play this term, which they really enjoyed! They travelled and played well with students from Corfe and Rufus classes.

We have had lots of fun activities in school too, in the lead up to Christmas: the Christmas concert, Santa's Grotto, Christmas dinner and some festive outfits too.

Alongside this, we are making progress in maths, English and Independent Living Skills.

Have a lovely winter break and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!





The school have now moved to a new home/school communication portal called MCAS (My Child At School). This portal should be used for all communication to staff. You can also view your child's attendance, update their records and pay pocket or dinner money via this portal. Please contact Francesca or Lynn if you have any problems with this system as step by step guides can be provided.



If you have any concerns around your child's computer or internet use please don't hesitate to ask us for help, guidance or support. Contact the school on 01474 814878 and ask to speak to a safeguarding officer. The Helen Allison School website has all of our safeguarding information as well as Internet Safeguarding links you might find useful.

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Safeguarding Team

The following staff are our school safeguarding team.
If you have a concern or wish to speak to one of them, please call the school.



Luke Stone -
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Adam Wadey
Deputy DSL



Lisa Waters-
Deputy DSL



Natasha Baecke
Financial
Support



Ashleigh Henry
Behaviour &
Wellbeing

19th December 2025 - Last Day of Term

22nd December 2025 - 2nd January 2026 - Half Term

5th January 2026 - Inset Day

6th January 2026 - Term 3 Begins

9th - 13th February 2026 - Children's Mental Health Week

10th February 2026 - Safer Internet Day

12th February 2026 - Hub Parents Evening

