

December 2025

Take a Bow, St Meryl!

What an amazing pair of performances last week from all of the children. Starting with the story of the Nativity, pupils in Early Years regaled us all with 3 beautifully sung songs. Following this, the rest of the school performed our very own "St Meryl-verse" version of the Wizard of Oz. And what a fantastic show they put on. More amazing singing, professional acting and some of the best costumes we have ever seen! All made even more convincing with the backdrop provided by Mr Wright. We have been overwhelmed with positive comments from parents and family members. We should all be very proud of you, children! Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Staffing

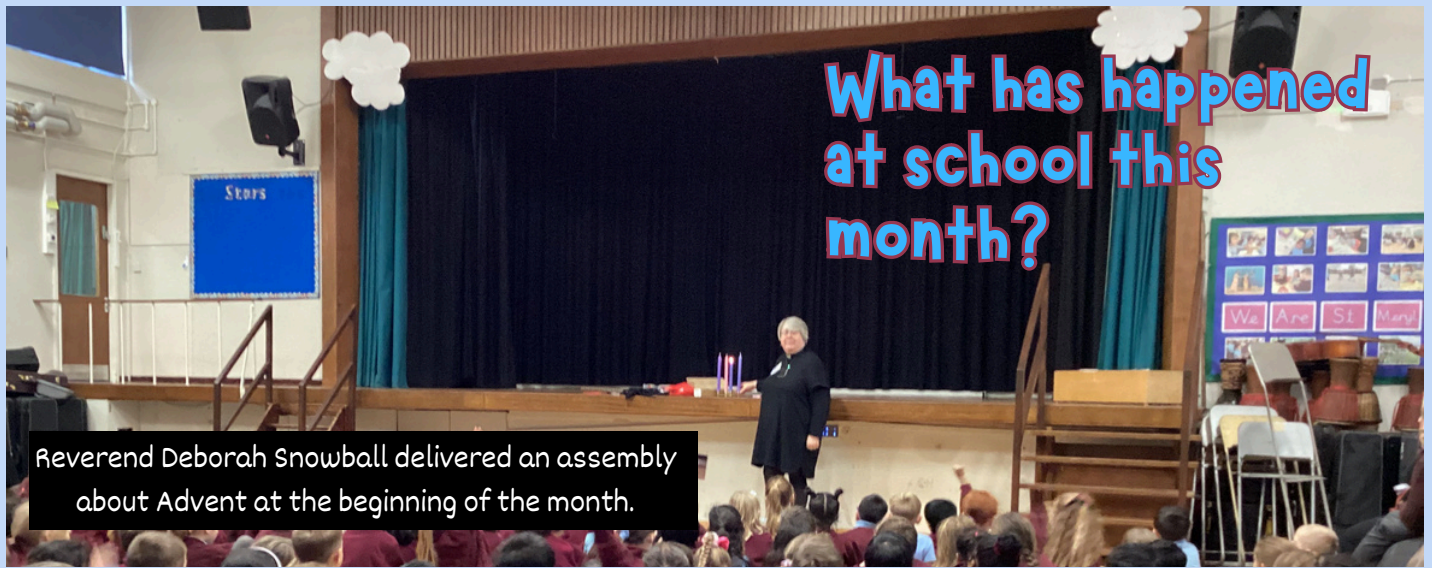
As we come to the end of this term, we are sad to say goodbye to two valued members of our staff team.

Mr Knight joined St Meryl in 2022 as a class teacher. He will be fondly remembered as the man who brought trombone concerts to St Meryl, much to the enjoyment of pupils and staff alike. While we are sorry to see him leave, we would like to thank him for his contribution to the school and wish him every success in the future.

Mrs Parker joined St Meryl in 2011 and has supported the school in a variety of roles, including Teaching Assistant, Learning Support Assistant and Midday Supervisory Assistant. She will also be warmly remembered for her leadership of the Eco-Council over many years, and for helping the school to achieve the Green Flag Award in 2020. We are very grateful for her dedication and commitment, and we wish her all the very best for the next chapter.

We are also pleased to share that, joining us in January, we will be welcoming Mrs Wadhwani as a Teaching Assistant and Mr Beaujeux and Mr Allen will be joining the Site Supervising team. We look forward to them becoming part of the St Meryl community and wish them a very warm welcome.

What has happened at school this month?



Reverend Deborah Snowball delivered an assembly about Advent at the beginning of the month.

The Cheerleading Club performed in assembly last week. The group confidently performed two routines to different songs, showcasing their enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment. This was particularly impressive given that the club only practises for half an hour each week. A huge thank you to Mrs Nicholas and Ellie for their time, energy and support in helping the pupils prepare such an enjoyable performance.



History Poster Competition

Key Stage 2 were given a poster challenge to research a famous life changing invention. The winners covered everything from the lightbulb, to the radio, to the engine. Well done to everyone that entered, a lot of time and effort had gone in to the posters. Thank you to Mr McConville for organising this!

House Points Monthly Update:

Green: 68

Yellow: 62

Red: 86

Blue: 90

Star Readers

I am so pleased to report a growing number of pupils who have read regularly at home! It is becoming more and more noticeable that the children below are making better progress in all areas due to their efforts with their reading. Well done, you fabulous people!

Reception	Maisam, Celine, Lois, Joaquin, Leander, Hudson, Maryam, Ayla, Evie, Myilah, Rosie P, Atharv, Jack and Jakub
Year 1	Sophie, Rocco, Eva, Cora, Jake, Kheendraa, Aarohi, Vivaan, Felicity, Amber, Anokhi, Melissa, Beau, Reva, Allexx, Aiden and Muraad
Year 2	Alina, Emma, Alexander, Isabella-Rose, Harry, Riley, Amanda, Leticia, Anaaya and Henry
Year 3	Agnes, Ariana, Drew, Edward, Eva, Harry, Timeea, William and Henry C
Year 4	Iqra, Megan, Daniel, Caleb, Minha, Kevin, Frankie, Alecia, Chloe, Lucy, Aaron, Isla and Emily F
Year 5	Amelie, Amelia P, Arthur, Harry, Jamie, Maxx, Oliver, Rose, Sidharth, Siya, Tilly and Mufaad
Year 6	Phoebe B, Lewis Mc, Lewis Me, Lucas Me, Edward, Gabriel, Marley-Joe, Victoria, Vienna and Aarya

Christmas Dinner



The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch yesterday, which was a real highlight of the festive season. Staff members served the children, and the children enjoyed a traditional Christmas roast. A big thank you to Kat and the team in the kitchen for preparing such a delicious feast for everyone. We loved it and are very grateful for all the hard work that went into making the lunch so special.



Pizza Time



It was a taste of Italy earlier this month, as Year 5 created their own pizzas. After coming up with their own designs, the children then made them with the toppings that they had chosen.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who their peers have chosen as Stars of the Week.

Reception	Whole Class
Year 1	Eva and Whole Class
★ Year 2	Whole Class and Linus
Year 3	Ralph and Whole Class ★
Year 4	Nicolas and Whole Class
Year 5	Maxx and Whole Class
★ Year 6	Tommy

Yeast, We Can!

Not to be outdone, Year 6 also became chefs in the dining room. They designed and made different types of bread. Thank you to all the parent helpers on both days.



Attendance

Below are the termly attendance figures!
After a really strong start, many of us have succumbed to illness over the last 2 weeks. Well done to Year 2 - you have consistently been at the top each month.

Nursery	91.4%
Reception	93.8%
Year 1	95.4%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 5	94.9%
Year 6	95.2%
Whole School	95.4%

An Act of Kindness for the Football Team

We are very grateful to GameOn for their generous donation of football shirts to our school team as part of their 25th anniversary celebrations. We were so impressed by their kindness and support that we purchased matching shorts and socks to complete the kit. Below, you can see a few of our players proudly modelling their new strip, which they are very excited to wear in upcoming matches.



Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fair - this year with the added attraction of donkeys!

A HUGE thank you to the PTA, who worked tirelessly to put on such a memorable day for the community. We raised an astonishing £2800! Thank you so much! We intend to spend the money on purchasing much needed iPads, and more!"



Year 5 Become

Vikings

On Monday, Pupils in Year 5 attended a "History off the Page" workshop, which took them back to Viking times.

Pupils came to school dressed in Viking costume, and took part in activities including archaeological digs, writing in runes, and even making garlic and onion hanging bags!



Dates for Your Diary

Mon 5th January – INSET Day

Tues 6th January – Pupils start back at school
- Three Kings Day - design and wear a crown to school

Wed 7th January – Ethiopian and Rastafarian Christmas - wear green/yellow/red

Fri 9th January- Y3 Egyptian Day in the hall

Sat 10th January (9am)– School Junior Park Run

Thurs 22nd January (11:30) - Nursery Rhyme Time

Tues 3rd February (8:30am)- Stay and Play - Humanities

Thurs 12th February (11:30) - Nursery Rhyme Time

Fri 13th February - Parinirvana Maha Shivratri - wear traditional clothes

- Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle

- School breaks up for Half Term (3:15pm)

Rocksteady



A fantastic Christmas performance from all the bands earlier this week! You have made so much progress since September, and you should be all very proud. Well Done!

Writers' Corner

Year 3 have been writing job descriptions in English this week.

Each job description needed to include what they would do, the skills it took to fulfill the job and the equipment that they needed.

Rayan chose the job of "Naughty Elf Spotter". A fabulous piece of descriptive writing, Rayan!

Naughty Elf Spotter

What do they do?



A naughty Elf spotter's job is to see if the other elves are not working. The Elf spotter needs to be sneaky so the Elves don't suspect anything. This job is interesting because probably the elves will not be naughty.

Do you have what it takes?



A naughty Elf spotter needs to be clever to remember what the elves look like and be sneaky.

Uniform and Tools

A Naughty Elf spotter wears a strong tool belt, painter hat and a sash so that the Elf's think they are normal.

Fun fact!

The Elf can live up to 200,000,000,000,000 years old.



Our Vision

At our school we will provide a safe and stimulating learning environment which challenges all learners and promotes outstanding achievement.

We encourage all members of our learning family to be open, honest and accepting of others.

We seek to instil a thirst for and love of life-long learning in everyone who is a part of this family.

Everyone at our school works as a team; supporting, encouraging and caring for all who join us on their learning journey.



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