



20th December 2024

Dear Families

Well folks - that's the first term over!

We have had a lovely last week at school. Caroline Amos visited with her knitted nativity characters and led a special assembly. Choughs wore pyjamas and watched The Grinch. Puffins enjoyed reminiscing over previous St Levan Christmas Productions. Our year 6's were once so cute! CH starred as an ugly sister, AS was a narrator with no front teeth and AL was tiny. It was a lovely blast from the past!

On Thursday we were very festive. Dave and his team made a fabulous Christmas dinner which we enjoyed in the classroom. There was turkey, pigs in blankets, stuffing, gravy - and sprouts! Delicious!

The children then watched My Neighbour Totoro before they were disrupted by Father Christmas! The children sang some songs and two volunteers (thank you Rae and Ayana) helped Father Christmas to distribute gifts!

Most importantly we wish you all a wonderful Christmas and new year. We look forward to welcoming you back at the Heamoor site on Monday 6th January!

### Payments

Please check the school app (School Gateway) for outstanding payments for lunches, trips, swimming etc. If you need any help with the system, please ask in the office.

### Stars of the Week

Choughs: Ursula - for fabulous resilience and carrying on with your performance without your dance partner, well done!

Puffins: Aila - for superb mathematical problem solving and reasoning - well done!

### Attendance (Year To Date)

**94%**

Choughs = 94%

Puffins = 94%

# Christmas Production 2024 at the Acorn!







Well done everyone!



# Wheels and axles

Choughs have learning how to make a moving mechanism for a toy car.



# Christmas

We've also enjoyed our star treat this week (pyjamas galore!) and a delicious Christmas lunch. Thank you to Mrs Rowe for the biscuits and the Heamoor kitchen staff for a top-notch dinner.





**The GCHO Christmas Challenge**

Each of the seven puzzles below will lead you to the name of a UK landmark. Use the names of these landmarks, and the front cover of the card, to discover what people across all of our GCHO locations will be this Christmas.

**1**

What does this say?



**2**

What are you left with once you've removed the award, carrier, character, programme, route, and safety guide?

Black	Brick	Badge
Pink	Cross	Bag
Blue	Panther	Coola
Brown	Paper	Hood
Green	Petar	Roed
Yellow	Pool	Show
Red	Riding	Tower

**3**

Complete the sequences:

TROIS, DEUX, \_\_  
 II, III, \_\_, V  
 OD, \_\_, IM  
 GG, RH, \_\_  
 OW, ER, \_\_  
 JOAN, \_\_, ARC  
 DLA, NOD, \_\_, DLO  
 GRE, AT, \_\_, TA, IN  
 KNO, WLE, \_\_

**4**

Solve the clues. Only write in each square the single letter, if any, which appears in both the across answer and the down answer.

Material that jeans are made from (5)	Indian butter (4)	Football anti-racism or Vademecum (4, 2, 3)	Woodwind reed instrument (7)
Slang word for food (from a pub?) (4)			
Latin dance (3-3-3)			
Life __, free __ or hair __ (5)			

**5**

Replace the words in brackets:

An American (soldier) named Joe said that avoiding a huge colony of (insects) was the (basis) of him losing his (path).

We wrote the numbers 1-20 in order below, but made some mistakes. Calculate how far off we were.

3 0 3 2 2 8  
 2 0 2 3 2  
 6 1 1 4 8  
 2 9 8 7 6 0  
 2 3 2 2 4 2

Follow us or scan the QR code to find the answers soon.  
[www.gcho.gov.uk/jmas2024](http://www.gcho.gov.uk/jmas2024)



X @ GCHO

PERHAPS READING the start of this substitution cipher will help you solve it.

ISKWIM KSWEBDU BN DFN LBIGSISE BM IKBCWKBQX W QSWEBDU BDEBLWNBFD NF XFO

MFOPBDU NGBM WECBNNSEQX ESPBFOM BDBNBWQXQX OOKSWEWAQX CSMIMWUUS.

**The GCHO Christmas Challenge**



1, 2, 3, 4 11, 7, 5, 2 6, 14, 8, 10 20, 19, 11, 15 18, 4, 6, 11 16, 4, 5, 6 4, 9, 2, 6

<b>Term Event</b>	<b>Spring Date</b>
Term starts	Mon 06/01/2025
Back to school	Mon 06/01/2025
Swimming (Year 5 & 6)	Tue 14/01/2025
Swimming (Year 5 & 6)	Tue 21/01/2025
Height & Weight measurement (Reception & Y6)	Wed 22/01/2025
Swimming (Year 5 & 6)	Tue 28/01/2025
Children's Mental Health Week starts	Mon 03/02/2025
Swimming (Year 5 & 6)	Tue 04/02/2025
Children's Mental Health Week ends	Fri 07/02/2025
Swimming (Year 5 & 6)	Tue 11/02/2025
Safer Internet Day	Tue 11/02/2025
Last day before half term	Wed 12/02/2025
INSET day	Thu 13/02/2025
INSET day	Fri 14/02/2025
Half term starts	Mon 17/02/2025
Half term ends	Fri 21/02/2025
First day back after half term	Mon 24/02/2025
Swimming (Year 5 & 6)	Tue 25/02/2025
Swimming (Year 5 & 6)	Tue 04/03/2025
St Piran's Day	Wed 05/03/2025
World Book Day	Thu 06/03/2025
Swimming (Year 5 & 6)	Tue 11/03/2025
School camp starts	Mon 17/03/2025
School camp ends	Wed 19/03/2025
Red Nose Day	Fri 21/03/2025
Swimming (Year 5 & 6)	Tue 25/03/2025
Swimming (Year 5 & 6)	Tue 01/04/2025
Last day of term (finish at 1.30pm)	Fri 04/04/2025
Community duck race	Fri 04/04/2025
Term ends	Fri 04/04/2025

<b>Term Event</b>	<b>Summer Date</b>
Term starts	Tue 22/04/2025
Back to school	Tue 22/04/2025
Bank holiday	Mon 05/05/2025
KS2 SATS week starts	Mon 12/05/2025
KS2 SATS week ends	Thu 15/05/2025
KS1 SATS week starts	Mon 19/05/2025
KS1 SATS week ends	Thu 22/05/2025
Last day before half term	Fri 23/05/2025
Half term starts	Mon 26/05/2025
Half term ends	Fri 30/05/2025
First day back after half term	Mon 02/06/2025
Multiplication check - year 4 (2 weeks) start	Mon 02/06/2025
Phonics - check - year 1 start	Mon 09/06/2025
Phonics - check - year 1 end	Fri 13/06/2025
Multiplication check - year 4 (2 weeks) end	Fri 13/06/2025
Last school day! (finish at 1.30pm)	Wed 23/07/2025
Term ends	Wed 23/07/2025

**Diary Dates****2025 - 2026**

<b>Term Event</b>	<b>Autumn Date</b>
Term starts	Wed 03/09/2025
Half term starts	Mon 27/10/2025
Half term ends	Fri 31/10/2025
<a href="#">Christmas production at the Acorn</a>	<a href="#">Thu 11/12/2025</a>
Term ends	Fri 19/12/2025

<b>Term Event</b>	<b>Spring Date</b>
Term starts	Mon 05/01/2026
Half term starts	Mon 16/02/2026
Half term ends	Fri 20/02/2026
Term ends	Thu 02/04/2026

<b>Term Event</b>	<b>Summer Date</b>
Term starts	Mon 20/04/2026
Half term starts	Mon 25/05/2026
Half term ends	Fri 29/05/2026
Term ends	Wed 22/07/2026