



EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



The children in the choir have been preparing for a number of weeks to entertain their parents with their wonderful singing, but also residents in local care homes.

Thank you to all of the children, we think you have represented Emmaville School beautifully at all of the events.



Friday 12th December '25

Dear Families,

We have been working our way through the Emmaville Christmas festivities and what a super time we have been having. One more week to go, so more fun to come.

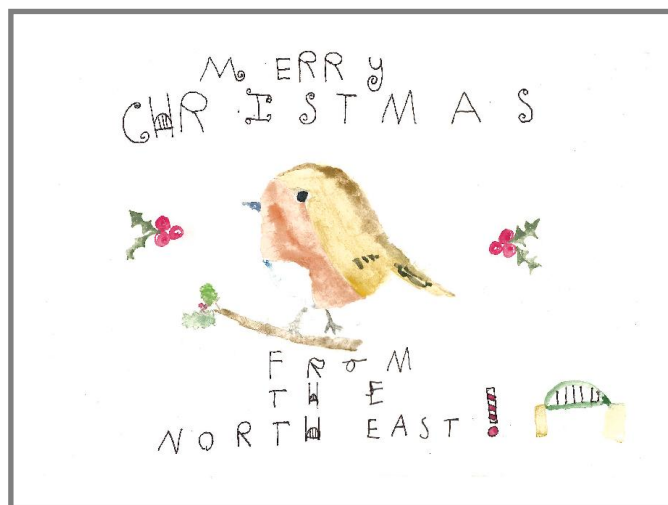
Many thanks for joining in with our Christmas craft and Stay and Play sessions, the children have loved having their grown-ups in school. It has also been so nice having families join us for the Y6 Advent assembly and the Y2 Christmas Bake Off performance. It is such a special time of year for our children and so nice that we can share it with their families.

Many thanks to Chris Beer for inviting our choir to sing with St. Agnes school choir last week at the annual Crawcrook Christmas tree light up. Again, another event that was well supported by our families. The choir has been very busy as they were invited to sing at the Centenary Church's Christmas Tree Festival, as well as visiting local residential homes to entertain the residents. I did notice that they did receive some sweet treats for their wonderful singing; such a kind gesture.

The Y3 children were so proud to have their families join them for Carols on the playground, something that has become an annual festive event that the children look forward to.

Liz Twist's Christmas Card Competition

As mentioned in a previous news bulletin, Emmaville's entry this year for Liz's competition was a beautiful painting by Jamie in Y6 (North America). Well... I am thrilled to announce that Jamie has won the competition and Liz will be visiting school on Thursday 18th December to present Jamie with his well-deserved prize. We are super proud of you Jamie, well done!

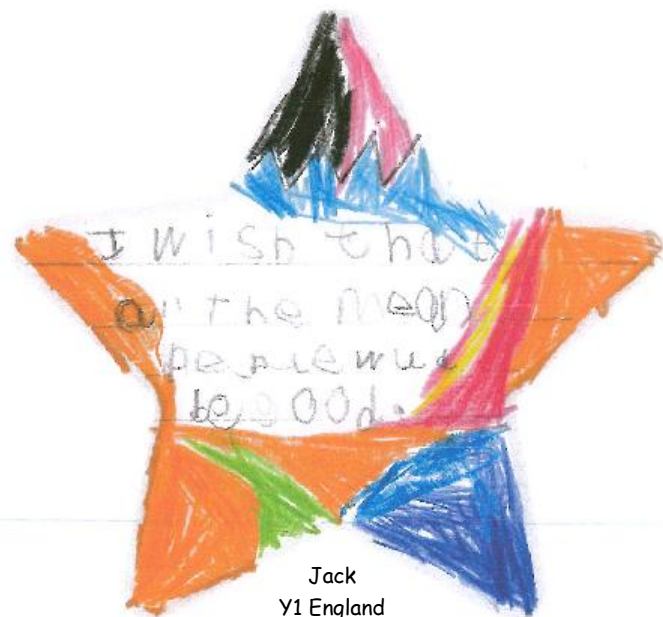


A Christmas Wish

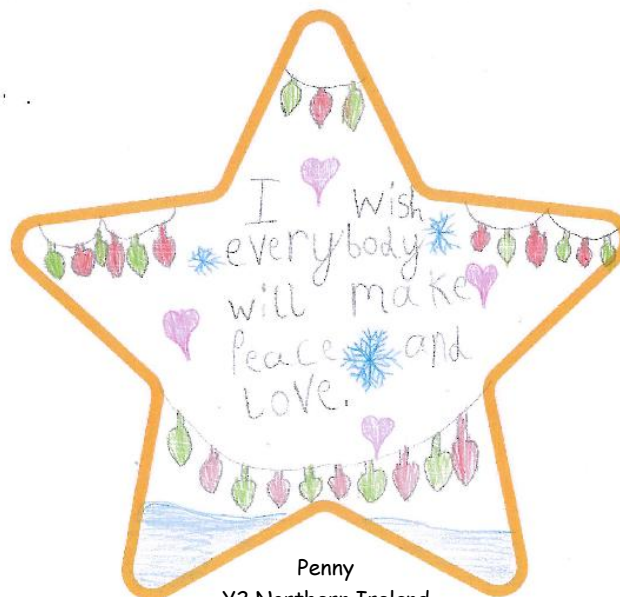
At Emmaville, we subscribe to Picture News. At home, the children may well have shared information they have seen on the weekly picture news sessions. This year Picture News invited schools to participate in their Christmas Campaign to help 'light up the world' by sharing a star containing a wish or act of kindness. In school, the children have been invited to make a star with the aim of filling the night sky with hope and love. We wanted to share some of the amazing stars and wishes that the children have produced and have selected one from every class to be included in this week's bulletin. We hope you enjoy reading a selection of their wonderful wishes which will be emailed to Picture News.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

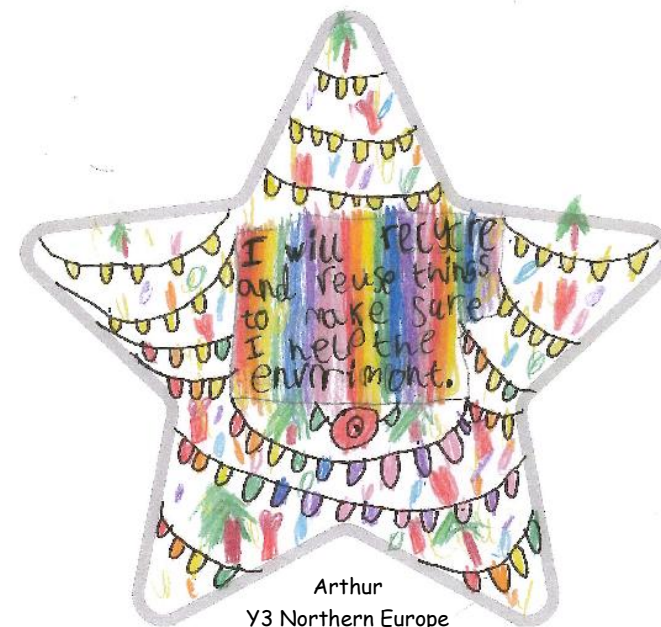
Avril Armstrong



Jack
Y1 England



Penny
Y2 Northern Ireland



Arthur
Y3 Northern Europe



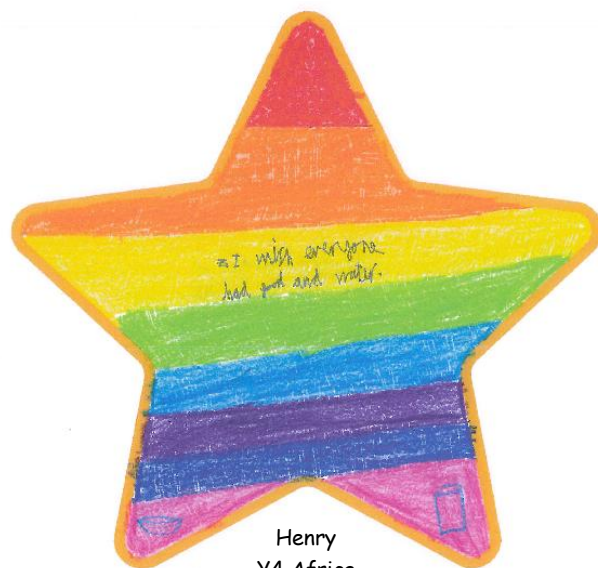
Poppy
Y1 Scotland



Blake D
Y2 Wales



Alba
Y3 Southern Europe



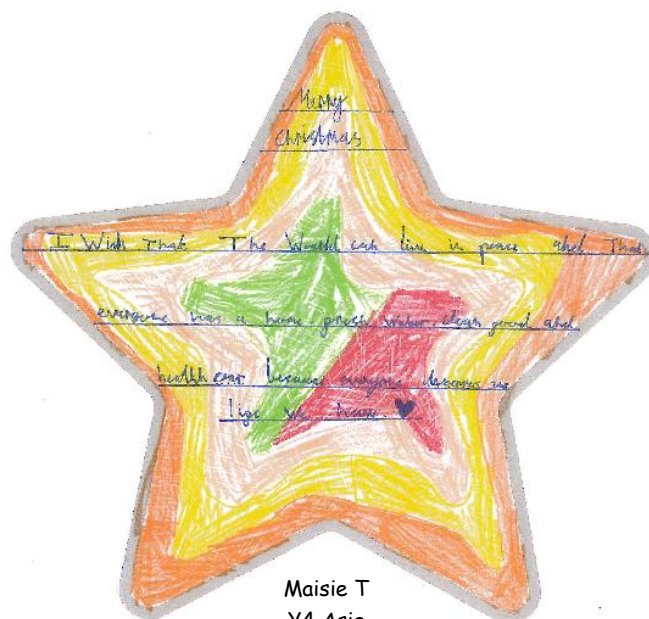
Henry
Y4 Africa



Imogen
Y5 Antarctica



Grace
Y6 North America



Maisie T
Y4 Asia



Isabella
Y5 Oceania



Abigail
Y6 South America

Dinner Money Increase

Just a little reminder that from Monday 5th January 2026, school lunches will increase to £2.90.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Can we please remind parents/carers to book their child into any required breakfast or after school club sessions through Arbor.

All breakfast and after school club accounts must be in credit to enable bookings to be made for the clubs.



Monday 15th December 1.30pm - Christmas movie afternoon for all children in school



Tuesday 16th December - Christmas lunch in the classrooms
It would be lovely if the children would like to wear a Christmas jumper, t shirt or dress

Wednesday 17th December 10am - Reception Nativity



Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Raffle to be drawn today

Thursday 18th December 1.30pm - Christmas parties in the classrooms



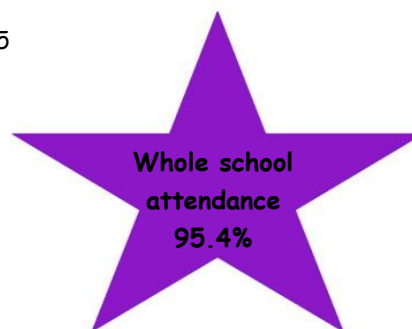
Thursday 18th December - School closes for the Christmas Holidays

Please remember, there will be no After School Club on Thursday 18th December.

After School Club will resume on Monday 5th January.

School Attendance - Week Ending 05.12.25

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| Year 6: North America | 91.5% | South America | 96.1% |
| Year 5: Antarctica | 94.6% | Oceania | 94.6% |
| Year 4: Africa | 90.9% | Asia | 95.9% |
| Year 3: Northern Europe | 97.8% | Southern Europe | 98.4% |
| Year 2: Northern Ireland | 95.9% | Wales | 95.1% |
| Year 1: England | 100% | Scotland | 91.4% |
| EYFS: Gateshead | 100% | Newcastle | 96.1% |
| Crawcrook | 94.8% | | |



Jolly well done to England and Gateshead for 100% attendance last week.

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must stay off school for **2 full days** after the last bout of the illness.

Please remember if your child is absent from school that you contact the school office before 9.30am (0191 4132460) and leave a message on the absence line.

Alternately, you can email school:
emmavilleprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk