



# THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from

Soho Parish CofE Primary School

17<sup>th</sup> November  
2023

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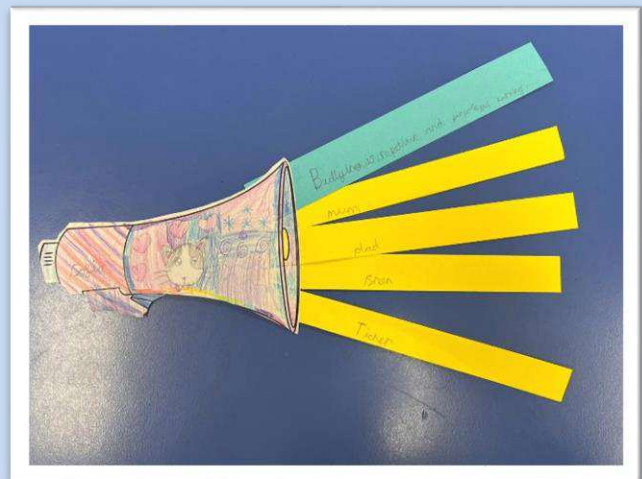
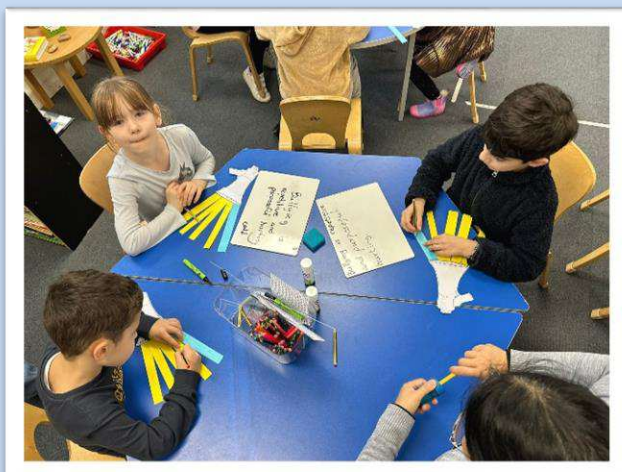
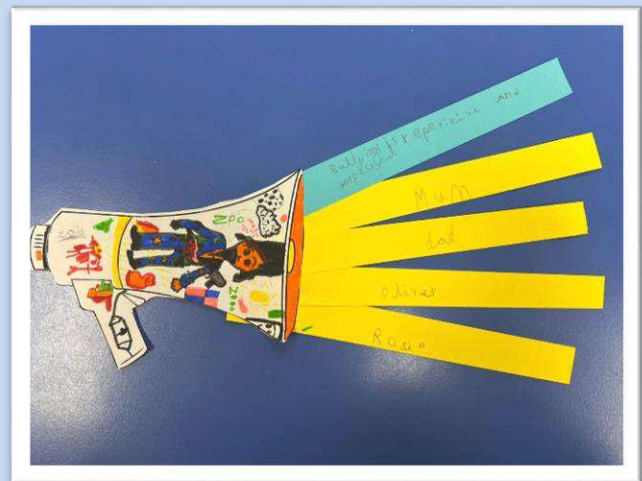
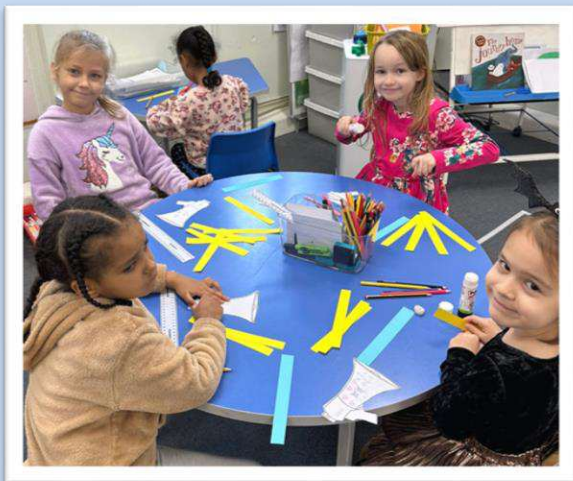
It has been another busy week for us at Soho Parish. This week in our Collective Worship, we have discussed the value of love and how we can demonstrate that. This includes using our voice and actions to support others less fortunate than ourselves and to speak up for issues or matters that we care for.

## Anti-Bullying Week

This week, like many schools across the country, we have been raising awareness of anti-bullying. This year's message is 'make a noise about bullying'.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying>

In class we discussed what bullying is and then who we could speak to if we needed to. The children then completed a variety of arts and crafts to learn more about prevention strategies. Below are some of Y2 's megaphone designs.





## Soho Christmas Lights

On Tuesday, the school community came together to switch on the Soho Kids Xmas Lights. This annual event was organised by Hannah and Antonio and we thank them for all their hard work. A special thanks goes to Siobhan MaGill at Archer Street Bar for hosting and sponsoring yesterday's event, alongside her incredible team who helped on the day.



Award winning Architecture for kids CIC worked alongside the school to showcase the designs of pupils. The children designed the Christmas street lighting in keeping with this year's theme lighting, identity of place, and fashion - inspired by their local area, which also offers an invitation to the entire community to engage and to reflect on the importance of the identity of a place and its development.



The lights were officially switched by renowned Brenda Edwards, The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Westminster Cllr Patricia McAllister and the Mini Mayor of Soho – Amalie.



In a special switch on event with a presentation of awards by the RIBA Learning and the LIA, also attended by Cllr Patrick Lilley Lead Member for Soho and West End Councillor. Here are our winners above.



We were also treated to the fabulous singing our choir led by Christine, our choir mistress, treating us to some festive carols and songs. We all left feeling very festive!







**Community Officers**

On Tuesday we had a visit from PC Andy De Santis, who is our local ward officer, alongside our school community officers. They will be working with the children later on this year during our police awareness week and doing workshops. The MET already have a new recruit with PC William (R1)!



**Children in Need**

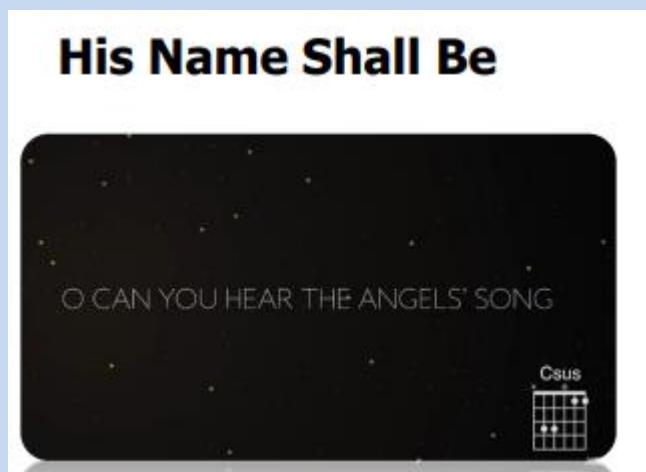
Today many of us came to school wearing spots to support the charity. We are still adding up the donations and will let you know how much we have raised next week.

Throughout the week the children have been designing a new bandana for Pudsey and here are our winners' designs.

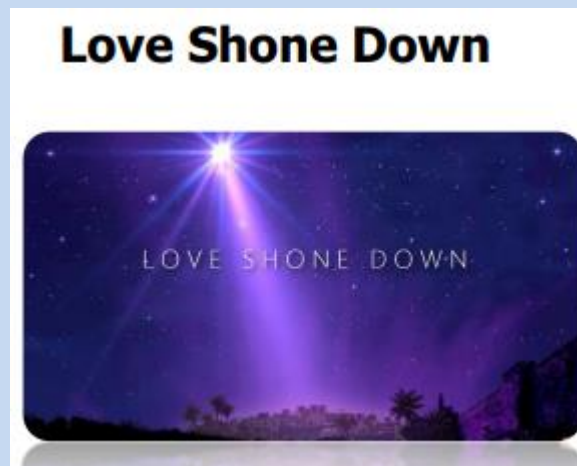


## Christmas Preparations

To help everyone be as prepared as they can be, we are sharing the songs, which we will be learning in our Tuesday Collective Worship sessions. We will then be ready for the Christmas Service on December 5th. Click on link below to be taken to the Youtube link (Remember children need to be supported whilst accessing the internet.)



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQmi\\_FSfJKc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQmi_FSfJKc)

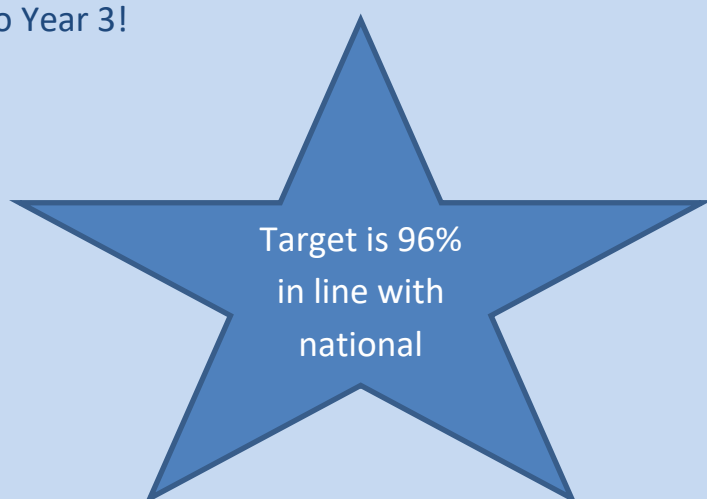


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyijhpaEs8>

## Attendance

It is very important that children attend school every day when they are well to ensure that they are reaching their full potential and maximising all of the learning opportunities on offer. Below I have included the percentages for each year group, see how your year group compares and think if you can help to improve your class percentage. This week only one class achieved 100% - huge congratulations to Year 3!

Reception	87%
Year 1	86%
Year 2	88%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	86%
Year 5	87%
Year 6	79%
Whole school	91%



## Key dates

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Light Disco (more information to follow)

Week beg 13<sup>th</sup> – Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Switching on the Christmas lights on Archer Street (5pm)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – R1 & Y2 Phonics Coffee Morning (9am)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Y6 Sayers Croft meeting (9am)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Y4 Cake Sale

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Switching on the Christmas Lights at St Anne's

Week beg. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Parents' Evening (days and times tbc)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas service at St James' Church (10.30am)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children charity)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fete

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity performance (time to be confirmed)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – End of term: **school finishes at 1.30pm**

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## Public Holidays

Christmas Day - Monday 25th December 2023

Boxing Day - Tuesday 26th December 2023

New Year's Day - Monday 1st January 2024

Good Friday - Friday 29th March 2024

Easter Monday - Monday 1st April 2024

May Day Bank - Holiday Monday 6th May 2024

Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 27th May 2024

August Bank Holiday - Monday 26th August 2024

Have a wonderful weekend!

Oliver Knight (*Head of School*)