

MONT A L'ABBE SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

December 2025



HOLIDAY TIMES ARE HERE!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and joyful half term and ready ourselves for the Christmas period, we are delighted to share some of the wonderful learning, achievements and celebrations that have filled our school over the past few weeks.

Our Primary pupils have been fully immersed in the magical world of 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. Through storytelling, sensory play, role-play and creative art activities, pupils have explored the characters, language and settings of this much-loved text. This has been extended into our Phase Two Christmas performance of 'The Gruffalo-ho-ho'.

Across Secondary and L'Etacq, students have been exploring the meaning of 'where' using the text 'Magpies and Mischief' by Cameron McPhail, a Jersey based story. Classes have explored text filled with humour, curiosity and adventure, sparking lively discussions, drama work and brilliant writing. The creativity on display has been outstanding. Our older learners have also been working on a wonderful Christmas performance to showcase their talents at the Haute Vallee theatre.

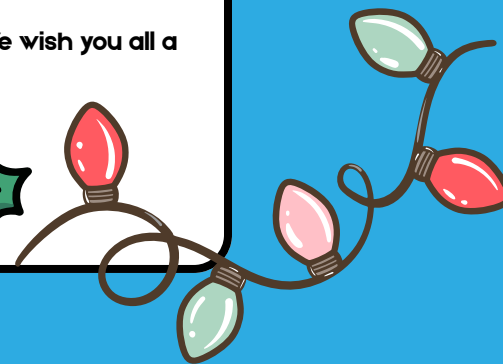
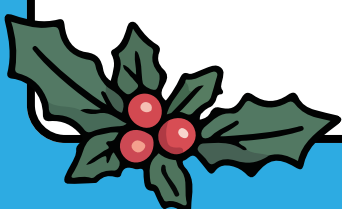
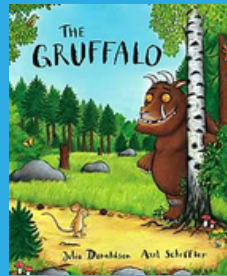
This term, our whole-school focus has been Maths for Life. During learning observations, it has been wonderful to see learners applying their maths skills to real-world situations—shopping, cooking, time, measurement and problem-solving. Staff and students alike have worked incredibly hard to make maths meaningful, practical and fun.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair—families, staff, pupils and volunteers. Together, we raised an amazing £7,000! This funding will go directly towards enriching opportunities and resources for our pupils. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and community spirit. Biggest thanks of all to our wonderful PTA chair Karen O'Brien for her incredible commitment to our school fund raising.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to Sarah Shaw, who is moving to Australia with her family to continue her teaching journey in Special Education. Sarah has been a dedicated and valued member of our school community, and her commitment to our learners will be greatly missed. We wish her every success and happiness in her new adventure down under.

As always, we extend our sincere thanks to our families for your continued support. We wish you all a restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year.

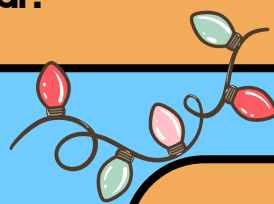
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Turtle Class

Wow what a busy term we have had! We've been on a few outings, tried balance bikes for the first time, immersed ourselves in the story of the Gruffalo, focused on our individualised maths targets, learnt some more letter sounds and really focused on Phase 1 phonics in play, practiced how to keep ourselves clean in PSHE, had some great communication using GRIDs, bucket times, Christmas performances, Christmas dinners and most importantly lots of fun with all our Turtle friends! Have a lovely Christmas Turtle families, we will see you in the New Year!



Dolphin Class

Dolphin Class have been exploring the Balance Bikes this term! They have all become a lot more independent using the bikes and have become much more confident when moving around the room. Well done boys! 🙌



Octopus Class

Octopus Class have had a brilliant half term exploring winter and Christmas. We visited the Christmas Tree Festival, went Christmas-light spotting, and enjoyed dressing up in winter clothes. The children have also been busy with matching activities and festive sensory exploration 🌲. Happy Christmas everyone!



Regal Tang Fish Class

This term, everyone in Regal Tang have been working incredibly hard, and we are so proud of all the progress the children have made. They have loved exploring where all the characters live in The Gruffalo and have shown fantastic effort during their phonics sessions. The children have also enjoyed our Bucket Time activities and are growing in confidence and independence around the classroom. Wishing everyone a wonderful and restful Christmas!



Parrotfish Class

Parrotfish have had a busy term full of learning, play and building friendships. The boys have really enjoyed sensology sessions and all the recent Christmas activities.

Wishing all our Parrotfish families a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



Lionfish Class

Lionfish have really got into the Christmas Spirit this half term! We have worked hard during our Communication, Language and Literacy lesson, reading the book The Gruffalo. In Maths, Lionfish worked on their individual targets and have made great progress. This term, we have learnt the class song Merry Christmas Everyone, learning the Makaton to go along with it. We also created some amazing decorations to put around the classroom. Lionfish had fun swimming, in the gym, in the dark studio and on their horse-riding lessons. What a great term we have had! Have a wonderful Christmas all.



Clownfish Class

Clownfish have had a wonderful half term, focusing on full engagement for sensory sessions during bucket times and exploration of our new sensory room. The children have also enjoyed our topic book of the Gruffalo and the sensory elements of the story. The children have done really well with skills of recognising people who are special to them. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming the Children back in the New Year!



Mandarinfish Class

Mandarin Class have had a wonderful autumn term, the children have made lots of progress towards their targets, initiating interactions, using topic based vocabulary, and just genuinely having a wonderful time. We are excited to share our 'Christmas Gruffalo performance' with you all, and hope that everyone has an enjoyable holiday break. See you in the new year, many thanks, Leo & the Mandarin fish Class Team.



Rainbowfish Class

Rainbowfish Class have loved reading The Gruffalo this term. We made scrambled snake, owl ice cream and Gruffalo Crumble in class. The last couple of weeks we have enjoyed getting in the Christmas spirit with lots of fun Christmas activities. Merry Christmas to you all from Rainbowfish Class.





Victory Class

Our learners have enjoyed learning about Jersey and exploring the island.

We have followed the cheeky magpies from our story, used our AAC talkers to search for them, and continued to explore the wonderful island we live on! Merry Christmas to you all from Victory Class!



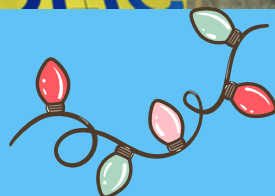
Mary Rose Class

We have had a term full of learning and laughter and are very much looking forward to the next one. Merry Christmas everyone!



Santa Maria Class

Santa Maria have been developing their life skills in the community this half term. The learners have eaten out at a restaurant, visited the Police Station and completed a scavenger hunt at the harbour. This has tied in with our "Where? (in Jersey)" topic as part of our literacy work. Have a wonderful Christmas break everyone and see you in the New Year!



Mayflower Class

Mayflower have enjoyed taking part in the advent challenge with James Scott to raise money for our playground. Merry Christmas from the Mayflower team!



Cutty Sark Class

Cutty Sark have enjoyed exploring shape, space, and measure both in school and during our recent trips. The children have been busy creating decorations, cards, and wrapping paper using 2D and 3D shapes, comparing sizes, and experimenting with patterns and symmetry. They've also been practising their measuring skills while making Christmas-themed models and crafts. It has been a wonderful way to bring maths to life during the festive season, and the class have loved combining creativity with their learning. Merry Christmas to you all!



SS Vega Class

Vega Class learners continue to achieve and participate in community activities. David is loving going to school with his friends on the school bus. Lucas has been supporting James in raising money for the school playground by doing his own challenge. Kaci has been singing and has recorded a video for the Christmas performance. Jaiden continues to show great focus during his acorn sessions. Have a wonderful Christmas Vega Class!





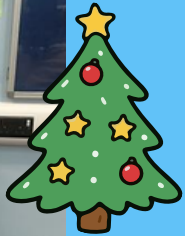
Ellen MacArthur Class

It has been a fabulous half term. Students have thoroughly enjoyed a wide range of afternoon activities, including bowling, the GROW project, Strive Gym, fishing, table tennis, football, swimming, and basketball. Everyone had great fun making and selling items for our Enterprise stall at the school bazaar, successfully raising funds towards our 2026 Prom. In the final weeks of term, students also enjoyed decorating our tree and taking part in a variety of festive art activities.



Vasco Da Gama Class

Wonderful efforts from all learners this half term. We have been studying the theme of "where" in CLL and learning about a book based in Jersey called "Magpies and Mischief". We visited Noirmont Point and St Ouen's Bay, as these are both sites which feature in the story. The students then described them and some made PowerPoints to display the photos alongside their descriptions. Merry Christmas to all in L'Etacq.



Fundraising Efforts

The Friends of Mont a l'Abbe School are fundraising to build a new state-of-the-art inclusive playground for our learners. This playground will be part of our new school building, with building work due to start in 2027.

We are hoping to fundraise in excess of £450,000 and with generous donations, we currently have £350,750, which is amazing!



James Scott has been involved with fundraising and we are extremely grateful for the help he has given us so far.

James is taking part in a personal challenge to support and help the school reach our target. Each day James will be running an extra mile. 1st Dec - 1 mile, 2nd - 2 miles and so forth, concluding with a 24 mile run on the 24th Dec. The total running distance will be 300 miles, which is just over 11 marathons in 24 days. A huge effort - Well done James and thank you!



PE update

The Secondary School have had a wonderful term with support from Jersey Sport. Through their programme, we have received Kickboxing and Hockey. Special thanks to Ryan from Samurai Kickboxing Club and Ryan at Jersey Hockey Club.

At Primary School the Balance Bikes once again continue to be a great success across the classrooms with learners engaging well and developing their skills. We look forward to this continuing in January.

Merry Christmas all, Mr Jordi.



PRIMARY CHAMPIONS

Turtle:

Commendation: Adam Roszczenko
Friendship Champion: Samara Figueira
Learner of the Term: Maisie Godfray

Dolphin:

Commendation: Bertie Beeley
Friendship Champion: James Da Silva
Learner of the Term: Matheus Fernandes

Octopus:

Commendation: Filip Pietrzyk
Friendship Champion: Leo Ribeiro
Learner of the Term: Kai Mourant

Lionfish:

Commendation: Craig May
Friendship Champion: Samuel Jones
Learner of the Term: Mila Chinn

Rainbowfish:

Commendation: Zac Bartus
Friendship Champion: Oliver Krupa
Learner of the Term: Conall White

Parrotfish:

Commendation: Jack Hughes
Friendship Champion: Santi Teixeira
Learner of the Term: Joseph Duffin

Mandarinfish:

Commendation: Valentina da Silva
Friendship Champion: Bianca Gomes
Learner of the Term: Tobe Agboeze

Clownfish:

Commendation: Dylan Belhomme-Cunningham
Friendship Champion: Jason Mendonca
Learner of the Term: Holly Hunt

Regaltangfish:

Commendation: Freddie De Nobrega
Friendship Champion: Matthew Le Galle
Learner of the Term: Wade Heys

SECONDARY CHAMPIONS

Victory:

Commendation: Che Gouveia
Friendship Champion: Dale Curtis
Learner of the Term: Joshua Bree

Mary Rose:

Commendation: Felicie Bacquet
Friendship Champion: Wilson Fletcher
Learner of the Term: Tyler Coyle

Santa Maria:

Commendation: Michael Aubert
Friendship Champion: Ruby Aubert
Learner of the Term: Jayden Renouf

Cutty Sark:

Commendation: Amelie Goodyear
Friendship Champion: David Da Silva
Learner of the Term: Oscar Bailey-Hughes

Mayflower:

Commendation: Jamie Brinco
Friendship Champion: Junior Marques
Learner of the Term: Santiago Caldeira

SS Vega:

Commendation: Kaci McCauley
Friendship Champion: David Da Silva
Learner of the Term: Jaiden Carre

L'ETACQ CHAMPIONS

Vasco Da Gama:

Commendation: Louie Preece
Friendship Champion: Lucy Moyse
Learner of the Term: Mia Pounds

Ellen MacArthur:

Commendation: Humair Batista
Friendship Champion: Diogo Loretto
Learner of the Term: Zac Jones

**Well done to all our learners for
their super efforts!**