

# Chronicle Autumn 2 2025





## Welcome to the Kingstone Chronicle!

HELLO!

Welcome back to a wonderful half term of news-worthy fun and learning! It has been a very busy half term and we have been doing lots of things like performing the Nativity, Christmas Carol Concert, taking part in the Santa Run and lots of exciting learning, too.

The Chronicle team have been working hard and hope you enjoy reading what we have been up to this half term.

Lily and the Chronicle team.

## A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM MRS PREECE







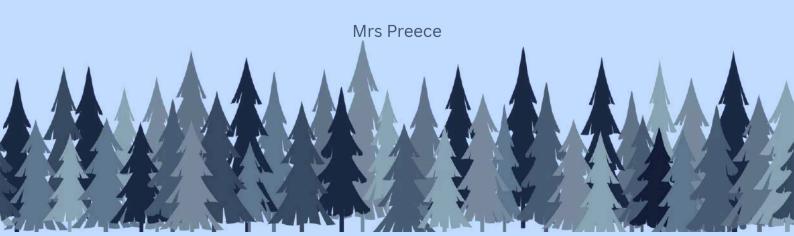
What a brilliant half term it has been; so much has happened since the last edition of the Kingstone Chronicle. From the Christingle to a Santa Run and from Christmas performances to a community Bingo, it has been an incredibly busy, productive and funfilled half term.

I have had lots of opportunities to visit the children in their classrooms this half term, as well as talk to them about their learning. I have been so impressed with the focus and resilience shown by children in all year groups towards their learning along with the immense pride they all have in their work. looking through children's books and seeing them in action in the classroom is a genuine pleasure and I am proud of each and every one of our pupils.

The Nativity and Key Stage 2 Concert were two brilliant events and such a fitting way to end our term. We hope you enjoyed watching the shows as much as the children enjoyed performing for you.

Many thanks for all of your engagement and support this Autumn Term. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

I look forward to welcoming you all back in 2026.



# RECEPTION NEWS

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## Our half-term at a glance





Nate digging for dinosaur bones!

#### **Forest School**

Reception have continued to enjoy their Forest School sessions each week. They have focussed on some life-skills whilst the weather has been unpredictable and have enjoyed learning how to prepare and make different meals!



Mabel making salad bowls for the herbivores



Lara following a recipe to make dinosaur



## **Fantastic Fossils!**

This half-term, our topic in Reception has been 'Fantastic Fossils', where we have been learning about all things dinosaurs! We have looked at different dinosaurs, thinking about what they looked like, whether they were carnivores, herbivores or omnivores, and how they are now extinct. We have found out how fossils are made and made some of our own using pasta for the bones.





#### A message from Mrs Perrin

Wow - what a brilliant half-term Reception have had! I am so proud of each and every child and have been blown away with their efforts at this very busy time of year. The Nativity was fantastic and I am so impressed with Reception's enthusiasm and confidence. Have a lovely Christmas!



#### Winter Crafternoon

Reception and their families took part in our Winter Crafternoon this half-term. They made Christmas gift bags, winter crafts, and decorated Christmas biscuits. It was a great start to the festive season making them all excited for the Christmas festivities to come.







Rosie decorating Christmas biscuits.

#### This half-term in pictures



Doing gymnastics in PE



Making salt dough dinosaur fossils



Making our own dinosaur bones



Getting festive!



## Reception's visit to Madley Environmental Centre

Reception have been feeling festive and went on their Christmas trip to Madley Environmental Centre, where they were greeted by Bluebell, the giant elf! They made a Christmas tree decoration, hung up Mother Christmas' socks, and found Father Christmas! They were pleased to hear that they were all on the nice list!







#### Things to look forward to:

Our next topic is 'Superheroes!'





# YEAR I NEWS



## Our half term at a glance





## **Colours of the World**



This half-term, our topic has been 'Colours of the World'. We have been thinking about celebrations, including Diwali and Christmas. We have loved getting in the Christmas spirit as we count down to the big day! We have been reading books about our topic, such as Stickman and Cuddly Dudley. We loved learning about the Nativity and putting on a performance for you all.

#### A message from Miss Smith and Ms Wilson

Year 1 have had a super half-term. It has definitely been a busy one! From becoming Nativity superstars to creating wonderful Christmas crafts, Year 1 has been full of Christmas excitement and joy. We'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We cannot wait to see you all in the new year!



#### Science

We have been learning about animals in our Science lessons. We have learnt lots of new such vocabulary, 'nocturnal' and 'habitats'. We used playdough to make nocturnal animals.

We have also been classifying animals by what they eat. We are fantastic at using the words herbivore, omnivore and carnivore. We have had lots of discussions about what animals eat.





#### This Half-Term in Pictures



We enjoyed making our Christingles and attending the Christingle service at the church. It was lovely to get in the Christmas spirit!



We loved making bird feeders to look after our animal friends in the Winter months.



We have been making moving pictures in DT. We have learned all about mechanisms and how we can bring our pictures to life.



We loved making chocolate Christmas crackers. We were so excited to eat the final products!

#### **Maths**





We have been looking closely at the numbers 10-20, learning to count forwards and backwards, and compare numbers. We have learnt about the composition of numbers to 20 and how to order them correctly. We have also begun comparing quantities, and have compared capacity, weight and length.

## Writing

We have been doing lots of writing about our topic and the books we read. We have focused on letter writing this half-term, and have written letters to a range of characters. We can definitely put those skills into practice when writing letters to Father Christmas! We were particularly excited to see a letter from Stickman, and wrote a letter back.

## Home reading heros

A special shoutout to our top three children who have logged the most reading on Boom Reader!

> Hugo Gracie Oscar





# YEAR 2 NEWS



## Our half term at a glance





# How close are you to the magic number?

There is a theme to this edition of my newsletter and that is just how busy we have been. You've had costumes to sort and lines to learn, so finding a few moments to listen to your children read and log it on BoomReader might have been a bit tricky. Take a moment and see how many logs you've made year. If you're this between 42 and you're on track to hit our magic number of 156!



## We Try Our Best!

Our class target has changed a few times in this half-term. However, a theme that has been consistent throughout has been the focus we've put on trying our very best in all that we do. You have been able to see this in the way the children have been tackling the learning in the classroom as well as their incredible Nativity, both in rehearsals and the shows themselves.

#### A message from Mr Bull

Year 2 have been busy with all the festive activities we've had on offer. I have been really impressed with how well they've handled all of it, but I am sure they'll now appreciate a couple of weeks off. Enjoy the rest and I'll see you all next year!



#### Science in Year 2

I have been so impressed with the knowledge displayed in this Year 2 class this half-term. We have been learning about living things and their habitats. This included developing our understanding of what it means for something to be alive, never having been alive or something that used to be alive. We then thought about the basic needs of animals and human beings and how these needs are met. We even managed to correctly identify habitats for a variety of animals. We finished our learning by looking at food groups and expanding our knowledge of carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.















## Games, Games and more Games!

Our PE lessons have been focused on games and building our athletic, communication and teamwork skills. We have played a number of games and learnt how to communicate effectively with our team-mates.







# YEAR 3 NEWS



## Our half term at a glace





#### **Boom Reader**

Our goal in Year 3 is to read at home 4 times a week. Thank you for your support so far. By the end of this half term, we should have logged at least 50 home reads.

Congratulations to the children who have topped our leader board for the most reads logged at home this half term:

1<sup>st</sup> Poppy

2<sup>nd</sup> Arlo

3<sup>rd</sup> Flo





## **Christmas Treats**

Year 3 had a wonderful time making some delicious biscuit truffle balls as part of their unit. We've writing working on our descriptive writing and persuasive skills to produce а Christmassy advert. persuasive Their writing was beautifully written and excellently presented. The biscuit balls were pretty delicious too!



#### A message from Miss Donald

Wow! What a fantastic term we've had. Year 3 have continued to impress me with their kindness and hard work. I've thoroughly enjoyed seeing each and every member of the class grow and get stuck into all of the fun and learning.



#### **Super Science!**

We've been learning about amazing animals, and their features. We've explored different types of skeletons and how muscles work as well as looking at different habitats and diets. Did you know that giraffes sleep for just 30 minutes a day?

As part of this unit, Year 3 have worked in groups to produce informative posters to present to the rest of the class. They worked excellently in their different roles of author, designer and artist. They presented brilliantly with lots of great facts.







#### **Fantastic Forest School**





## **Gymnastics**

In our PE lessons this half term, we've been working on our gymnastics skills. Each lesson, we've learnt new rolls, balances or ways of travelling. Year 3 were then set the challenge to create their own sequences in groups which they performed in front of the class. It was wonderful to see their creativity, team work and enthusiasm.







# YEAR 4 NEWS



## Our half term at a glace





#### **Young Hopefuls**

The children created some wonderful poopy wreaths to use as part of our Remembrance service. The Year 4 Young Hopefuls were such a great help at the school disco, helping to look after children's purses and wallets.

#### **READING**

It has been a delight to see so many children completing at least 4 reads a week and completing lots of quizzes with increasing accuracy. The class were thrilled to be the second class to earn the reading trophy in Celebration Assembly

## **Triple win!**

What excitement there was in Year 4 on the day they were the winners of 'Good Choice Gordon', the TTRS trophy and the Boom Reader trophy! It was all down to their hard work and great work ethic. Each week, more and more of the class are reaching their homework targets and many children go above and beyond every week.







#### Over and out!

In Computing lessons, the children were developing skills in voice recording as they worked in small groups to create their very own podcasts.

#### A message from Mrs Gemmell

Autumn 2 has proven to be a time when the children have shown just how brilliant they are. Friendships are strengthening, confidence is growing and the children are all pushing themselves to be the best they can be.



#### **Maths**

In preparation for their multiplication check in June, the Year 4 children are working hard on their times tables. An impressive 13 children have now 'gone green', which means they can answer all times tables up to 12x12, in under 4 seconds! As well as working hard on times tables, every child is attempting to complete all levels on Numbots to help build up confidence in mental arithmetic.





#### **Creative Writing**

The children love to create stories together. Below is the introduction to *'iourney* a narrative' The work is combination of sentences taken from 13 different children.

A life of foggy greys, insipid blacks and darkness where the fatigued teddy flopped about. A life where the weary pale windows never shone. A life where a carpet was fading, while Beth kept on wondering if her parents even cared about her. She was a girl fading away...

Hopeless, drained, done!

"But what is this? A crayon! A bright red crayon!" she exclaimed.

Trying not to make a sound, she got out of her bed and grabbed the red crayon. The pencil flashed like the blink of an eye. The pencil flew like a magic carpet. Down, down, down and up, up, up around. The crayon flew across the wall. Hope was filling her heart and joy flooded her face. A vivid violet door! She opened it and forward rolled through the door dizzily.

A radiant vine of dreams hung above emerald and sapphire fairy lights.

"It is so pretty," she said to herself. Splish splash went the river running through the dreamy, lush forest, teaming with life. In the forest, little fireflies seemed to be raining out of nowhere forming a path with fading footprints the size of a little girl's feet. She knew this was the start of something...

She needed an adventure. Stepping through the branches like a dancer, she was prancing, leaping, laughing.





# YEAR 5 NEWS



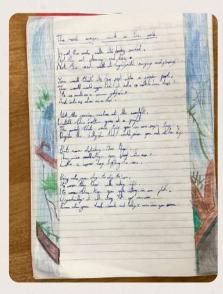
## Our half term at a glace

















## **Powerful Poetry**

This half term, we have been exploring poetry, using Valerie Bloom's 'The Most Dangerous Animal in the World' as inspiration. As part of this work, they wrote their own poems entitled 'The Most Annoying Animal in the World'.

The children have produced some excellent pieces, featuring carefully crafted rhyming couplets and a wide range of vivid, expressive adjectives.

The class also researched some of the world's most annoying animals, including sloths, flies and wasps. The children created informative and detailed fact files to help bring their poetry to life.

#### A message from Miss Wood

This half term, Year 5 have showcased a fantastic attitude to learning and have produced some amazing work. The children have also shown excellent teamwork, celebrating each other's successes and supporting each other in their learning.



#### DT

Iln DT, we have been learning about cam mechanisms. The children investigated existing toys that use cam mechanisms and planned what they would like their own designs to look like. They also experimented with different materials to identify which would best support their structures.









## This half term in pictures:





Year 5 were excellent buddies for the Year 1s at the Christingle service.



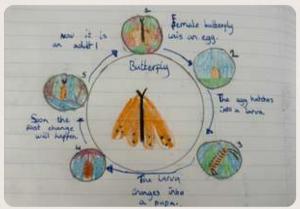


Our Christmas computing! We loved designing our own Christmas jumper vectors

## **Superb Science**

This half term, we have been exploring living things and their habitats. We refreshed our knowledge of plant parts and reproduction by studying roses. We have also learned about the life cycles of mammals, birds, amphibians and insects, comparing their similarities and differences.













# YEAR 6 NEWS



## Our half term at a glace











## Year 6's D&T Adventure: Creating Beautiful Artificial Flowers

This term, Year 6 students embarked on an exciting Design and Technology (D&T) project focused on creating artificial flowers. They researched various flower shapes and designs, culminating in a vibrant front cover showcasing their findings. The project began with exploring three textures: card, ribbon, and pipe cleaners. Drawing on their Year 4 knowledge, Year 6 used needles to create a running stitch in the ribbon, transforming it into rose-like petals. They also incorporated pipe cleaners for leaves, skillfully twisting them to add depth. Floral tape secured their creations, demonstrating effective material combination.

A highlight was the lavender flower, requiring precision in measuring, cutting, and sticking without tearing the card. This tested their fine motor skills and patience, which they met admirably, producing impressive results.

As the unit progressed, the class designed individual tulip petals, showcasing remarkable creativity and teamwork. The final products reflected their hard work and dedication.

To conclude the project, the children presented their beautiful bouquets as Christmas gifts for loved ones, displaying joy and pride in their creations. The results are fantastic, and their efforts have truly paid off!

#### A message from Mrs OJ

We are incredibly proud of Year 6 for their creativity, perseverance, and teamwork throughout this D&T unit. Their artificial flowers reflect their artistic talents and collaborative skills. Well done, Year 6!



**Teacher Feature** 

## Exploring 'Moth' by Isabel Thomas

This half term, our children have delved into the enchanting narrative poem 'Moth' by Isabel Thomas. This beautiful piece not only tells the story of adaptation but also encourages us to reflect on the impact humans have on our world. Through its vivid imagery and thought-provoking themes, 'Moth' has sparked lively discussions and deep thinking among our students.

The children have worked diligently to create amazing sentences, showcasing their understanding of various grammatical features. They have employed noun phrases, prepositional phrases, similes, conjunctions, antonyms, and synonyms, all while expanding their vocabulary to make their writing varied and interesting. It has been wonderful to see their creativity flourish as they express their thoughts and feelings about the poem.

We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication. The exploration of 'Moth' has not only enhanced their writing skills but has also fostered a greater awareness of the delicate balance between nature and human influence.

"We learn the way a moth seeks light—drawn forward by curiosity, singed now and then by missteps, yet still rising on fragile wings toward what we do not yet understand."

#### **Our Super Sentences**

'The charcoal moths made a simple snack to be fed to the greedy bird's By Archie

'The coal burns deep into the world pollution murders the air and suffocates the pallid where the peppered moth rests.'

By Tommy T

'Factories and monstruous machines infect the air, and big diggers bite away forests and earth, chaos fills the air'
By Kateryna

'This is a twisted tale of day and night, of change and adaption, of moon and sun. it starts with a small peppered moth over two centuries ago.'

By Grayce

'Nondescript wings hide them on the tree bark while black wings scream.' By Rhiley

'Adaptation is the Key reason this species is alive; pollution engulfed trees turning them black. Therefore, moths change their colour giving concealment and safety.'

By Arlan

'Until after 50 years pass, there are just as many peppered, seasoned moths...'

By Skye



School Parliament took on the responsibility of organising the Santa Run this year. We decided that we wanted to support a local charity, West Midlands Air Ambulance, that visited KTPS last year. West Midlands Air Ambulance are a vital service in a rural community like ours and they funded by donations alone. The £520 that we raised was gratefully received.

Our **Sports Ambassadors** were a great help setting out the route and our **Charity Ambassadors** collected in the sponsor money and counted how much was raised.

#### SPORTS AMBASSADORS

The Sports Ambassadors have been busy running sports activities at lunchtimes. If you have any ideas of things to do, let one of the team know!



The Reading Ambassadors will be starting to rotate books between the class libraries in the New Year. If there is a particular book you are looking out for, please let them know.

## LEARNING AMBASSADORS

Or Learning Ambassadors will get the opportunity to in the New Year to spend time with our younger children, sharing their love of learning.



## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD







Hot Chocolate with the Head is a real highlight of my week! On a Friday, 4 children are chosen to join me for hot chocolate and a catch up. This weekly celebration recognises those children consistently going above and beyond to showcase our school rules and values.

There have been so many shoutouts awarded this half term to so many brilliant pupils! We have had so many great conversations this half term at hot chocolate and have often lost track of time

whilst we nattered!

# Out of School Achievements



Year 1 Harvey Year 2
Eleanor



Out of school achievements As always our children have been busy outside of school during Autumn 2. We always look forward to celebrating thier achievements.







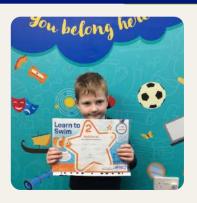
Superstar Swimmers!



Year 1 - Oscar Year 2 - Florence Year 4 - James

















Great gymnasts Reception - Rosie Year 4 - Bella Year 5 - Skye

Year 6 - Aimee







Fabulous
football
and rugby



Year 2 – Joshua Year 4 – Oscar Year 6 – Grayce











# YOUNG HOPEFULS

Our Young Hopeful children have been very busy this half term. They toured prospective parents at our Open Morning, went carol singing at the Sunshine Club, ran Eco Rail sales, hosted a community Bingo, ran a stall at the Kingstone village Christmas Fair and helped the Parish Council to deliver flyers about scheduled road maintenance.

All of the things above are in addition to the contributions they bring to our school each week - lunchtime duties and supporting the youngest members of our school. The Young Hopeful children contribute so much to our school and the wider Kingstone community and we are very grateful for all of their efforts. Thank you for all of your hard work this half term!









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Reception have been working hard in their gymnastics lessons, focusing on creating shapes and performing different jumps. Year 1 have showcased their dancing skills, impressively demonstrating various ways to travel. Year 2 have been hard at work in their multi-skills lessons, honing a range of abilities to develop their gross motor skills. Year 3 have been nothing short of amazing in their gymnastics lessons, collaborating in small groups to create routines. Year 4 have focused on dance this half term, and it's been wonderful to witness the growth of their dance routines each week. Year 5 have been splitting their time between swimming and tchoukball, consistently impressing with their growing knowledge and skills. Finally, Year 6 has been concentrating on gymnastics, utilising their prior learning to craft routines that incorporate counterbalances, counter-tension balances, unison, canon movements, and lifts.

## SPORTS AMBASSADORS

Our sports ambassadors are now running lunch time clubs for our KS1 and KS2 children. They have chosen some of their favourite games, such as battleships, netball, basketball and even fitness challenges to run each day. They are doing such a brilliant job and I am so proud of their leadership skills.











## **ACTIVE FAMILIES**

We want to say a big thank you to Sarah from Stride Active who leads the 'Active Families' programme. Sarah is working with a number of our families to help support them in finding sports clubs outside of school, provide fun activities at home and even provide some sports equipment. We look forward to continuing our work with Sarah and if this is something you would be interested in finding out more about, please do contact the school.

## SPORTS AFTERNOON

This half term we hosted our first sports afternoon! We welcomed children from Peterchurch Primary school to partipate in an afternoon of multi skill activities. It was lovely to see all the children working together and, most importantly, enjoying a fun afternoon of sport.







## **FUTSAL**



It has been another busy half term of futsal fixtures! Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed fixtures with Riverside and Peterchuruch Primary and year 3 and 4 had their first fixture against Peterchurch. I'm so proud of all our children who participated. They represented our school superbly and showcased some brilliant skills.



#### NETBALL

We started with 4-0 win on our first netball fixture this year. The team even trained in their lunchtimes to practice their footwork and different positions.



## LOOKING AHEAD...

We have lots of fixtures coming up including futsal, netball and sports afternoons.

Well done to all our children who continue to blow me away in their PE lessons and to those children who have represented the school in recent sports events. Their will be lots more opportunities for more children to participate in events next half term.

# REMEMBRANCE DAY



On 11<sup>th</sup> November we held a short whole-school service to mark Remembrance Day, giving pupils time to reflect and show their respect. A moment of silence was observed by the whole school. In the lead-up to the service, the children learned about the meaning of Remembrance Day and worked together to learn a special song, which they performed during the service.





## The Star Writer Tea Party

At the end of each half term, I hold a tea party. At the tea party I am joined by one child from each class. Children are chosen to attend by their teacher for impressing everyone with their writing.





This half term we are saying well done to Charlie, Emmy, Florence, Aeryn, James, Amelia and Teddy who have all impressed their teacher and friends with their brilliant writing this half term. The children enjoyed sharing their work and we were all particularly impressed with the brilliant use of ambitious vocabulary being used in writing, right from Reception up to Year 6! Well done to all our Star Writers!



#### WHO WE WORK WITH...

As a school, we work with a number of additional agencies to ensure our children and families receive not only the support they need, but to also access support that is tailored to the child and family. Below are some of the agencies we work alongside:

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## CAPTAIN THINKING TEAM

MEET OUR CAPTAIN THINKING TEAM!

CAPTAIN THINKING IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE THRIVE APPROACH WE USE IN SCHOOL. IT IS A SIMPLE STRATEGY THAT HELPS CHILDREN TO DEVELOP THEIR THINKING SKILLS. OUR CAPTAIN THINKING TEAM IS HERE TO LISTEN, SUPPORT AND GIVE CHILDREN A SAFE SPACE TO TALK THINNGS THROUGH. THEY'LL HELP CHILDREN TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT OPTIONS AND FIND THE SOLUTION THAT FEELS RIGHT FOR THEM.







WHAT ANOTHER BRILLIANT HALF TERM IT HAS BEEN IN OUR CLASS THIRVE SESSIONS.

I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH YEAR 5 AND 6 EACH WEEK AND FOLLOWING OUR CLASS ACTION PLANS. WE HAVE COMPLETED SO MANY WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS DISCUSSING, DRAWING AND WRITING ABOUT OUR HEROS AND ROLE MODELS. WE HAVE DEBATED VARIOUS TOPICS AND CREATED FACT FILES ABOUT SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE TOPICS. THE DISCUSSIONS IN CLASS HAVE BEEN THOUGHTFUL AND WONDERFUL TO LISTEN TO AND BE PART OF AND THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN PRODUCED HAS BEEN AMAZING!









A highlight of the Autumn Term in Reception and KS1 is the Christmas Crafternoon. The children enjoyed spending an afternoon getting creative with parents and carers. We had a hall full of glitter, glue and lots of smiling faces!

We hope you enjoyed it.







## **Our Christingle Service**





At the start of December, we visited Kingstone Church for our annual Christingle service. In the lead up to the service, each pupil made their own Christingle using an orange, candle, red tape, cocktail sticks and sweet. We learnt what each part of the Christingle represents and learnt a song to perform at the service.

A whole school service at the church is always special and the Christingle service this year was no exception.







## 'Christmas at The Movies'

Key Stage 2 concluded this half term with a memorable Christmas concert themed "Christmas at the Movies."

This year, the concert took place in the High School's Theatre, providing an excellent venue for our talented performers. The story came alive as Year 6 portrayed The Polar Express train conductors and passengers, captivating the audience with their engaging performance.

The KS2 ensemble performed festive songs, including 'The Polar Express,' 'Walking in the Air', and 'Sparkle and Shine', filling the theatre with holiday joy.









We hope you enjoyed watching the concert as much as we enjoyed performing for you!



# The Nativity

Our brilliant Infants children put on a superb performance of 'It's a Party'. They sang, danced and partied their way through the performances.





The children had a brilliant time and worked so hard to learn all their lines, songs and dance moves!







Well done to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We are so proud of you all!





# CHRISTMAS CRAFTS +

## Instructions

- First, create a semi-circle out of the green paper.
- Next, place a line of glue down the side of the paper. Glue the other side to make a cone shape.
- Now, decorate by cutting out a small star as well as small circles to make baubles and tinsel.
- Well done! You have a decorated Christmas tree!



## What you need

- Green paper
- Paint
- White paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Yellow paper











# Jolly Jokes

## Why don't Christmas trees ever knit?

Because they always drop their needles!

## Who hides in a Christmas bakery?

A mince spy!

## What do you get if you cross Christmas with a duck?

A Christmas Quacker

## Why did Santa go to music class?

Because he needed to improve his wrapping skills!

## Christmas Wordsearch

**By Teds** 

S R E I N D E E R T A T R E E S T A R I N O R T H P O L E N T S B A U B L E T S A K K C O O K I E E C A R O L S C J V L T N A T I V I T Y Q R U D O L P H F U R Y C H R I S T M A S P S L E I G H U Q B

Tree

Christmas

Rudolph

Star

Bauble

Tinsel

Reindeer

Sleigh

Cookie

North Pole

Santa

Nativity



With best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school in January, 2026.