



Wow! Not sure if you've seen the Primary league tables (out in the Daily Telegraph last week). Based on our School Data from Y6 SATs in summer 2016 we are ranked 374 in the first 1000 schools in the country!!! This is a FANTASTIC achievement! Congratulations to all staff in school and to Mrs Annette especially in giving our children the skills they need to achieve this superb result! Only our Best!!



## December Extra 2016

**Super Stars!** ★  
 Angel Express by Reception & KS1 was performed with great gusto and enjoyment! Always a delight to watch, our youngest children put the sparkle into the Christmas Season! ★★

**Oscar-winning!** ★  
 Blonde is back! Move over 007 ...make way for Christmas is Forever! With stars in the making in every scene plus singing, acting and...corny jokes worthy of the big screen! The BEST KS2 performance yet!

**Thank you to.....**  
 ★ All our staff for their inspiration in giving our children the confidence to be stars!  
 ★ Our parents and wider school family who support, make costumes, learn lines (with their children) and make the best audiences ever!  
 ★ Miss Redmayne—and Mrs Hitchen who sorted the tickets out  
 ★ Our PTA for welcome refreshments!

**Breakfast with Santa!** A Christmas Thank you to our PTA for an AMAZING start to the day...persuading Santa to take a day out of his busy schedule to come to have Breakfast at Rivington! It could only happen here!  
 Our hall looked the BEST ever—with a magical stage setting that came from Santa's Lapland home we think! A HUGE Thank you to Mr Anglesea for this transformation! A Christmas Thank you to all PTA helpers who also stayed to have everything ready!

**Pop Up Bookshop**  
 by Ebb & Flo January 13th  
 As last year, our KS2 children will each receive a book taken for Ebb & Flo bookshop from the Governors of school and the Shaws' Charity. Our Reception and KS1 children will receive a book. Each book given—or bought will have a presentation label marking this continuing historic event! The labels have a series of 7 photos so your child will collect them all from Reception to Y6.

How many stars can you spot?  
 ★★☆☆

**Biscuit making ..delicious!**  
 Thank you Mrs Aitken for giving your time to all classes—much appreciated!  
 Christmas Jumpers have been seen in amazing array this year! From bought ones to personally decorated designs! Fantastic contribution to Save the Children too!

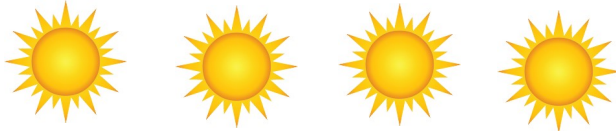
**Grandparents' Tea Parties were—AS ALWAYS—GRAND!!!!** Beautiful singing from all classes, delicious cakes, our talented violin soloist—Alice, interesting Christmas Facts Y3/4! Plus endless tea and coffee (thank you again to our PTA) perfect waiting on from Y5/6 and raffles, cake auction, gifts galore! Thank you for your generosity in helping School Funds.  
 A fantastic day— one we ALL really love and look forward too!

It is with great sadness that School heard of the loss of Mrs Rosemary Delamore last week.  
 Our thoughts are with Dr Delamore and his family at this time.

To continue with extra information about our school , progress and achievement, if you want to look at our facts and figures they are available on the Government website:

[www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk](http://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk)

You enter our school name to see our Data. If you wish you can also access any other school's data for comparison.



**If you're thinking of booking your summer holiday.....Please.....**

- Remember School Attendance Policy guidelines . (See Website)
- Check the holiday dates
- **Avoid booking holidays in term time**
- **There is no time in the school year that is 'best' to miss.**

**In brief:**

- Penalty notices **will** be issued by the Local Education Authority if unauthorised absence reaches 10 sessions in 1 term or 14 sessions in 2 terms. The Court Officer will issue warning letters and fines as necessary. 1 day =2 sessions
- Please note -persistent lateness can also trigger penalty notices.
- **Unauthorised absences** are those which the school does not consider reasonable and for which no 'leave' has been given. This type of absence can lead to the local authority using sanctions and/or legal proceedings.  
This includes:  
Parents/carers keeping children off school unnecessarily.  
Truancy before or during the school day .  
Absences which have never been properly explained .  
Children who arrive at school after the register has closed.
- Shopping, looking after other children or birthdays. Day trips and holidays in term time which have not been agreed.

**Education is a series of building blocks– don't let your child miss the one that holds up the rest!**

Well done to the 11 children who sang in Church for their beautiful performance at the annual Nine Lessons and Carols Service. Their singing drew much appreciation. Their behaviour was excellent and was noticed and commented on.

Thank you to Mrs Hodgkinson for sharing her own personal talent in inspiring our children, developing in them a love of singing and the wonderful singing—the result of many practises.

Thank you too, to Mrs Cuerden for support— both singing and technical too!



Wishing you a happy Christmas holiday with time to do everything that makes Christmas special for you, with your family and friends.

It's those closest to us that 'make' Christmas ; with time to remember, make new memories, the important things in life!



Hoping you have the time to relax and enjoy these special moments.

Wishing the best of times to everyone in 2017....Happy New year  
....when it arrives!