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# EAST-THE-WATER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



What a fantastic few weeks it has been! I am so proud of all our children for their amazing performances. They were so confident and truly shone on the stage. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support them; it really means a lot to the children and to us as a school.

As we come to the end of term, I'd like to wish all our families a very happy Christmas and New Year.

We're already looking forward to all the exciting learning and experiences we have planned for next year and welcoming everyone back in January.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Key Dates

The last day of term is Friday  
19<sup>th</sup> December

Back to school Monday 5th  
January

Please refer to your fridge  
letter for your year group  
dates



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## YEAR 2 CODING

Year 2 had a fantastic, pantomime-themed afternoon filled with excitement and creativity! They took part in an interactive virtual coding experience, then worked in teams to design, write, and test their very own algorithms. The children had an absolutely brilliant time... "Go Algorithm!"



## Mascot adventures

Our mascots have had a very busy week enjoying our Christmas festivities. As you can see Steve has been using his expert decorating skills and even winning a few games of pool - what a week!

Please send us any pictures of your mascot adventures next year!





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# Christmas Craft and performances!



What a week! We have thoroughly enjoyed all the Christmas workshops and performances. The children were fantastic and we'd just like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to join in the fun!



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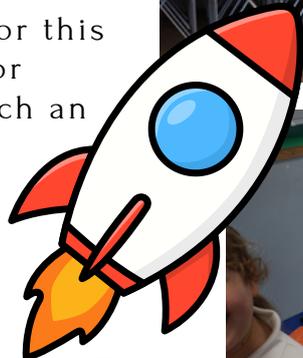




## YEAR 5 STEM ROCKET CHALLENGE

The Year 5 pupils at East-the-Water Primary were thrilled to welcome George from Soaring STEM, who delivered an exciting RAF Youth STEM Rocket Challenge workshop. The children stepped into the role of engineers as they designed and built their own rockets. After creating their prototypes, they had the chance to test them with an impressive rocket launch. Careful observation helped them refine their designs before a second launch—one rocket even travelled an incredible 55 metres! Congratulations to our challenge winners, Jem, Ben, and Oliver from Wobbegong Class, whose rocket not only travelled far but also had a wonderfully accurate flight path.

A big thank you to @rafyouthengage for this fantastic opportunity, and to George for inspiring our young engineers with such an engaging workshop #stem



**WHOOSH!**





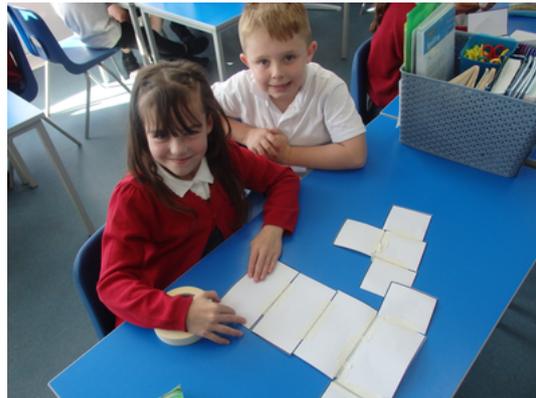
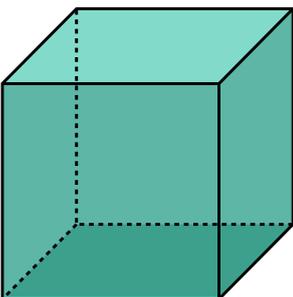
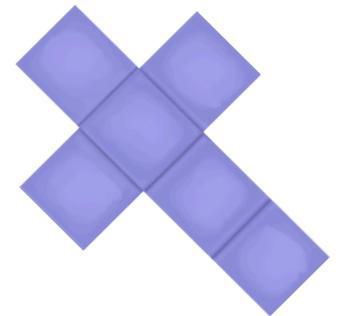
## FUNDRAISING CLUB

Children in Fundraising Club have been exceptionally busy this term. They took part in a day of silence and collected sponsorships from their friends and family; hosted a film night for both year 3 and year 4 pupils and they have spent weeks designing and making a series of festive cards to sell. A huge thank you to anyone who donated towards these events - your generosity and the children's fantastic work ethic has resulted in raising a whopping £650 towards visitors and workshops!



## YEAR 3 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Pupils in year 3 have finished their project learning about structures. The children have followed a specification to design a product for a family member that could protect a small gift. Designs were specifically chosen for a festive theme and the children were extremely proud of the results!





## CHRISTINGLE

Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 enjoyed taking part in Christingle with members of St Mary's Church. They learnt what the Christingle and its celebration symbolises to Christians and made one of their own.





## THE MASCOT POEM BY EZRA REED

### Obbie:

Obbie, the octopus - the eight legged legend,  
the coolest creature in the sea.  
Loves to spend time with his ocean friends  
always saying, "Everyone look at me!"

### Raphael:

Raphael, the mantaray, blue as can be.  
Quite different to his other friends.  
Always being the quiet one, through the ocean floor he blends

### Grumpy Gertrude:

Grumpy Gertrude is always moody  
the angler fish in the ocean.  
She'll lure you into the twilight zone  
Escape from her commotion.

### Sheldon and Sherman:

Sheldon is the cutest sushi,  
so incredibly miniscule.  
Shermon is the light-pink shrimp,  
don't mix them up you fool.

### Beverly:

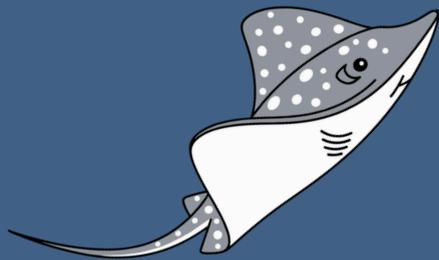
Beverly, the shark, is a bit scary,  
quite a mystery.  
We don't know where she came from,  
probably the sea.

All these mascots are quite different,  
but they aren't yet done.  
No matter who they are  
they'll always have some fun!





## THE DISASTER BABY SITTING GONE WRONG BY ISLA JEFFREYS

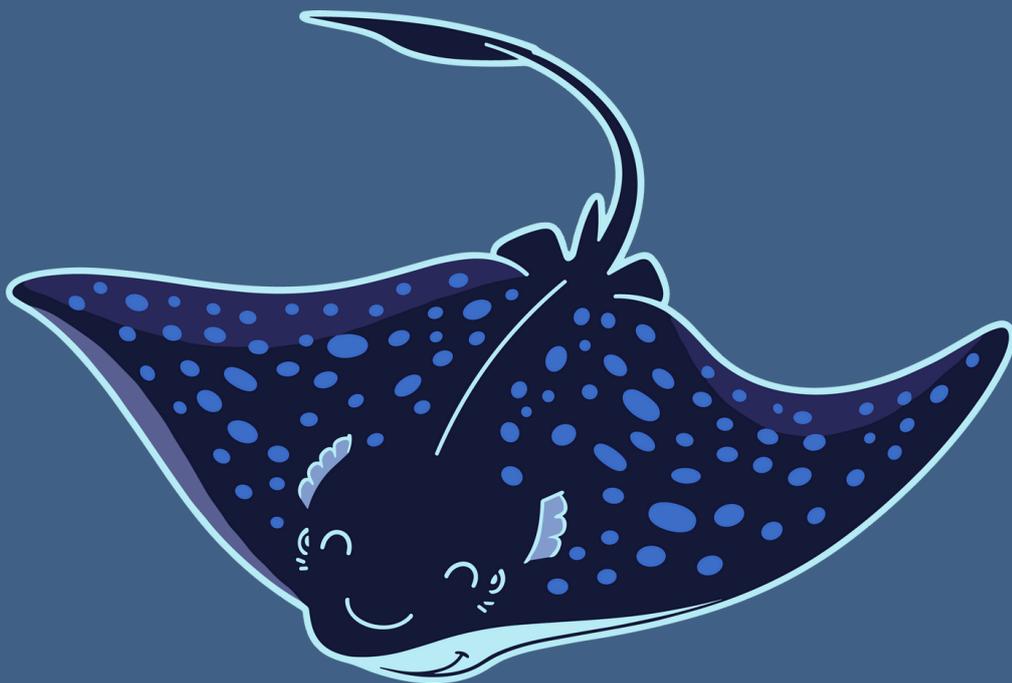


Queenie, Queenie!  
What have you done!  
“I wasn’t doing anything  
We were just having fun...”

It all began on a hot summer’s day,  
Queenie was babysitting  
when Raphael was away.

She lost Wiggles and Bacon and Jellybean too!  
They ran off about 2 miles to the zoo!

But dear old Queenie didn’t know  
‘cause all she did was sit on her throne.  
And very soon everyone knew they had been left alone





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# EAST-THE-WATER TIMES

FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

## STEVE IS MISSING!

East-the-Water School is in uproar. It has been reported that Steve, our dear lobster, has been reported missing. We have three main suspects. 1) Mr Matthews, 2) Ms Pettini, 3) Mr Buckeridge.

So far, Mr Matthews and Ms Pettini have conflicting stories. According to Ms Pettini, Mr Matthews and her are rehearsing for a dance which explains all the suspicious lobster dancing. However, Mr Matthews claims that this is all lies and that he has nothing to do with Steve's disappearance. Our reporter did notice, however, that his demeanour was very unusual when he was being interviewed and stumbled over his words.

Reporters: Oliver Richards  
Bodhi Wells

Mr Buckeridge has reported to our newspaper that Mr Matthews took a day off work. He never does that. It has left us all wondering what he was doing? Could he be holding Steve captive?

Year 6 feel overwhelmed and concerned for Steve. In class, Mr Matthews has been making weird pincer signs and suspect whispering.



Please contact the paper if you have any further information.



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