



Autumn 2 2024

Newsletter

John Clifford School



It has been a jam packed term, kicked off by Ofsted on 5th – 6th November. We hope that you have had the opportunity to read the report and celebrate what has been captured about the children and their lived educational experience. If you have not had the change to look, then please follow this link: [John Clifford Primary School - Closed - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted](#)

Join the Local Governing Body and help to shape the continued success of our school. Please contact karen.long@johnclifford.school for more information.

The Friends of John Clifford

Thank you to the Friends of John Clifford for all of their fundraising efforts this year. The library is finally complete and all elements paid for from the fundraising of the group.

The Christmas Cards were another great incentive from The Friends, and many parents and carers were able to purchase cards made by their special people. Christmas discos were also funded by the Friends of John Clifford School as were the Christmas parties.

Thank you to parents and carers for continuing to support and enjoy events organised by The Friends of John Clifford. If you would like to get involved, in any small way then please contact friends@johnclifford.school The future of this group is in your hands.



Space Centre - Year 5

Year five have had an excellent time at the Space Centre. They enjoyed attending a Solar System interactive talk, to kickstart and fuel their enthusiasm. They explored the centre and they were able to independently discover more information all about space. The children returned with their minds bursting with information all about space. The children have loved their space topic. Thank you very much parent volunteers and staff members for taking time out of your day, to support us in making the trip being able to happen!



Year 2 Visited a Victorian Christmas at Newstead Abbey

The children in YR2 travelled back in time to 1898, to the first Christmas time celebrated, at the then brand-new John Clifford School (Nether Street School). The children and staff looked amazing in their Victorian outfits, as they climbed aboard the not so Victorian double decker bus heading off to the Newstead Abbey, which was beautifully decorated around the theme of 'Snowed in at Newstead Abbey'.

The children then turned back the clock in school to 22nd November 1898. The day began with reading, writing and arithmetic, with the desks in rows, chalk and slates, dunces caps, fingernail and hair checks and lots of rote learning. The afternoon saw the children making peg dolls, decoupage and cups and balls. We finished the day with a sing song in the hall. A fun day was had by all. A big thank you to the children and parents of Lavender and Rosemary classes and the YR2 and office team for their support.



Year 3 Visited Creswell Crags

Year 3 travelled to Creswell with many additional layers and waterproofs! The journey was smooth and after what felt like 100 renditions of our year group Christmas songs they finally arrived. The children were split into our two tribes; The Woolly Rhinos and The Cave Bears and each took part in three workshops during the day – Stone Age Safari, Survival Skills and a Life in the Ice Age Cave Tour. The workshops were delivered by our Ice Age Experts who were astounded by the high level of understanding the children had of the time period. Each of these workshops supported the learning that the children have been accessing in school – from using our knowledge of the human body to rebuild animal skeletons (which were among some of the best they have even seen!) to launching Ice Age spears to hunt Bison. A great trip that was much enjoyed.



Staffing News

This term we say goodbye to Preeti & Vicki (MDSA) and Miss Maddie (TA). They have been amazing assets to our school and will be sadly missed. We wish them well in all that they do and thank them for their dedication to the children and community. Thank you.

Thank you to all parents, carers, children and staff for a lovely first term. You are amazing people and we are so blessed to be able to share this JCS community.



**Merry Christmas
and
Happy Holidays
to one and all.**



The start of the Spring Term is Monday, 6th January 2025.

Dates for Spring Term

Start of Spring Term – Monday, 6th January 2025
Half-Term Break – Monday, 17th February 2025
Start of Spring Term 2 – Monday, 24th February 2025
Spring Break – Monday, 7th April 2025
Start of Summer Term – Tuesday, 22nd April 2025
Bank Holiday - Monday, 5th May 2025
Summer Break – Monday, 26th May 2025
INSET Day – Friday, 4th July 2025
Last day of Term – Friday, 25th July 2025

