



# Gooderstone Gazette

The newsletter from **Gooderstone C of E Primary Academy** - Your school, your news!

**This term's  
Worship theme:**

**Cooperation**

**Weekly  
Attendance  
Award:**

**Kestrels 100% &  
Owls 100%**

**Star of the  
week:**

Owls: Leah for working hard on number and letter formation.

Skylarks: Archie for always being considerate and a positive role model.

Kestrels: Violet for being a good role model and for always trying her best.

**Writer of the  
week:**

Owls: Larry  
Skylarks: Alice  
Kestrels: Oran

**Cake Friday**

**The winner  
was Rose!**

**We Raised: £20**

## Maths BIF – The Why & How to Apply

*As we shared with you last week, our latest BIF is all about helping children understand why they are learning things and how it will be useful to them, with a particular focus on Maths (BIF = Bitesize Improvement Focus). This week along with this newsletter you should receive a copy of our Maths Essential for Parents. These set out some of the key knowledge children need to learn in each year group in order to be successful in Maths, along with activities to help practise at home. We have also added some questions at the bottom to get the children thinking about why they need these skills and where they might use them. We hope they will share with their teachers their ideas for real-life activities and jobs that use Maths.*

## Class in the spotlight!

*In Skylarks this week the children looked at some different countries and created some 3D maps including mountain ranges, forests and rivers. They learnt how to add keys and how to use different colours to represent different features. They showed excellent knowledge of the population of the different countries and the important cities.*



Let every light shine

### Nativity

As I am sure you all know, our nativity is on the 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00 and 6:00. If you require any guidance with regards to costume please let the class teacher know. Please ensure that children are given support to learn their lines. If you have any spare costumes from the past few years which you no longer need we would be really grateful if you could bring them in for us to distribute to people who are struggling to find something to wear.

### Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will be having a Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for the NSPCC. **This will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> December.** If your child would like to take part, please send them to school with a Christmas jumper and £1 for a donation. We will also be wearing Christmas Jumpers and non-school uniform for our Christmas meal on the 16<sup>th</sup> December. As the original plan was to just have the jumpers this day, we will collect donations on both Friday and Monday.



**For the love of words!**  
Our word of the week is...

Ambrosial

**The winner of our Autumn poem competition was... Emilia!**

She won 20 house points for herself and 100 house points for her house! 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Gracie and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Elodie. We will display their poems on a board in the school.

Emilia's poem:

Autumn as autumn leaves fall all around.  
They make a blanket on the ground.  
When winter winds begin to blow,  
The roots are safe from the freezina snow.

### **Dates coming up...**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Skylarks' Gooderstone Gathering

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Flu immunisation.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity- Superstar!

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day.**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas dinner and **Non-school uniform day.**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Carol Concert.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fair