



Friday 20th December 2024

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## Important Dates:



### First day of term 3:

Friday 3rd January  
2025

### Last day of term 3 and

**TAG day:** Friday 14th  
February 2



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## Congratulations Billie!

Congratulations to Billie in 3 Hunter, as she has made it to the Semi-final of the BBC 500 words competition! Billie is among the top 5,000 young story writers in the country with her brilliant story called "Framed" which contains mystery, suspense and amazing vocabulary choices.

Well done Billie—we're so proud of you and we hope you make it to the final!

## Remarkable Reader

Congratulations to Mahnoor in 4 Bowling, for winning the Remarkable Reader prize this term. Mahnoor achieved the word count goal for Year 4, which is 600,000 words, and she received a £20 voucher. Well done to Tanwen and Chimdi, who also reached their word count this term and were in the prize draw. There will be another draw at the end of next term, so there is still time for pupils to reach their goal and be in with a chance of winning the prize. The word count for the other year groups are: Year 3—400,000, Year 5—800,000 and Year 6—1,000,000.

## Christmas and more Christmas!



We've had a fun and festive week this week, with lots of opportunities to celebrate Christmas! We had two excellent singing performances from Year 3 and were delighted to see so many parents and carers join us to hear the children sing. On Wednesday the school was full of joy and delicious treats as we wore our Christmas jumpers and enjoyed Christmas lunch. Today we ended the term with parties and Christmas activities to finish the year in style! Thank you for your support throughout 2024, and for your kind Christmas gifts and cards for the staff.

## Thank you



We would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Whelan, who has secured £200 funding from Foresters Financial to spend on equipment for the children. The money has been used to buy some new equipment for the playground, including these lovely large construction blocks—as you can see, the children have been having a great time playing with them!



**Merry Christmas and a happy new year to everyone in the Balfour community.  
We look forward to seeing you on Friday 3rd January 2025!**



Congratulations to the following pupils, who have been nominated for awards by their teachers. The Values Award is given to pupils who have demonstrated the value of **kindness** this term and the Headteacher's Award recognises the pupils who have shown exemplary behaviour and attitudes to their work all term. Well done to everyone who has received an award!

## Values Award

**3 Lowry:** Arthur  
**3 Morisot:** Blakely  
**3 Hunter:** Myla  
**3 Picasso:** William  
**4 Hopper:** Beth  
**4 O'Keefe:** Gursan  
**4 Tanner:** Sama  
**4 Bowling:** Holly

**5 Cassatt:** Aisha  
**5 Kapoor:** Louie  
**5 Hockney:** Riya  
**5 Rousseau:** Maivie  
**6 Kandinsky:** Hafsa  
**6 Lempicka:** Danny  
**6 Marc:** Myla  
**6 Mondrian:** Lottie



## Headteacher's Award

**3 Lowry:** Jorgie  
**3 Morisot:** Sehaj  
**3 Hunter:** Jack  
**3 Picasso:** Isaac  
**4 Hopper:** Ellis  
**4 O'Keefe:** Bella-Joy  
**4 Tanner:** Sophie  
**4 Bowling:** Rosaleigh

**5 Cassatt:** Chloe  
**5 Kapoor:** Hudson  
**5 Hockney:** Evelyn  
**5 Rousseau:** Florence T  
**6 Kandinsky:** Jimmy  
**6 Lempicka:** Scarlett  
**6 Marc:** Ava  
**6 Mondrian:** Alexander

