



# William Ford CE Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 2 Week 7

Dear parents and carers,  
Today you would have received yet another letter from me about COVID and the early closure of the school building for Christmas. Believe me this was not an easy decision to make but I have always promised I would do my best to keep everyone safe hence the action I have taken to move learning online for the remainder of the term.

Now that is said, I would like to shift our focus to the more enjoyable and celebratory aspects of this week as, COVID aside, this has been an absolutely brilliant week at William Ford.

First of all, the school had a visit from the borough's community music service orchestra who serenaded the children with a number of recognisable pieces of music from TV, film and sport as well as some Christmas favourites.




Of course, we then had our own music extravaganza with our iSingPop concert. This was truly magical as our pupils retold the story of the birth of Christ through video presentations, a talk from Dagenham Parish Church and of course, phenomenal singing and dance moves to modern songs. Not only did the pupils (and staff) have a great time but they provided a modern alternative to a traditional carol concert whilst ensuring the true message of Christmas was not lost.



Finally, today we have held our William Ford Great British Bake Off competition. The array of cookies and biscuits on display was incredible – well done to all families – and they taste amazing!



I wish you all a happy, safe and enjoyable Christmas and look forward to Seeing you all in what will hopefully be a much easier new year!

  
Mr. David Huntingford  
Headteacher

**John 3:16**  
For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only Son, that  
whoever believes in him  
should not perish but have  
eternal life.





# 1 CHRONICLES



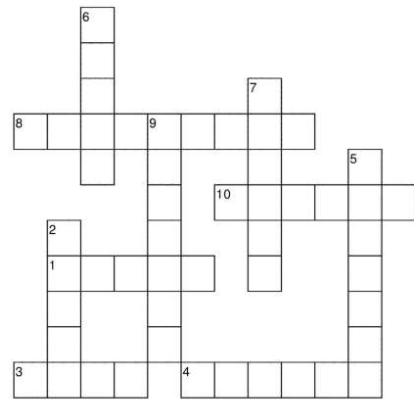
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but perhaps Ezra



TIME PERIOD COVERED:  
850 BC to 575 BC



## OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Chronicles is to present an entire history of Israel. The Book of 1 Chronicles gives the history from Adam through King David.

The book repeats some famous Bible stories from other books, giving a different perspective at times. It also adds some detail not found in other books, including more deaths of giants related to Goliath.

### Across

- Name of brother of Goliath killed in a battle with the Philistines (20:5-7)
- The first name given in 1 Chronicles as a real and actual ancestor of Jewish history (1:1)
- The three early ancestors before Noah were Enoch, Methuselah, and \_\_\_\_\_ (1:3)
- Also known as the City of David because David captured it (11:4)
- David's wife by this name despised him for dancing before the Lord (15:29)



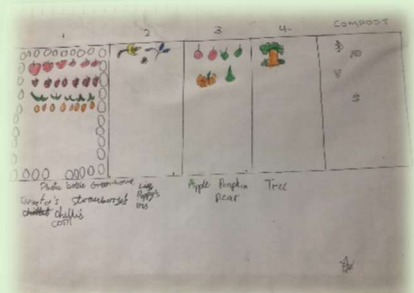
### Down

- God told David he could not build the Temple because he had shed too much \_\_\_\_\_ (22:7-8) (1:4)
- The sons of Noah included Shem, Ham, and \_\_\_\_\_ (1:4)
- King Saul fell on this to kill himself (10:5)
- Saul consulted one of these evil people for guidance (10:13)
- Because David had been a warrior, he had this person build the temple (28:9-10)



## Kerry's Korner

Merry Christmas everyone! Thank you for all of your help and support over the last 3 months. We hope you have a lovely Christmas and a great new year and look forward to 2022 and everything it brings. Such as new after school club activities and the next step in Mr Young's eco club journey. As spring approaches, the Eco Club will be making a greenhouse out of all of the plastic bottles you have collected for us. Each child has made plans for how they would set out the greenhouse, (picture of Anita Year 3 plans) and they will all discuss their ideas to make plans for the actual greenhouse when it is complete. Please continue to save plastic bottles for us over Christmas.



### Goodbyes!

Sadly, as we approach the end of term, we do have to say goodbye, good luck and thank you to two members of staff. Mrs Nicky Young is undertaking an exciting new role in our neighbouring school, Dagenham Park where I have every confidence she will be as much a blessing to the team there as she has to William Ford.

In addition, one of our kitchen assistants, Mrs Faria Zahid is undertaking an exciting new career as an advanced driving instructor so no doubt will be teaching some of our current pupils this skill in the future! Although perhaps a little more 'behind the scenes' Mrs Zahid works incredibly hard and is a great support to our cook, Mrs Watkins, in ensuring all our delicious food is ready to serve.

I am sure you will wish to join me in thanking both these wonderful ladies for their years of dedicated service and ensuring them of our love and prayers for the future.

### Eco update – Mr. Young

Thank you for all of the plastic bottles that have been donated to the school. This has saved lots of plastic from entering the oceans and will be used to create a green house to further improve our sustainability. We're also creating plastic bricks with bottles filled with rubbish.

### Considerate parking

Parents we have received a number of complaints from residents about inconsiderate parking in the local area. Please support the school in maintaining good relationships with its neighbours by not parking on or in front of their driveways or in a manner that limits access to their properties. Thank you.

### Bake off Bonanza!

**Joanna in 3H is our Christmas bake off first prize winner!**

I felt very happy because I won the William Ford Christmas bake off competition! I was really surprised that I won because there were so many great cakes and biscuits! The biscuits are shortbread and I decorated them with coloured icing, marshmallows and sprinkles to make snowmen, Christmas trees and reindeers. I now can't wait to eat them with my family!



# Have you been wondering what your children were up to in school?

## Well, wonder no more....



### Year Three

We have had another wonderful week in Year 3, including with special Christmas concert where the children excelled in enthusiastic singing and dancing. Another highlight of the week was a surprise concert on Monday by a visiting orchestra who played music from films as well as some festive favourites. The children also learned a little bit about the instruments which the orchestra members were playing. At the end they were able to ask questions of the conductor.

In maths this week we have been continuing to learn about addition and subtraction and different techniques for solving problems.

Another highlight of the week was the children making their own Christingles. Hopefully they got home safe and sound



but we suspect that some of the sweets were eaten before they got past the gate. The orange represents the world with the candle on top representing Jesus, the light of the world. The sticks and sweets represent the four seasons and the good things which grow. The red ribbon represents the blood of Jesus for the whole world.

We wish you all a restful weekend and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year.

### Year Four

It has been such a busy week in Year 4 and the children have been working

hard. In English we are now half way through Carrie's War and the children are really enjoying the story and the different characters. This week the children have written their own retelling of the story so far. In maths, we have been completing a range of Christmas problems and investigations. In science, the children have carried out an experiment to see which materials are conductors of electricity and which are insulators. R.E. this week was very challenging but the children coped well with the work. They looked at the story of the birth of Jesus in the gospels of

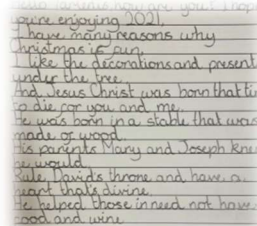


Matthew, Luke and John and compared them. Then they designed their own Christmas card based on John's version. The cards they have made are thoughtful and eye-catching and the children will be giving them to friends and family for Christmas. Wednesday afternoon saw our iSingPop concert which the children loved performing in. They sang and danced amazingly well. Well done Year4! The winners of the spelling cup this week are class 4M.

### Year Five

Year 5 have continued to work very hard across the curriculum. This week, the children completed their second challenge for the Young Leader's Award called 'Walk of Trust'. The task involved using only verbal instructions to guide a blindfolded member of their group through a short obstacle course. After completion, the children discussed key leadership skills needed to complete the task successfully including being trustworthy, good communication, problem-solving, teamwork and perseverance. As with last week's 'Cup

Stack' challenge, the children were very proud of themselves and of each other for working cooperatively to successfully complete the task. In English, we continued to read the fantasy novel 'The Nowhere Emporium' and were introduced to a new character, Lucien Silver. The children used the information from the sixth chapter to discuss whether Lucien would turn out to be a protagonist or an antagonist in the story. They used key details about the character to plan a discussion text which could point to Lucien being either protagonist or antagonist before concluding with their own thoughts.



As part of our school sponsorship project, the pupils wrote letters, messages and poems to our sponsor child, Yarleidis, describing their own Christmas traditions and hopes and making links to their learning in RE on the incarnation of God.

### Year Six

This week in history the children have been thinking about Victorian Christmases. They have researched ways in which Christmas celebrations



changed during the Victorian era, discovering that some of our modern traditions find their beginnings in this amazing era. The children also used their William Morris designs to print a pattern on a gift bag. They thought carefully about the colour combinations that they chose.



Year Three		
3D	<p><b>Name: Mataa Shallon</b> For: Being kind and helpful to others</p>	<p><b>Name: Orniban Rahman</b> For: working hard on his timetables to achieve his green badge</p>
3H	<p><b>Name: Daniel Ihasuyi</b> For: Being so helpful in looking after our classroom.</p>	<p><b>Name: Amelia Ahmet</b> For: Super effort with reading comprehension this week.</p>
3P	<p><b>Name: Archie Cass</b> For: enthusiastic work and great listening</p>	<p><b>Name: Aneisha Ngombo</b> For: extra effort, particularly in Maths</p>
Year Four		
4A	<p><b>Name: Demi Krasniqi</b> For: trying hard to improve his handwriting and overall presentation of his work</p>	<p><b>Name: Chiamaka Chiazor</b> For: working hard in science to predict and test materials that are conductors of electricity</p>
4B	<p><b>Name: Julian Attard</b> For: Working hard with his reading both in school and at home.</p>	<p><b>Name: Kebron Zelalem</b> For: Working hard in all lessons and her kind and caring attitude towards others.</p>
4M	<p><b>Name: David Sanusi</b> For: Excellent listening and contributions during R.E. lessons and for beginning to develop greater self-control during lessons</p>	<p><b>Name: Mikail King</b> For: making a fantastic improvement with leaning his multiplication facts and for making an effort with his writing in English.</p>
Year Five		
5I	<p><b>Name: Noah Aseru</b> For: Engaging with all lessons and sharing his ideas.</p>	<p><b>Name: Ruby-Mae</b> For: Working hard and consistently trying her very best.</p>
5N	<p><b>Name: Jimmy</b> For: his positive attitude towards his learning and working well with others.</p>	<p><b>Name: Yixuan</b> For: her diligent work habits and exemplary behaviour</p>
5P	<p><b>Name: Daryl Ononakpor</b> For: always being a fantastic role model in class.</p>	<p><b>Name: Mercy Olise</b> For: improved focus in all areas of learning.</p>
Year Six		
6A	<p><b>Name: Nathan</b> For: writing a thoughtful Christmas verse based on John's Gospel.</p>	<p><b>Name: Chibumnuche</b> For: For: writing a thoughtful Christmas verse based on John's Gospel.</p>
6M	<p><b>Name: Jaylen Mason</b> For: generosity and helpfulness.</p>	<p><b>Name: Oly Proctor-Overill</b> For: always working hard</p>
6N	<p><b>Name: Daniel</b> For: fantastic work on his William Morris printing</p>	<p><b>Name: Mehreen</b> For: enthusiastic participation in the Christmas singing</p>



Learning from Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to work diligently, act generously and live at peace with everyone.

*Psalm 34:14 - Seek peace and pursue it.*