

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed a well-deserved break with friends and family.

It's been lovely to see the children return to school this week, cracking on with their learning, from Chinese New Year, to learning about light, seasonal changes and all things fraction!

We have also enjoyed learning about this term's value 'Resilience'. A big well done to our Pupil Ethos Group (PEGS) who helped plan collective worship as well as plenty of other fun resilience activities which definitely made us practise our skills in never giving up!

As we settle back into the school routine, I want to thank you for your patience and understanding during this week's closures. Luckily, the forecast next week looks much warmer and the last of the ice and snow should soon melt away.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities and events planned for this term. 2025 will be a year of growth, learning, and achievement for all. More dates and events will be shared in next week's Sway.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kat Williams Academy Head

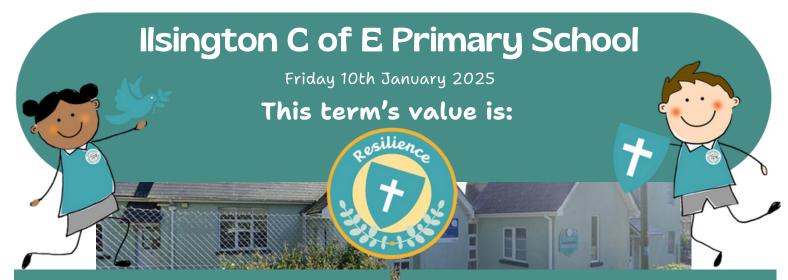
# Ethos Day



Honeywell had to be particularly resilient using themselves to spell the work! Didn't they do well.

"We had great fun playing lots of games and trying different activities to build our resilience. One of the favourites played was 'Explosion'. This was a team game where the children were faced with a grid of cones which they had to find a safe path through. Unfortunately, some of the cones were secretly going to explode when they stood on them. The children had to work as a team to remember which cone in each row was the safe one in order to find safe passage. It was great fun and the children did brilliantly!" Mrs B





### Curriculum Maps

Next week, look out for this term's curriculum maps which share what your child will be learning during the term!

These will be e-mailed and available on the school website.



## Friends of Ilsington PTFA News

A huge thank you to the PTFA for all their hard work in the Autumn term supporting the school with numerous events - from the disco, to the tea towel designing and the 'Christmas Get Together', all were a huge success!

The tea towels have raised £150. The 'Christmas Get Together' with the Village Shop raised £350 and we received a £730 community grant from the Village Shop. This will be used to pay towards Pat's fantastic music sessions in Term 3 and Term 5. We will also be using some of the money raised to support improving the library, updating and improving play equipment and purchasing some new musical instruments.

### Fun in the Snow

It was so lovely to see the enjoyment with the change of weather this week! Here are a few photos of the snow!



#### Friday 17th January

Vicar John in school for Collective Worship

Monday 27th January

Badminton (G+T)

Wednesday 29th January

World Explorer Day Australia

Thursday 30th January

Amazing Illuminations

Foxgloves and Honeywell 4.45pm-6.15pm

Tuesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February

Last Day of Term 3 - 3.30pm Finish

