



# F.T. News

News from First Tower School

December 2025



## A Word from the Head

Dear parents and carers,

We have finally made it to the end of this very long term! It has been very busy especially the last couple of weeks with lots of different special events. However, our pupils have been able to thrive and shine and we would like to thank you for all your support, it is much appreciated.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Carol Service which returned to St Andrew's Church this year. It was an opportunity for our older pupils to share the story of Christmas and reflect on its meaning.

The weather has been wet and wild today so hopefully it will improve for the festive season. Whether you are staying on our beautiful island or escaping to other places I and all the First Tower staff would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas, followed by a prosperous New Year.

Best wishes,

*Mrs Linton*

Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

**Term starts** Monday 5 January

**Half term** Monday 16 February—Friday 20 February

**Term ends** Wednesday 1 April

**Inset Day** Monday 20 April

**Term starts** Tuesday 21 April

# Nursery

Lots of Christmas fun in Nursery! We had Deco day and wore our Christmas Jumpers. Parents were invited in for a Christmas themed Play and Stay session. We had our Christmas Party and a visit from The Jersey Showman who put on an amazing bubble display for us. We are all very excited for Christmas!!!

Nursery staff would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas







# Reception



Reception have had an exciting December. We worked really hard practising for our Nativity and our performance in front of the school and parents went really well—and we looked great in our costumes!

We also enjoyed having the Jersey Showman come in with all of his bubbles for our festive treat before the holidays.



# Year 1

We had lots of fun with the Bike ability team this half term. We learnt to balance on bikes and control our bikes around obsta-



We enjoyed making gingerbread houses as part of our English topic about traditional stories. We also used our oracy skills to retell a traditional story to each other and we then wrote a class story about Goldilocks and the three bears.



# Year 2

Well done to all children in the nativity performance you have done so well and practiced so hard! It really did pay off and we hope all adults who were able to come and see enjoyed the brilliant performances.



This term we were very lucky to go to Tintos for an hour session! The children did brilliantly waking there and back as well as playing for an hour! We enjoyed our walk next to the beach and nearly got splashed a few times at the sea wall!



# Year 3

## English:

The children were very excited to welcome two 'States of Jersey Fire Fighters' to come into class and discuss their uniform with us in preparation for writing our own uniform descriptions.

The children were able to hold different pieces of equipment and ask questions about their uniform and the role it plays in their job.

Thank you to John and JJ for coming into class.



## Maths

In maths we have been looking at perpendicular lines and how right-angles are made. We found lots of examples in our classroom, our desks, the door, the windows - angles exist all around us!!



## Christmas Trip

All the children had a fantastic time at Tintos soft play last week as their Christmas Treat. Thank you to the parents who helped and supported on the trip!



*Dear Year 3 Parents/Carers,*

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!  
Hope you have a relaxing holiday season!*

*Kind regards,*

*Mr Hocquard, Mrs Gibson and Miss Lane*

# Year 4

What a wonderful and festive December we have had! The children have thoroughly enjoyed a month full of exciting activities and celebrations.

We were delighted to take part in the Christmas Jamboree, where the children had great fun creating items to sell on Decoration Day. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork was fantastic. Well done to everyone involved!

Our music concerts were a great success. The children performed brilliantly, and we are so proud of the confidence and effort they showed. Well done to all our wonderful performers!

The children also had lots of fun during our ice-skating outing, which was filled with laughter and smiles. Another highlight was our silent disco in the classroom, where we danced and sang along to all our favourite Christmas songs. The children truly sang their hearts out and had an amazing time!

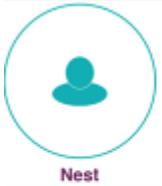
To finish off our festive celebrations, we enjoyed festive snacks and a movie afternoon. A big thank you to everyone who contributed—your support is very much appreciated.

We wish you all a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

# Year 5



We designed art in the style of Hundewasser and learnt how to draw some perspective drawings!



Nest

Books are better than movies.



Circle

<b>Investigate</b> Present an idea or opinion in a new format. 1. I would like to start by saying... 2. I think... 3. Has anyone got feedback about...?	<b>Probe</b> Dig deeper and ask questions to justify an idea. 1. Why do you think...? 2. What evidence do you have to support X idea? 3. Could you provide an example?
<b>Challenge</b> Dispute or present an alternative opinion. 1. I disagree because... 2. To challenge you, I think... 3. I understand your point of view, but there are some things about...	<b>Clarify</b> Asking questions to make things clearer and check your understanding. 1. Do you mean...? 2. Does that mean...? 3. Can you clarify what you mean by...?
<b>Summarise</b> Identify and wrap up the main ideas. 1. So far we have talked about... 2. This topic seems important because... 3. Our discussion focused on...	<b>Build</b> Develop, add to or extend an idea. 1. Building on X's idea... 2. I agree and would like to add... 3. It's also made me think...

**DISCUSSION GUIDELINES**

WE GIVE PROOF OF LISTENING

WE RESPECT OTHERS' IDEAS

WE BUILD, CHALLENGE, SUMMARISE, CLARIFY, AND PROBE EACH OTHER'S IDEAS

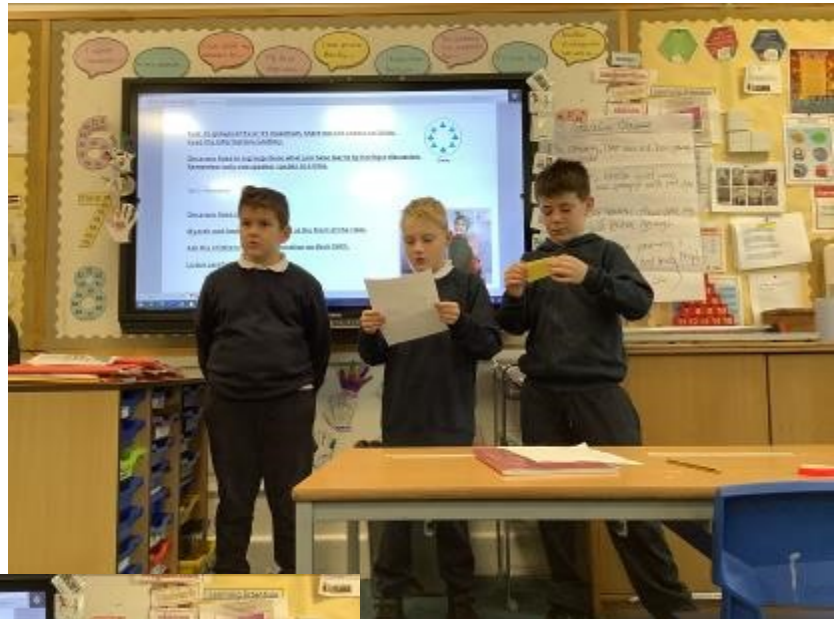
WE ARE PREPARED TO CHANGE OUR MIND

WE INVITE OTHERS INTO OUR DISCUSSION

WE TRY TO REACH A SHARED AGREEMENT

In Oracy we had a discussion on whether books are better than movies. We used our talk tactics to help us.

We were talk detectives in RE where we discussed Islam and hot seated 2 of our class who are Muslim. We then presented our information that we researched about Islaam to the class. We assessed each other on our performances.



Y5  
Christmas  
Decoration Day  
2025



# Year 6

WOW! What a festive (but busy) month we have had in Year 6. We would like to thank all the children for their efforts over the last term, they have been brilliant.

Thank you Year 6!!



We took part in the Christmas Jamboree. The children had fun whilst creating our items to sell on deco day. Well done to all involved.

We had our Carol Service at St Andrew's Church, what a lovely evening it was. Well done Year 5 and 6.



Here are some photos of us enjoying Ice Skating.





6L enjoyed a festive tea party together and shared our secret Santa presents. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this.

We enjoyed a silent disco in the classroom with all our favourite songs! We all sang our hearts out and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.



# PE

## Netball

The past few weeks have been fantastic for our Year 5 and 6 Netballers.

Another match in the league where the team played superbly and managed to get another win.

Then last week at the 'Christmas Tournament', all the children were exceptional! In a strong tournament against 9 other schools, we managed to win every single match !! The team scored 34 goals and only conceded 2!

A truly amazing achievement to win the tournament and we hope you are proud of yourselves just as we are! A huge well done from all of us at First Tower!

Mr Hocquard and Miss McCabe





## Wake Up, Get Energised & Learn Kickboxing Before School!

*Is Your Child Ready to Learn Kickboxing, Build Confidence & Boost Their Morning Focus?*

Start the day strong with Samurai Kickboxing! Our before-school classes are a fantastic way for children to wake up their bodies and minds - setting them up for a focused, positive day of learning ahead.

With over 12 years of experience and a growing network of 1500+ students across Jersey and the UK, Samurai Kickboxing is proud to offer high-quality, engaging sessions that help children thrive.

Samurai Kickboxing continues next term (Jan-March) at:

**First Tower School | Tuesdays 7.45 - 8.45am | Reception - Year 6  
£140**

*We hate putting our prices up but this small increase of just over £1 per session helps us cover rising costs while maintaining the quality of our club. It ensures we retain experienced staff and deliver engaging, high-standard sessions. It also helps us manage hall hire costs, which have doubled over the past year.*

**New Students: Try Us For FREE!**

[Book your free trial](#)

**Returning Students**

Rebook your child's place for next term now via our [Parent Portal](#). Log in or download the *Class Manager – Customer Portal* app

- Go to Classes > Enrol, find your class, then Add to Enrolment List > Confirm

Spaces are limited so don't delay!

**Split Payments**

If you'd like to set up split payments, book the class via the Portal and then just drop us an email: [info@samuraikickboxing.com](mailto:info@samuraikickboxing.com)

**Discounts**

- 15% sibling discount for 3 or more children
- 25% off your second class - *if attending more than once a week & not including Elite classes*

**Term Dates**

Please make a note of the class term dates & when the class isn't on via the [Parent Portal](#): Classes > Upcoming

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## January 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
<b>FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour</b>	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm

# An Orchestra for Young Musicians

## Da Capo Inters – Music, Friends and Fun



“Everyone was so welcoming. I was nervous at first, but I’ve learnt loads and had so much fun.”

— Kacey, Clarinet

Are you:

- A young musician with basic playing experience (grade 2 to 5 level)
- Wanting to grow your musical skills?
- Looking for a fun friendly team to join?

Come and play with the Da Capo Inters Orchestra, a friendly, supportive orchestra for young musicians.

This offers a platform to our senior JASTO orchestras.

**Strings • Woodwind • Brass • Percussion**

Weekly Rehearsals Saturdays 5pm

Participation is free

No experience necessary



### Benefits:

- Build confidence & musicianship
- Make friends through music
- Learn to play together as a team

Ready to join?

Email: [admin@dcacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@dcacademy.co.uk)

[www.dcacademy.co.uk](http://www.dcacademy.co.uk)

# Da Capo

## ACADEMY

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## PERFORMING ARTS



On Saturday 1st August 2026, Les Quennevais Sports Track will transform into a sparkling, foam-filled playground for the Channel Islands' very first Bubble Rush! This all-inclusive fun run is suitable for all ages and abilities, and every bubble popped helps support Healing Waves in our mission to transform lives through ocean therapy.

Participants can walk, run, dance or roll in their wheelchairs through mountains of colourful bubbles - everyone is welcome, from tots to teens, grown-ups to grandparents. The course is both pushchair and wheelchair-friendly, with four vibrant bubble stations and a two-lap route, meaning double the bubbles and double the fun!

As Bubble Rush is not a timed event, families can take part entirely at their own pace and simply enjoy the experience together. We are also planning our Bubble Village which is set to have food, music and other entertainment on the day.

Christmas Special tickets are now live via the link below:

<https://race-nation.co.uk/register/healing-waves/bubble-rush>