



Dear Parents and Carers,

The countdown to Christmas has officially begun at St Peter's, and the excitement is building with every passing day! The halls are alive with festive cheer, from twinkling decorations to the sound of carols echoing through the school. With nativity plays, Christmas jumper celebrations, and seasonal surprises around every corner, there's no doubt that the magic of this special time of year is in full swing. 🌲 ✨

### **Early Years Nativity**

What a magical way to begin the festive season! Our EYFS Nativity performance, *Snuggle Up Stable*, was nothing short of spectacular. The school hall was packed with proud parents, grandparents, and friends, all eagerly anticipating the children's retelling of the Christmas story. The stage was alight with joy as our youngest stars shone brightly, singing their hearts out, delivering their lines with confidence, and sharing the warmth of the season through their wonderful performance. The children's hard work and enthusiasm were evident in every moment, from the beautifully rehearsed songs to the heartfelt acting: "It's a secret!". A huge thank you to all the parents and families who joined us; it was truly special to see so many of you there, supporting and celebrating the children's efforts. Your encouragement and applause meant the world to them. We also extend our thanks to the EYFS team for their incredible dedication in bringing this nativity to life. What a fantastic start to the festive celebrations at St Peter's!

### **Remembering Wendy**

Yesterday, we welcomed former staff back to St Peter's for a coffee morning to remember and celebrate the life of Wendy Eyles, a beloved teacher who dedicated herself to the school between 2007 to 2022. It was a moving occasion filled with shared stories, laughter, and tears, as we honored a remarkable individual who touched the lives of so many. Wendy's warmth, creativity, and passion for teaching left an indelible mark on St Peter's. She had a unique ability to see the magic in every child, encouraging them to dream, explore, and never stop believing in themselves. She reminded us all that the wonder of childhood is something to cherish forever. She is sorely missed, but her legacy lives on in the countless lives she enriched and there is now a plaque in her memory in the school grounds. Our thoughts remain with her family during this difficult time, and we hope they find comfort in knowing how deeply Wendy was loved and admired by our community.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Today, school was a dazzling display of colour and cheer as pupils and staff donned their most festive Christmas jumpers for Christmas Jumper Day! From twinkling lights to Rudolph noses, the holiday spirit was on full display. Adding to the festive joy, we all gathered for a full Christmas lunch, complete with ALL the trimmings; turkey, roast potatoes, stuffing, brussels, and, of course, pigs in blankets. The meal was topped off with chocolate cake and ice cream and plenty of laughter around the tables. We hope

you're all starting to feel the festive spirit as we count down to Christmas. With so many wonderful celebrations happening, it truly is the most wonderful time of the year at St Peter's! 🎄

### **Christmas Carol Service 2024 - Friday 13th December**

You are all invited to the St Peter's School Christmas Carol service at St Peter and St Paul's church on Friday morning at 10.30am. Please arrive from 10am. Please bring children to school as normal on Friday morning in full school uniform. Term ends at the church at midday; all children should be collected from the church. This year, everyone is going, including Preschool - we can't wait.

All orchestra members must bring their instruments on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th December, for rehearsals both at school and at church. We will ask children to leave their instruments in school on Thursday evening in readiness for the Service the following morning. Children should not bring anything into school with them on Friday, other than themselves, and full, smart uniform. No bags required. I look forward to seeing you there.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Year 3 to Year 6 Carol Singing in Care Homes - Monday 9th December
- Reception to Year 6 Panto Trip - Tuesday 10th December
- Winter House Games (Y3-Y6) - Wednesday 11th December from 1.30pm
- Carol Service Rehearsal - Thursday 12th December
- Christmas Carol Service at St P & P - Friday 13th December, 10.30am

Thank you to those who have made donations already for the Rotary Club's *Books4Homes* campaign. We will be delivering these books next week before we break up so they may get to children for Christmas. Don't forget it's the Upper School House Winter Games on Wednesday; you're all welcome to support.

All children should be in full school uniform on **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** next week, including hats.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

*Headteacher*

Here is the link to next week's menu:

<https://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu>