

### **Festive Excitement!**

With the Christmas break only a week away, the classroom is buzzing with excitement! We've been busy with lots of festive activities that have brought joy and creativity to our learning.

### **Angel Express Performance**

We loved watching the fantastic performance of *Angel Express* by Years R, 1, and 2. The children were captivated by the singing and acting—it was a truly magical experience!

### **PTFA Disco**

What a brilliant evening at the PTFA Christmas disco! The children danced, laughed, and celebrated together, making wonderful memories.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

We joined in the fun of Christmas Jumper Day and raised funds for **Save the Children**. Thank you for your generosity—it's lovely to see our community supporting such an important cause.

### **Christmas Dinner Lunch**

Our festive lunch was a highlight of this week! The children enjoyed delicious food and shared lots of laughter around the table.

### **English – Stories of Peace and Hope**

We've come to the end of our unit on stories inspired by *The Christmas Truce*. The children wrote moving pieces that captured the spirit of kindness and humanity during wartime. We can't wait to finish reading *War Horse*, our class novel in Guided Reading—it's been an incredible journey!

### **History – Britain at War**

Our history project on Britain at War has now concluded. The children have learned so much about life during WW1 and WW2, showing curiosity and empathy throughout.

### **R.E – Why is the Gospel so Important to Christians?**

We've explored the meaning of the Gospel and its significance to Christians, discussing how its messages of hope and love connect to our lives today.

### **Forest School – Winter Adventures**

We've continued making dens and added a festive twist to our outdoor learning! The children created beautiful **Christingle decorations**, crafted **reindeer ornaments**, and cooked **marshmallow Santa hats** over the fire. The delicious **cinnamon toast** was a real treat and warmed us up on a chilly day. What a wonderful way to celebrate nature and creativity!

### **New School Reward System – Dojo Points**

The children have loved our new reward system! They earn **Dojo Points** individually for showing hard work, helping others, staying on task, demonstrating school values, and participating enthusiastically. These points can be exchanged for exciting rewards such as:

- Wearing slippers for a day
- Bringing a soft toy to school
- Wearing non-school uniform
- Enjoying a drink and biscuit with Ms Watson or Mrs Bolar
- Using a laptop for work for a day

We're also continuing to collect **marbles in the jar** towards our whole-class reward—teamwork makes it happen!

### 🎁 Looking Ahead

Next week, we'll finish the term with more festive fun, including class parties, continue opening the chocolate calendars kindly donated by the PTFA and village shop, and a chance to reflect on all we've achieved this term by taking part in the Church Service to celebrate the season together.

Class Party Day is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> where the children and staff will be given a festive lunch by the PTFA followed by party games in the afternoon. Remember to wear your best party clothes!

The church service will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>. Remember, children are to be dropped off at the church in the morning rather than at school, where they will be registered before the service begins.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and thank you for all your continued support with all the children's learning. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school in the New Year and hearing all about their Christmas.

### **Mrs Bolar, Mrs Salisbury and Millie the Dog!**

