

St. Mary's (Endowed) Church of England  
VA Primary School



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came to support our singing at the Cromer lights switch-on. It was a lovely event even at -3° C! I was really proud of how well the children sang and we have had some great compliments from people watching. It was also lovely to welcome so many parents and carers to the decorations morning. The children worked really hard on their Christmas crafts and we have some fantastic decorations to decorate our tree at the church festival this weekend.

As you know, we have been recruiting for a part-time teacher for Elm Class. We were very pleased with the number of applications we received and we had a strong field at interview. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Wendy Wallace was successful in the process and will continue to teach the children on Thursday and Friday after the Christmas holidays. Mrs Wallace has quickly become a valued member of the team and we are looking forward to working with her more in the new year.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs L. Watts - Executive Headteacher

**This week in class...**

**Ash Class** - In Ash class this week, we have been busily rehearsing our Nativity performance. We had an amazing day, visiting the other classrooms and making lovely Christmas Decorations, on Tuesday. We have also continued to explore our class book, 'Avocado Baby'.

**Elm Class** - Elm Class have been working hard on the Nativity production this week. They have been practising lines, singing songs and perfecting their dance moves. They also enjoyed taking part in the Christmas decoration morning.

**Beech Class** - We have been learning about important changes that occurred during the Iron Age. Tribes began fighting over land so many built hill forts to protect themselves. Next week we will be writing a story about the Iron Age in our writing lessons.

**Willow Class** - In the Willow room we have enjoyed opening our advent calendars and talking about the things that we enjoy over Christmas, we have learnt about different celebrations including Diwali and Hanukah and have asked Mrs Skillman to come and share some Jewish traditions with us next week. We enjoyed making decorations on Tuesday morning and the Christmas lunch on Wednesday.

**Oak Class** - This week we have been very busy with our end of term assessments in reading, grammar, spelling and maths. Even though they were tricky, children persevered and challenged themselves. Christmas lunch was great fun and everyone enjoyed the festive music, pulling crackers and telling each other the terrible jokes they found inside. At the start of every month, we all do a times tables assessment. Whoop whoop, every child in Oak progressed onto a different times tables which is a great whole-class achievement. Great work Oak!

Day	Clubs	Leader
Monday	Lego & Crafts	Sam Rose
Tuesday	Creativity club	Active Education
Wednesday	Netball	Sarah Lynes and Bethany Lewis
Thursday	Creativity club	Active Education
Friday	Dodgeball Stay & Play	Active Education (Childcare only)

### Next term's clubs

The online booking for clubs next term will open on Monday - link to follow.

### A huge thank you to...

Mrs Roper for her amazing work serving Christmas lunch to more than 80 children and staff. It was delicious! Thank you!!



### Jigsaw awards this week go to...

Myla, Florence, Elvie, Leo, Willow Po

### Bronze awards go to...

Joshua

### Smarties awards this week go to...

Teddy, Freya, Hattie, Millie and Henry

### Silver awards go to...

Olivia L, Robin, Macey, Charlie A, Lilly, Gabriele and Harry M



### Postcards of Praise

Our first Lighthouse Federation Postcards of Praise will be sent home next week - who will our first lucky recipients be?

### Dates for your Diary

**w.c. 11th December** - Year 3/4 Bikeability

**Thursday 14th December** - Nativity performances 2pm and 5.30pm

**Friday 15th December** - Friends' Christmas Disco

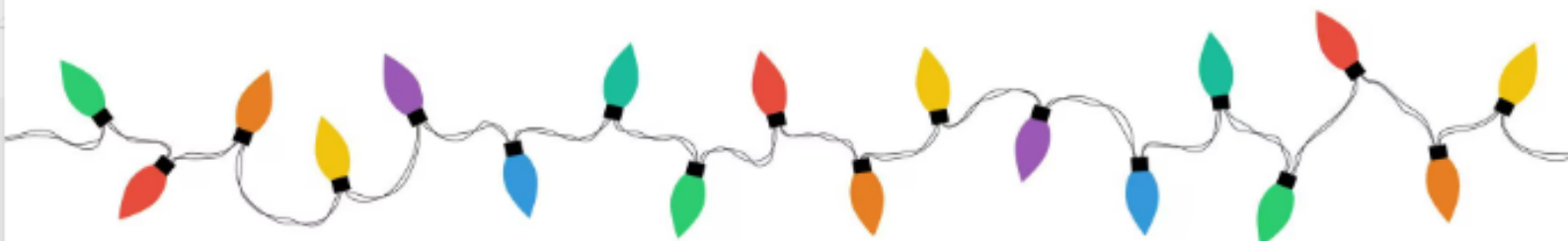
**Wednesday 20th December** - Christmas Carols at St. Mary's church, 2pm

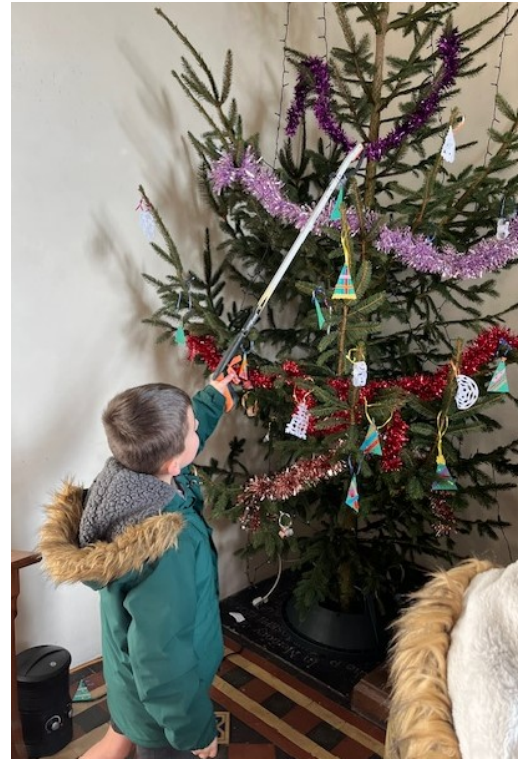
**Wednesday 20th December** - end of term

**Thursday 4th January** - Back to school



**Thank you** to all of our super singers and parents and carers who brought the children and stayed to support. It was a wonderful evening!





### Christmas Tree Festival

At the decorations morning on Tuesday, children from the whole school made wonderful tree decorations for themselves and for our tree at the church Christmas Tree Festival. On Wednesday, Willow, Teddy, Teagan, Noah, Millie and Rae came to the church to decorate the tree ready for visitors at the weekend. They did a great job! Don't forget to stop by the festival and have a look for yourselves.

