



# Twyford St Mary's School Bell



Dear TSM families,

6th December 2024

This week Christmas has arrived at TSM. The children arrived back on Tuesday to find the decorations up around the school and our real Christmas tree surrounded by presents in the hall. They have then been busy this week with crafts and baking to produce items for the Christmas fair on Friday. All of the decorations they have made are wonderful and I am sure will look amazing on your trees at home.

Practise is also well underway for the KS1 nativity and the KS2 carol service. A reminder that the nativity has two performances, one at 10am on Wednesday 11th December and the other at 2pm on Thursday 12th December. The KS2 carol concert is at 9.30am on Tuesday 17th December. All of these events will take place at St Mary's church. We have also had a number of children representing the school at cross country this week against the other schools in the Winchester and Eastleigh district. We were really proud of all the children for completing the run. There were also some excellent individual performances, with Levi finishing 7th in the Y5/6 race and Clara finishing 3rd in the Y3/4 race! Well done to all involved and thank you to all the parents and grandparents that helped with transport.



**Neil Tunnicliffe Headteacher**

## ★ Star of the Week! ★

<b>Ash</b>	Kit	For exceptional focus and participation during phonics! Role model enthusiasm A*!
<b>Beech</b>	George	For accuracy in matching lengths of time during maths learning this week -working carefully with a partner! Well done!
<b>Sycamore</b>	Moses	For creating a stunning piece of Ancient Egyptian art for home learning. We were all blown away by the effort that went into it!
<b>Willow</b>	Vincent	Working really hard in maths when converting units of measurement!
<b>Yew</b>	Eva	For writing a really informative and accurate non-chronological report on the Giant Panda and for all her helpfulness making posters for the Christmas Fair.



## Roll of Honour

<b>Ash</b>	Aoife	For being a super team bee and helping to keep our classroom tidy.
<b>Beech</b>	Ada	For showing perseverance In practising her letter formation in writing lessons - Well done!
<b>Sycamore</b>	Thomas	For showing incredible perseverance when making his Christmas decoration and showing kindness when offering to make a second for an absent classmate.
<b>Willow</b>	Sienna	Being creative with her ideas in English this week and asking lots of fantastic questions.
<b>Yew</b>	Jonah	For being incredibly helpful during Enterprise Week, particularly when baking the shortbread biscuits.

### This week in worship.....

We had the final worships in our series on respect. On Tuesday, Mrs Cardinal shared the story of When Charley Met Emma and discussed the fact that we are all unique and how we should respect the differences we have. On Wednesday, the Christchurch outreach team came in for their monthly assembly and had the children unwrapping a Christmas present with them. Each of the layers of paper had a message about the meaning of Christmas and they acted these out with the children. On Thursday, Rev Damon rounded off our series on Respect.

WISHING YOU A VERY **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

### Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day Thursday 19th December

Our Christmas Lunch Day is on Thursday 19th December.

**Lunches are to be ordered by Tuesday 17th December by emailing the school office: [adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk)**

**Please ensure you say if your child would like Turkey or Quorn Fillet.**

There will be **no** other options of food on that day.

Christmas Jumpers or Christmas tops can be worn, with their school uniforms on that day. (Not Christmas Dresses).

Christmas Lunch  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets  
Yorkshire Pudding  
Roast Potatoes  
Carrots and Peas  
Sprouts (optional)  
Gravy  
Or  
Quorn Fillet

Festive Shortbread Biscuits



## Cold Weather

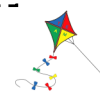
As the weather is turning colder we would like to remind families that children should come to school dressed suitably for this colder weather. Children should bring a warm winter coat along with hat, scarf and gloves.

PE - Black jogging bottoms can be worn for outdoor winter PE along with a black sweatshirt (a different sweatshirt from ordinary uniform).



## Diary Dates

- 6th December - Christmas Fair and Non Uniform Day - Details sent 28/11/24
- 11th December, 10am-11am - KS1 (Ash & Beech Classes) Nativity Performance 1 at the Church
- 12th December, 2pm-3pm - KS1 (Ash & Beech Classes) Nativity Performance 2 at the Church
- 12th December - Egyptian Workshop – Sycamore Class (Letter sent to parents 11/10/24)
- 17th December, 9.30am-10.30am - KS2 (Sycamore, Willow & Yew) Carol Service at the Church
- 17th December - Last day for ordering a Christmas Lunch for Thursday 19th December
- 19th December - Christmas Lunch Day & Christmas Jumper Day
- 20th December - PTA Event, Elf Emporium
- 20th December - Last day of Autumn 2
- 6th January - First day of Spring 1
- 7th January - Start of Year 5 Swimming Programme (Letter sent to parents on 18/11/24)
- 9th January - Sycamore and Willow Class trip to 878 AD Winchester. (Letter sent to parents 29.11.24)
- 16th and 17th January - Year 6 Bikeability Training Programme (Letter sent to parents on 21/11/24)
- 28th January - Years 1 and 2 trip to Milestones Museum (Letter sent to parents on 21/11/24)
- 31st January - PTA Event, Cinema night, details to follow
- 3rd February - Young Voices Trip
- 14th February - Last day of Spring 1
- 17th - 21st February - Half Term
- 24th February - First day of Spring 2
- 6th March - World Book Day, details to follow
- 18th March - Parents Evening, details to follow
- 20th March - Parents Evening, details to follow
- 26th - 28th March - Stubbington Residential (Year 4s)
- 3rd April - Easter Service at the Church, details to follow
- 4th April - Last day of Spring 2
- 7th April - 21st April - Easter holidays
- 22nd April - Inset Day 4
- 23rd April - First day of Summer 1






**South Downs Gateway Churches**  
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**GATEWAY 360**   
**@ CHRISTMAS**  
 Involving lots of Holy Chaos  
**St Mary's Twyford**  
**8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
 Doors Open 4pm



Including Afternoon Tea, Mince Pies and Mulled Wine (for the adults)  
 Children are invited to come dressed up in their nativity costumes  
**This is an all-inclusive children's service**  
 Doors open at 4pm : Food 4:15 to 4:45 : Worship time 4:45 to 5:30 Cake and Dessert 5:30 to 6:00

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**Christingle Service**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 4pm St Andrews Owslebury**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 3pm Holy Trinity, Colden Common**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 5pm St Mary's, Twyford**



**What is Christingle?**  
 Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.

A collection will be taken in aid of..... **The Children's Society**

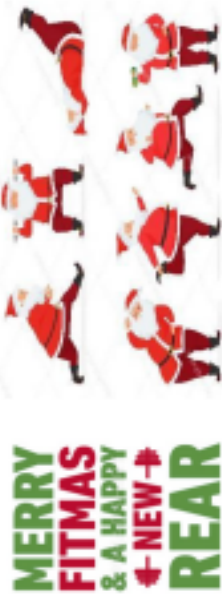
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FEELING FIT AND FANTASTIC CALENDAR - DECEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
START AS YOU MEAN TO GO ON AND DO A 5 MINUTE STRETCH EACH DAY. REMEMBER TO BREATHE DEEPLY.	SHARE A HAPPY MEMORY WITH A FRIEND THEN LISTEN TO THEIRS	HOW MANY SPEED BOUNCES OVER A SMALL BARRIER OR LINE CAN YOU DO IN 1 MINUTE?	ASK TO HELP MAKE THE EVENING MEAL	SHARE A JOKE WITH YOUR TEACHER	HOW LONG CAN YOU KEEP A BALLOON UP IN THE AIR USING YOUR HANDS ONLY	DO SOME KARAOKE TO YOUR FAV TUNES WITH YOUR FAMILY
RUN UP AND DOWN THE STAIRS AS MANY TIMES AS YOU CAN IN 3 MINS	TRY AN EXERCISE CLASS ON YOUTUBE. EG COSMIC KIDS SPORTS	SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU CAN ENGAGE WITH A SMILE	CREATE A DYNAMIC WARM UP THAT YOU, AND OTHERS CAN DO BEFORE A PE LESSON	TRY A 5MIN RUN OR WALK	TIDY YOUR BEDROOM THEN RELAX IN IT	DO A 1KM RUN OR WALK
CONTACT SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO MAY BE LONELY AT THIS TIME EITHER BY LETTER, PHONE OR MESSAGE	DEVISE A 5 MIN EXERCISE ROUTINE THAT WILL WORK YOUR ARMS, EG PRESS UPS, SQUATS, BEEP CUBES USING BOTTLES AS WEIGHTS	WRITE DOWN THE BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT YOU HAVE MADE THIS YEAR AND PIN IT UP ON YOUR WALL	CREATE A TIC TOC DANCE	READ PART OF A BOOK THAT YOU LIKE	MAKE AN INDOOR OBSTACLE COURSE AND CHALLENGE ANOTHER PERSON TO TRY IT	TAKE A WALK WITH YOUR FAMILY OR THE DOG
HOW LONG CAN YOU STAND ON ONE LEG UNSUPPORTED?	GO TO BED EARLY (READY FOR THE BIG DAY)	HOW MANY SQUATS CAN YOU DO IN 2 MINUTES?	IT'S CHRISTMAS! HAVE A GREAT TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY	GET OUTSIDE FOR SOME FRESH AIR EVEN IF IT'S RAINING!	HOW MANY KEEPS-UPS CAN YOU DO WITH A PAIR OF ROLLED UP SOCKS?	DO A 3KM RUN OR WALK
LIE FLAT ON YOUR BACK AND RELAX FOR 5 MINUTES. Concentrate on your breathing	KEEP YOUR FEET MOVING FOR 5 MINUTES	WRITE DOWN SOMETHING YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR. MAKE A REAL CHALLENGE				



# 'Introduction to the Harp'

21 December 2024

**Workshop for Winchester primary schoolchildren  
with Alis Huws – former Official Royal Harpist**



***Chapel of St.Cross, Winchester***

***Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024, at 4.30pm***

World-renowned harpist Alis Huws is the former Official Royal Harpist, and last year **performed at His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation at Westminster Abbey**. Still in her twenties, Alis was named on Classic FM's '30 under 30 Rising Stars' list for 2024.

Alis is passionate about outreach and **bringing music into communities**, regularly giving workshops and recitals in schools. Her belief in reaching the wider community is central to her ethos as a performing musician. She recently embarked on a tour of 30 primary schools across Wales, and currently holds a weekly residency at a SEND school.

She will be putting on a 45-minute free workshop for the primary schoolchildren of Winchester, to introduce youngsters to the beauty of the harp.

This event is organised by Southern Voices, to sit alongside their Christmas Concert at 7.30pm the same day, also in the Chapel of St.Cross, at which Alis will also be performing.

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VOICES**

Book your free ticket now, using the QR code



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9th - 20th December 2024

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**12TH  
DEC  
2024**

**PLATFORM 1 PRESENTS**

**CHRISTMAS CARD CRAFT  
AND  
MULLED WINE**

**WORKSHOP**



**○ INFORMATION & TICKETS**

A Welcome drink & sharing charcuterie board included  
Bar service all evening

All materials included - take your  
Christmas cards home!

12th December 2024

7pm - 9pm

Platform 1, Shawford Railway Station  
Winchester SO21 2AA

