



Twyford St Mary's School Bell



Dear TSM families,

13th December 2024

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone that attended the Christmas fair last Friday. It was lovely to see the whole school community together and I hope that everyone enjoyed the event. There are pictures of the event and also of the smoothie bike later in the newsletter. Thank you as always to the PTA for helping to organise and run the event!

It has been a very busy week at school. On Monday, our boy's football team recorded a victory in the next round of the Hampshire plate, managing to beat Oliver's Battery 7-1! They will now play in the Quarter-finals in the new year. Well done to everyone involved.

Wednesday and Thursday saw Reception and KS1 travel down to St Mary's church and put on two wonderful performances of their nativity. I am sure that everyone that saw it will agree how amazing the children were. The songs, the acting and the number of lines they learnt were incredible and a huge thank you to all the parents for providing costumes.

Also on Thursday, Sycamore had great fun on their Egyptian day. It was fantastic to see all of the incredible costumes worn by the children and the staff! Their visitor took them on a tour through Egyptian history and I think we have a few budding Egyptologists following the visit.

A reminder we have the KS2 carol concert next Tuesday and Christmas lunch next Thursday, the children can wear Christmas jumpers with their normal uniform on Christmas lunch day.

Have a great weekend.

Neil Tunnicliffe

Headteacher

★ Star of the Week! ★

Ash	Jumaymah	For taking care and making great progress in her letter formation.
Beech	Vinnie	For brilliant independent letter writing!
Sycamore	Jaxson	For independently writing a brilliant narrative based on the nativity story and taking care and attention when editing.
Willow	Ru	For using great formality and cohesion when writing about his very own god!
Yew	William	For showing attention to detail when writing a fabulous introduction for his information report written from the perspective of Mount Vesuvius.



Roll of Honour

Ash	Oti	For showing our value of 'Joy' in singing for the nativity.
Beech	Benedict	For always showing our value respect and for brilliant acting skills during this week's nativity!
Sycamore	Illia	For always embodying the school's learning keys and being a Sycamore superstar everyday
Willow	Bronnie	For showing great perseverance and dedication to understanding her maths work on area this week!
Yew	Mariella	For showing creativity with her home learning – making excellent top trump cards on volcanoes and writing two guides on what to do if you're in an earthquake disaster zone.

This week in worship.....

We have started our new theme of Joy. On Monday, we looked at the character Joy from the movie Inside Out and discussed that all of our emotions do have a purpose. We also discussed what the difference between joy and happiness is. We then looked at the bible quote “the joy of the Lord is my strength” from the book of Nehemiah and what this means to people.

Football Match Against Oliver's Battery Primary School



Match report:

The boys were very excited for another cup game and very focused this time, reminding each other to enjoy it whilst still wanting to win.

Before the game we spoke about communicating effectively which was apparent from the start, everyone giving clear calls to the player on the ball which led to some great phases of play.

The boys were in control of the game, taking an early lead through a 25 yard thunderbolt from AJ. Overall I was very proud to see how the boys performed but mostly how they held themselves. There were a couple of occasions where heads could have gone but they kept their cool and played their game. With this result we are into the quarter finals of the Plate Competition. Watch this space.

Result: Oliver's Battery 1 - 7 TSM

Goals:

AJ x2 Jonah x2, Jack x1, Fraser x2.

Coaches PoM: Josh - great determination throughout, tackling players twice his size and gave 100% whenever he was asked to play.

Players Player: AJ



Smoothie Bike

Oh what fun we all had when our Caterers, ABM, brought in their Smoothie Bike! Last Friday, it was a very popular activity during lunchtime, we will have to ask them to bring it again!



Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone for coming along to our Christmas Fair, we hope you enjoyed yourselves! Thank you to the PTA for all your support at the event.



Ash and Beech Nativity!

Tuesday 10th of December Beech and Ash class performed an exiting nativity.

Yew, Willow and Sycamore watched it. We all walked up to the Twyford church and we all discussed how we cant 'wait for the show.

We saw graceful angels, funny animals and a lovely Mary and Joseph.

We all enjoyed the singing, there were lots of interesting actions to go with the songs. The singing was loud and clear Everyone in KS2 has a brilliant time.

Written by our journalist

Esme E. and Henry M.



Sycamore Ancient Egyptian Day

On Thursday, Sycamore class enjoyed a fun-packed Ancient Egyptian day which involved learning about mummification, uncracking a hieroglyphic code, playing an Egyptian board game and holding and examining real artefacts from the time! By far the children's favourite activity was the mummification though. We witnessed first-hand the gruesome process and then took part in a funeral procession for a dead pharaoh where we all become professional mourners.

The children all looked incredible in their costumes and did our class and the school proud with their enthusiasm and brilliant attitude.



Diary Dates

- 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 (no after school activity clubs this week)
- 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 - this date is subject to change!
- 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



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

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 Lunch
Thursday 19th December

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

Festive Shortbread Biscuits



Violet and Aurelia from Sycamore Class have done an incredible job raising nearly £250 for The Salvation Army Toy Appeal through their lucky dips, riddles games, and online donations. With these funds, they've purchased 33 gifts to bring joy to local children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present this year.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported their fundraising efforts and donated so generously. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!





PUPIL SURVEY

How are we doing?

We would love to hear your thoughts!

Take 5 to fill in our online survey, where you can tell us what you think about our catering service.



We look forward to collating your responses, making improvements and giving you the food and service you really want.

School Lunch Surveys

Please can we have your feedback on our school lunches?

There are 2 surveys, one for pupils who already have the school meals and one for parents of children that currently do not have school meals. Your feedback really helps us to ensure we make meals that suit all the children of the school.

From feedback from you the Yorkshire Puddings are back, and the new revised pizza bases are now very popular!

Just scan the relevant QR codes on the pictures.

Thank you!



PARENT SURVEY

How can we serve you?

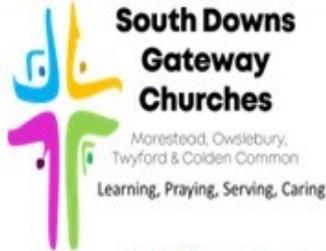
If you don't already use our catering service we would love to hear your thoughts!

Take 5 to fill in our online survey, where you can tell us what you would like from our catering service.



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Christingle Service

Sunday 15th 4pm St Andrews Owslebury
Tuesday 24th 3pm Holy Trinity, Colden Common
Tuesday 24th 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 21st 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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Book your free ticket now, using the QR code



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