



Twyford St Mary's School Bell



Dear TSM families,

20th December 2024

What a busy final week of term!

On Tuesday, we had the KS2 carol concert. It was lovely to see the church filled with parents, carers and grandparents. I thought each of the classes put on an excellent performance and it was wonderful to hear the children's voices (and some of the adults) fill the church with their carols.



On Thursday, I have to say I was taken aback at the wide and impressive selection of Christmas jumpers on display! We also came together to enjoy our Christmas lunch, which was very kindly served by some of the school governors. Thank you to those that gave up their time to support with this. The children very much enjoyed eating together, pulling crackers and sharing their cracker jokes with each other. Today, the children have been visiting the elf emporium, selecting and wrapping gifts to give to loved ones on Christmas day. Thank you to the PTA for organising this wonderful event.

As the term draws to a close I wanted to personally thank the whole school community for your support throughout my first term at TSM. It has been wonderful to get to know you all. On behalf of all the staff may I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6th January.

Neil Tunnicliffe
Headteacher



★ Star of the Week! ★

Ash	Otilie	For being a wonderful member of Ash class, starting every day with a smile.
Beech	Winnie	For brilliant attitude to learning - showing enthusiasm and perseverance in her maths addition and subtraction learning this week!
Sycamore	Rory	For becoming a sewing master! Due to his focus and determination, he created an intricate and detailed Egyptian collar.
Willow	Evie	For stepping up and reading brilliantly during our carol service on Tuesday and creating a fantastic book cover design in our DT!
Yew	Winnie	For being a role model all term and producing a wonderful report about the eruption of Vesuvius; super use of her writer's voice coming through.



Roll of Honour

Ash	Victoria	For sitting on the carpet beautifully and being a curious cat during challenge time.
Beech	Jasper	For brilliant perseverance and focus writing a sentence about our book the great explorer! Well done
Sycamore	Elena	For always being a great friend in Sycamore class and showing kindness and respect to all
Willow	Esme E	For always showing excellent independence when editing and improving her work in English!
Yew	Imogen	For showing an abundance of creativity in her home learning; making a volcano cake that she made erupt with red caramel sauce. Fantastic, Imogen!

This week in worship.....

We concluded our series on Joy. On Monday, we looked at how sometimes joy can arrive from the most unexpected of places and we linked this back to the story of Jesus being born. On Thursday, Rev. Damon asked us to reflect back on what had brought us the most joy over the past year and we got some very wide ranging answers. He then led us through the songs that he had sung with the children this year that had brought him the most joy.

Elf Emporium



**Thank You
So Much**

Thank you!

Merry Christmas and 'thank you' to all the volunteers that helped the PTA this term.

From cake sales, disco, fireworks and everything in between - we couldn't do it without your support!

THANK YOU!!!!



Sycamore's Egyptian collars



Sycamore class practised their sewing skills this week when they made their own Egyptian collars.

They learnt running stitch, applique.

Cross stitch and how to sew on buttons.

Don't they look fabulous!



Music Opportunity for Years 4, 5, and 6 pupils

Hampshire Music Service are delighted to be able to continue offering Music Production Online Provision. This course is offered to all Years 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 students across the county that dream of creating music, regardless of abilities and musical background. What are the benefits of Music Production Online?



- Make your home a music studio
- Write and record your own music online
- Expert tuition from Hampshire Music Service staff

Students learn how to develop their sequencing, recording and editing skills. Our course is a great insight into the world of creating music for your child to enjoy and to nurture creativity skills. There are 10 sessions per term which are an hour in length each. Further details, as well as a video demo are accessible below.

<https://musicproduction.hantsmusic.org.uk/about/>

The sessions will be £5 each. Sessions will be on Monday or Thursday from 4pm. Please sign up by using the link below. Please note that places are limited as there are only 15 places on each session and will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

[Music Production Online – Spring/Summer 2025](#)

Diary Dates

- 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
- 13 February Yew Class parent sharing event 2:45 - 3:20
- 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
- 17th March - Parents Evening, details to follow - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!
- 19th March - Parents Evening, details to follow - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!
- 19 March Yew Class visit to Beaulieu (WW2 Covert Operations)
- 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



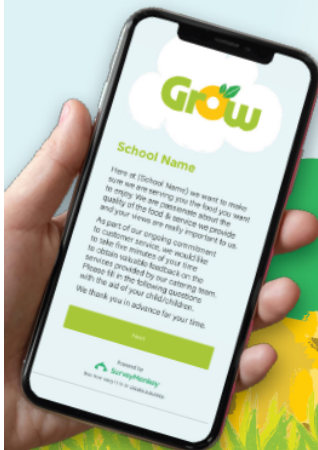


PUPIL SURVEY

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.



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





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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