



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we break up for the Christmas holidays and the end of 2024, I just wanted to say thank you to you all for all your kindness and support over the last year as we work together to help our children thrive as much as we all possibly can. We have so much to be proud of and we know that we can improve even more in the future. I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of our staff. I can honest-

ly say that each of them do all they can to do the best for our children and we have a great team. Thank you also to our school governors who provide us with the support and challenge that keeps us honest in all we do. Finally, a huge thank you to our children who make us want to come to school everyday thanks to their enthusiasm and love for learning.



**Christmas Fair**

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fair last Saturday. It really was a lovely occasion and there was such a good atmosphere. Thank you to all of our parents/carers for their very generous donations for the gift room and chocolate. Thank you to all our staff and helpers on the Friends and Family of St. Monica's who made such efforts in making it such a successful day. Thank you also to our kitchen staff for coming out and keeping everyone fed and watered! A special thanks to Mrs Hill for all her hard work in organising, coordinating and making it such a brilliant fair. Thank you Mrs Hill!

**School Nativities**

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to share in our Nativity performances. The children were absolutely amazing. As I said at each one, we are so lucky to be able to share in these occasions as the children tell us all about the gift of the baby Jesus at Christmas. They told the story so beautifully and we are thankful to them and to all of the staff who helped perform these wonderful nativity performances.

**KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6) Carol Concert**

Thank you to everyone who came along and joined our Christmas Carol Concert. It was a fabulous performance and we are so proud and thankful to all of our children and staff. It really was a special occasion and we are grateful to so many of you who came along to watch.

**After School Club early closure on Friday**

**School closes this Friday 20th December at 3.30pm and reopens for pupils at 3.30pm on Monday 6th January.**

After school club will close at 4.30pm this Friday. Please ensure that you have arrangements in place to collect children before then.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and I hope you are all able to enjoy some time with family and friends.

Take care,

Mr Doherty



*Headteacher's Awards last week.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Reason for Award</u>
13/12/24	RL	Toby	For being an absolutely amazing shepherd and saying his lines so loudly and clearly. He performed so confidently (even when he wasn't feeling 100%). He is definitely ready for the stage.
	RP	Erin	For being a star (in both senses of the word) in our Christmas Nativity. She is always so respectful to everyone, kind, safe and always ready to learn. Erin you really are a star!
	1B	Astrid	For writing a brilliant story about Stickman, independently! Well done Astrid, you superstar!
	1/2F	Cora	For her excellent performance as the curious sheep.
	2CS	Brodie	For being a respectful and kind member of the class and always working so hard.
	3B	Mya	For a brilliant effort with her Maths this week.
	3/4C	Jasper Bielec	For always working hard and being a sensible role model.
	3/4S	Madeline	For always putting 100% effort into all that she does.
	5K	Emily	For putting all her effort and enthusiasm into every Concert and Christmas Carol practice
	5/6B	Annalise	For contributing really well to class discussions
	5/6S	Bailey	For a brilliant effort to push herself out of her comfort zone.





*Last week's achievements...*



Well done to all of those who we celebrated on their achievements out of school. Boxing, football, swimming, gymnastics and cheerleading. Well done boys and girls. We are proud of you!

Some dates for your diary (Please keep an eye on these as they will be updated throughout the term)

**Friday 20th December-Children finish for Christmas Holidays**

**Monday 6th Jan 2025-Return to school-(Please see website for the term dates for the year.)**

**Thursday 6th February-Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Imagine That**

**Friday 14th February 2025– Children finish for half term**

**Term dates for 2025-26 are now available on school website.**