



## All Saints Church School

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Dear Parents and Carers

What can I say! I am so very proud of the whole school community. Throughout the Autumn term we have all worked together during some of the most difficult times known to us all. I would like to thank all the staff here at All Saints, all the pupils and all our parents for adapting to the many changes put into place since September. In true All Saints spirit everyone has risen to the many challenges and continued to ensure the All Saints ethos remains at the heart of our school community.

### Christmas

The final two weeks of term were full of Christmas cheer. Later in the letter you can read all about the many activities that took place within each class bubble. Our class bubble performances were tremendous. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and to all the children for making Christmas at All Saints so special for us all.

### FOAS

I would like to thank the FOAS for their fabulous fund-raising ideas this half term. The Christmas wreaths have been incredibly popular. Thank you to the hard-working team who have spent hours in our Forest of Friends making the fantastic artistic creations in temperatures close to zero! I believe £360 has been raised.

Kelly Dale was joined by many All Saints families on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December to a sing-along and dance-a-long FOAS fundraiser Facebook event. Altogether a fantastic £385 was raised. A huge thank you to Kelly and to all those who supported this event.

The winners of the class hampers have been notified. Thank you to all who donated and to all who bought tickets.





### Virtual tour

It has been very hard to share our wonderful school with potential pupils and parents wanting to join us mid-term and next September. Our Year 6 children usually help to support the Senior Leadership Team when touring, sadly this year has been very different. However, we do now have our own virtual tour of All Saints Church School available on our website. I would like to thank Mr Laider for all his time and effort into helping us put the footage together.

### COVID Testing over the Christmas holidays

Guidance from the Department of Education for the Christmas holiday period.

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- **For the first 6 days after teaching ends**, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. Where a schools last teaching day is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December.

For the first 6 days after the end of term, schools are not asked to be on-call at all times. Staff responsible for contact tracing may designate a limited period in the day to receive notification of positive cases and advise close contacts to self-isolate (this can be done by text or email). The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline and PHE advice service are available to support with any queries you have about positive cases in your school.

**Please contact the school mailbox ([office@allsaints.bwmat.org](mailto:office@allsaints.bwmat.org)) to inform Mrs Bowditch about any All Saints pupil positive cases in order for her to instigate the necessary track and trace procedures. The school admin team and Mrs Bowditch will check the school mailbox regularly throughout the first 6 days of the Christmas holidays.**

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

***Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at All Saints Church School. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year after a well-earned break.***

Kind regards  
Mrs Bowditch  
Headteacher

### Acorn Class

What a busy term it has been! Acorns have fully embraced the festive spirit and have been extremely excited to take part in our countdown to Christmas each day. The children have been learning about Advent and have, each week, lit the next advent candle and discussed what it represents. This began with hope and was followed by peace and joy. We particularly enjoyed celebrating Christingle and learning about what each part of the Christingle means. The children performed beautifully for their Nativity; the singing was excellent and every member of the class loved having their moment to shine on stage.





### Class 1

Class 1 has had a very busy few weeks, enjoying plenty of festive activities. First, we learnt the Christmas story off by heart. This enabled the children to contextualise their Christmas play, which they practised hard for and had great fun filming for "our movie". The children had a meaningful experience making Christingles and finally lighting the candles. Class 1 have been using split pins in STEAM to create moving Reindeer and other Christmas characters. They have also been reading, learning, and making salt dough tree decorations! Everyone had fun wrapping them up to take home for their families. Children wrote some fantastic evaluations of their work in STEAM.

From the Class 1 team; thank you for your support this term, we hope you all have a very merry but restful festive period.



**Class 2** have been working hard rehearsing their Christmas play, "Shine Star Shine." These photos are from their dress rehearsal. The story is all about a big star that needs to show the way to the stable where a special baby has been born. The problem is, he just can't shine. The shepherds, kings and all the other stars work together to help everyone find their way. The children have loved learning these songs and the story. We have worked hard in our bubble to sing in small groups before being able to put it all together in the hall on the stage.



We held our own Christingle service in the classroom where we enjoyed learning about the meaning behind Christingle and then watched carefully





### Class 3

The children have been really busy over the past few weeks and I have been very proud of how hard they have worked!

We have been really impressed at how well the children learnt their lines for the school performance and created some lovely scenery for our Babushka puppet show.



As part of the Christmas festivities the children have made snow globes using pictures of themselves in their Christmas jumpers.



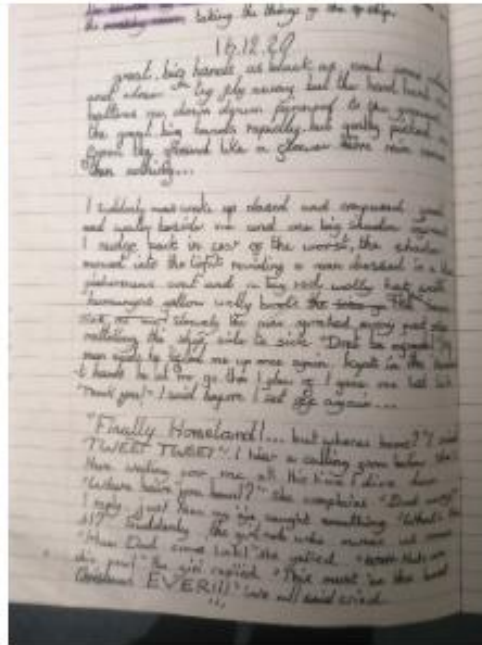
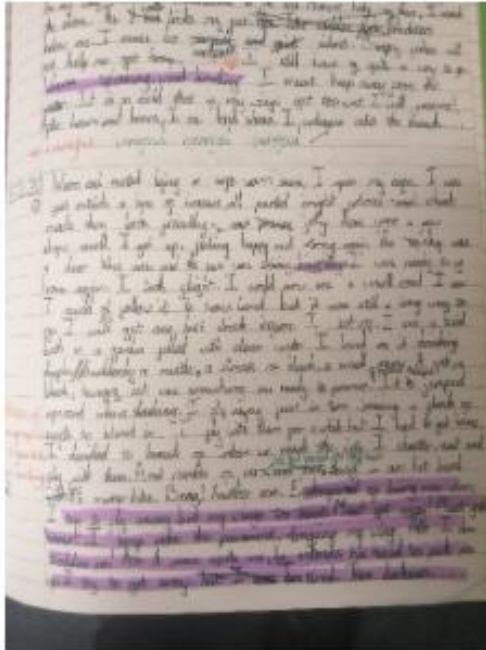
The children really enjoyed our Christingle morning and it certainly felt very Christmassy when we lit them in class. We then decide to draw our Christingles using watercolour and pencil.



As the children missed out on their Stone Age trip this term, we will be holding our very own Stone Age Day on Thursday where the children will learn various prehistoric skills.

## Class 4

Class 4 have been using Talk for Writing as a tool to enhance their story writing. In the last few weeks, we have been focussing on the book *Coming Home* by Michael Morpurgo. First, we read the book before creating a class story map. Following that changed parts of the story before, such as the ending, before writing our own stories. Here are a few examples.



## **Chocolate Logs**

During this last week of term Class 4 have made chocolate yule logs as gifts for their adults.



Finally, a huge thank you for your support throughout this term and your thoughtful gifts. We hope you have a lovely festive period and a healthy new year. Stay safe.

Mr Ross, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Higgins



## Year 5

### **Christingle**

On Thursday 10th December Class 5 made their own Christingles and joined in with a Collective Worship service written by Rev. Annie. The class showed amazing respect for the occasion and for the symbolism of the Christingle itself.



### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> December was the NSPCC Christmas jumper day. In Class 5 there were so many different design and colours – it really raised everyone's Christmas spirit.





### Christmas Buggy

As part of our STEAM work, the class have used all the relevant skills of maths, engineering, technology, science and art to build a working buggy with a Christmas theme.

In a scene similar to Santa's workshop the children have been measuring, sawing and drilling their wood for the structure, and then using their knowledge of electrical circuits to power the vehicle.

Finally, the children added their own artistic flair so that they became more festive.





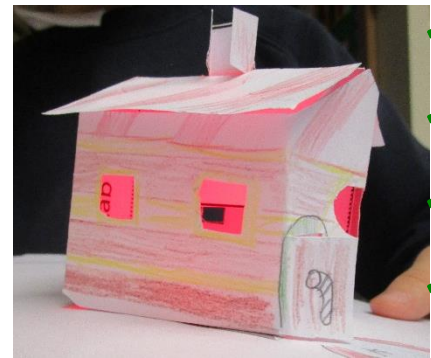
## Class 6

As we count down to Christmas, Class 6 have been enjoying some Christmas-themed fun.

As we have been learning about circuits this half term, we made a light up house with a hidden circuit made from copper tape. Some of us even managed to make a switch so that we could turn them on and off.



Our class advent calendar



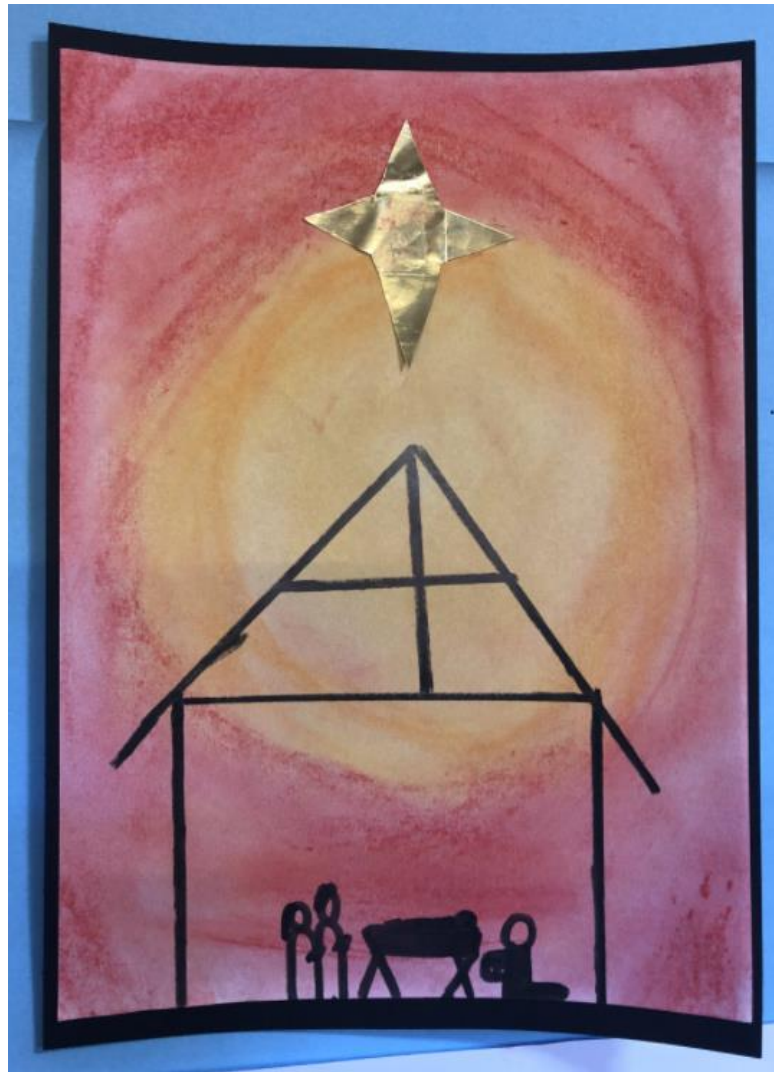
We had great fun learning about the symbolism of Christingle.



And here are some of our stunning Christmas cards!







We would like to say a big thank to all the children who participated in this year's Trust wide design a Christmas card competition. As you can imagine the standard of entries was very high and our Trustees found it difficult to decide on just one winner. A winner and runner have been selected, a pupil at Trinity Church School and another pupil from St Andrew's Church School in Taunton.

Congratulations to Daisy Briggs who won a certificate for 'excellent participation'.

***This Christmas we thank you for bringing such hope to our schools, to our children and young people.***

***This Christmas we thank you for the joy that you share, the joy of learning and of community.***

***This Christmas we thank you for the love that you have shown through these most challenging times.***

***This Christmas we thank you for the peace and reassurance that you bring to your communities***

***This Christmas we pray that you may know, personally, the hope, joy, love and peace of this special season.***

***Amen***