



School News

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*First Sunday
of Advent*



Hope

“You too must stand ready because the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Matthew 24:44

Eternal God,
you will come when we do not expect you.

Help us to welcome you now in one another,

to reach out to our sisters and brothers

in need of care and support.

And in this way

may we be found ready,

when you come again in glory.

Amen.

Daily reflections and prayers throughout Advent:
cafod.org.uk/adventcalendar

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‘Well Done’

to the following pupils who received special awards last week and this:

Reception - Nneoma

Year 1 – Albie

Year 2 – Audrey

Year 3 – Finley

Year 4 – Kyle

Year 5 – Tymur

Year 6 - Mariia



Message from the Headteacher

As you are aware, for only the second time in 14 years, we have had to call an emergency Inset Day on Monday 15th December, as directed by the Academy. We are having to undertake training that is being delivered by an external agency and they are only available on this day. We do apologise, but the training is essential for the safety of staff and children.

We have had a busy week at Holy Trinity and are enjoying our school preparations for Christmas.

Reception and KS1 children have been working very hard on their Christmas nativities as well as KS2 who have been practising for their Carol Service. If you would like to order a KS1, KS2 or Reception video download, we will be setting up a payment item on ParentPay. In order to accommodate everyone for the KS2 evening performance, please can we ask that there are no more than 2 family members per child. There will be spaces for other family members at the afternoon performance. The PTA will be serving refreshments before the performances, please support them rather than heading to Costa. There will be a collection for our chosen school charities at all performances so please remember to bring some pennies!

Katie from the Scouting Movement came to share what they do, on Tuesday. She brought a tent, a map, a compass and lots of badges children can earn. If your child is interested in joining the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, then you are welcome to an open evening on Monday 1st December between 5 - 6pm at the Scout Hut, Greystones Burford Road.

On Wednesday, a group of KS2 children took part in the Athletics at Chipping Norton School. They all did incredibly well and represented the school marvellously, demonstrating all the characteristics being championed: teamwork, respect, honesty, passion, self-belief and determination.

This year HT Active represented the school in the Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival. For the past few weeks, they have been busily decorating wooden baubles to adorn our entry. If you are passing, please pop down and have a browse at all of the entries.

Year 4 proudly took part in the Chipping Norton Christmas lantern parade on Thursday night. The children worked really hard on their own lantern designs which were enjoyed by parents and the public watching the parade.

This morning, Year 5 held their St Andrew's Day class assembly. They told the story of St Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland and Ukraine and they also shared their ceilidh dancing skills.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing weekend.

This Week In Pictures

Christmas Tree Festival



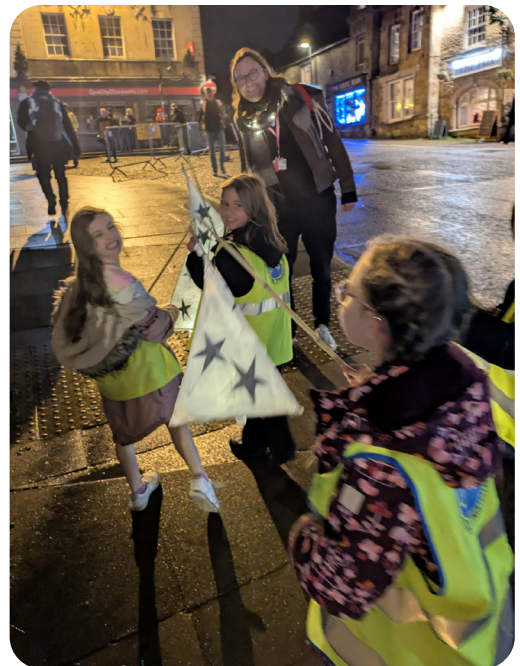
Year 5 St Andrew's Assembly



Scouting Assembly



Year 4 Lantern Parade



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 30 th November	First Day of Advent
Monday 1 st December	Year 5 Trip - Houses of Parliament
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 3 & 4 Ball Skills Festival
Friday 5 th December	Reception Nativity to Parents/Carers - 1.30pm
Monday 8 th December	Year 3 Christingle Assembly to Parents/Carers - 9am
Tuesday 9 th December	Whole School Trip to Chippy Panto
Wednesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity to Parents/Carers - 2pm & 5pm
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Parties
Monday 15 th December	Emergency MAC INSET - School Closed (NEW)
Wednesday 17 th December	KS2 Carol Concert to Parents/Carers - 2pm & 5pm
Friday 19 th December	Whole School Mass
Friday 19 th December	School Closes at 12.05pm for Christmas
Wednesday 14 th January	Swimming Gala
Wednesday 21 st January	U11 Hockey Festival
Monday 2 nd February	Year 4 Candlemass Assembly to Parents/Carers - 9am
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 1 Dance Festival
Friday 13 th March	Reception Mother's Day Assembly to Parents/Carers - 9am
Tuesday 17 th March	Year 2 St Patrick's Day Assembly to Parents/Carers - 9am
Monday 23 rd - Thursday 26 th March	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 25 th March	Year 2 & 3 Ball Skills Festival
Monday 20 th - Friday 24 th April	Year 6 Yenworthy Residential
Wednesday 22 nd April	Year 3 Tennis Festival
Wednesday 29 th April	Year 4 Modern Foreign Languages Festival
Wednesday 13 th May	U10 Rugby Tournament
Wednesday 20 th May	Years 4, 5 & 6 Athletics Championship
Half Term	Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May
Thursday 18 th June	Year 1 Father's Day Assembly to Parents/Carers - 9am (Change of Date)
Friday 19 th June	INSET
Monday 22 nd June	INSET
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day

Just a Reminder . . .

Families wishing to apply for Reception places for next September need to complete the online application via the Oxfordshire County Council Admissions website by January 15th, 2026.

Christmas Lunch

Thank you to everyone who have, so far, completed the Google form letting us know whether or not your child would like a Christmas lunch. If you haven't already done so, could you please complete the form by the Thursday 4th December using the link below, even if your child normally has a hot lunch.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mBoJLhKlcZAnWAT5Y75ss2VeMqQzbs0FSQwxilQ3unc>