

Weekly Newsletter

19/12/25



This Week in school

Dear Parents and carers,

Our final week of term has been packed with learning and events.

On Tuesday there was the performance of 'The Nativity' by EYFS and KS1. To get nearly 120 four- to seven-year-olds singing, acting, dancing and speaking in front of over 300 people is very impressive. It was so lovely that it was so inclusive, with some children who had never been able to be part of a whole production being included and valued.

As ever in a production like this, there were many small moments of joy and comedy, much appreciated by all. Thank you to all those parents, carers and family members who were able to attend and to the staff and children who worked so hard to make it such a success.

Thank you to the PTFA, especially Leah Whale and Chantelle Gibbs, who helped at all the school events this week and provided refreshments and a raffle. Thanks to the one stop at Woodwater and Wonford community centre for donating additional raffle prizes to go alongside the ones brought by the PTFA.

On Wednesday the children got to wear Christmas jumpers (if they wished to) and then had a Christmas lunch with crackers- thanks to Leah and the PTFA- and delicious food. One staff member commented that it was the best they had in school in years! Thanks to Jelana, Sharon and Alexis for their hard work in the kitchen.

On Wednesday morning, Father Christmas came in to visit the children and gifts were given to each of the classes. Key Stage 2 also performed for Key Stage 1 and Foundation children so that they could hear the incredible performance.

We also had a special baby and toddler group Christmas Party- thanks to all the parents, carers and little ones who were able to attend. This will be restarting on Wednesday 7th January. All are welcome!

On Thursday it was Key Stage 2's turn to perform. Yet again fantastic performances from all the children; I think that it may have been one of the best attended performances we have held in school.

The quality of the singing from all was really impressive, especially the soloists. A visitor commented, "it was the best singing that they have heard in primary schools this year!"

Thanks to the children and staff for their hard work, and to any parents, carers or family members who were able to attend.

Also, on Thursday the whole of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 went on a trip to see a puppet show and got to explore Exeter Library. Thanks to Baby Panda and Theatre Kazzooey for providing this completely free for Wynstream. It was a fabulous festive feast of stunning puppetry, riotous humour and magnificent music for everyone. Thank you to Lynn and Dave Mills who drove repeatedly to and fro from the library. Hugely appreciated!

On Thursday after school we said a fond farewell to Miss Passfield. This began with a surprise song for her in the performance- composed by staff and children. We then welcomed parents, current and former pupils into the atrium to say farewell to her.

Miss Passfield has worked at the school for 12 years and will be missed by all, we wish her every success in her new career. From a conversation this week she shared, "I could not leave Wynstream to teach other children, as no other children will be you."

On Friday we held our second ever Reindeer run on the streets of Exeter. Around 220 children from Year 3-6 ran a loop to help raise funds for our PTFA. In the morning, Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 ran around the school site. Thanks to all those parents and carers who came to support and cheer the runners and walkers on or who were able to make a donation to the cause.

We are so pleased to announce that we have raised £1832.21 this week from the raffles and sponsorships for the Santa Run. Thank you so much for your generosity.

We also gave out outstanding attendance certificates to the 133 children who have sustained 97% or above attendance for the whole of the first term. Congratulations to each of them for this achievement! There will be an extra playtime for them early next term.

Finally on Friday afternoon, we held our Governors' assembly, during which we gave out the progress awards, from Reception to Year 6. There were also five Governor's Awards for Aspiration, Integrity, Curiosity, Resilience and Responsibility. This is always a special occasion as parents and carers are invited; many thanks to those who were able to attend.

Congratulations to all those who won awards this term.

We look forward to welcoming you back into school on Monday 5th January 2025 at 8:25am. As always, Pepper and I will be there to greet you.

Have a safe and happy holiday. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our families from all at Wynstream.

Best wishes,

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