

St Bede's School Newsletter

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Choir sharing festive joy



The children in our school choir (*above*) have visited local residential homes for the elderly recently in order to spread some festive cheer. The children walked to Abbey Court and Magnolia Court on Popley Way and led the elderly residents in Christmas Carols and songs and really raised everyone's spirits. Well done boys and girls and thanks to Miss Timms, Mrs Hynes and Mrs Salter for organising things.

KS1 Nativity— The girls and boys in Years 1 and 2 did a great job of performing their nativity play, *The Very Hopeless Camel*, no less than three times this week. In each performance they sang their hearts out and acted brilliantly. Great job everyone!

Pantomime—The whole school travelled to the Anvil Theatre to enjoy Peter Pan last Thursday. The children had a great time and really enjoyed

themselves. We're very grateful to Mrs Tobin who took on the logistically challenging task of arranging this trip.

KS2 Carol Service—It was lovely to see so many people from our community come together for the annual KS2 Carol service at the church last night. As always, the children sang beautifully and a wonderful atmosphere permeated the church. Thanks to Mr Parry for organising this event and for every-

This Sunday's Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.'



Dates for your Diary

INSET day—Fri 5th January. Children return to school on Monday 8th January.

EYFS Parent Stay and Play session—11th January

St Aquinas Class Worship—16th Jan at 9.10 in the hall

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one who came along to support.

Two concerts— Lots of our children are talented musicians and two groups of them performed for parents and fellow pupils recently. On Tuesday of last week some of the children who take part in Rocksteady (*above left*) performed some popular pop and rock songs and on Friday some of our wind instrument pupils performed in a more traditional concert (*some featured above right*). It was great to see our children's talents on display. Well done children!

Deputy head position in January— During the spring and summer terms, our deputy head Mrs Tobin will be taking on an acting headship at a school in Reading. During her absence, Mr Parry will become the acting deputy head teacher.

This is a great opportunity for both Mrs Tobin and Mr Parry and we wish them every success with these positions.

Prayers please— Many members of our school community will have known Debbie Froud who sadly passed away recently, after a long battle with illness. Debbie was much loved at St Bede's and served as both a governor and active member of the SBFA. Please remember Debbie's family in your prayers over the Christmas period and also pray for the repose of the soul of Debbie.

One Hope Project— We were delighted to welcome [One Hope Project](#) (*right*) who visited St Bede's last Wednesday afternoon and led the whole school in contemporary song, prayer and worship. It was a lovely occasion and really uplifting for all present, with the children singing with real enthusiasm and



joy.

And finally— All of the staff of St Bede's would like to extend their best wishes to all of our children and their

families at the end of this very busy term. We hope that wherever you are celebrating Christmas you have a happy time and are blessed by the child Jesus.

Message from our School Governors

As we approach the end of another eventful term, St. Bede's Governing Board would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and collaboration. Throughout this term, we've witnessed incredible growth, both academically and personally, among our children. Their achievements and progress are a testament to the dedication of our teaching & non-teaching staff and your continuous encouragement at home. As we enter the holiday season, we want to wish you and your families a joyous and restful break and a 'Happy and Holy Christmas!'. May this time be filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished moments shared together.



Have a happy and holy Christmas

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