



*Be strong and
courageous.....for
the Lord your God is
with you*

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Headteacher's Newsletter No 4

Dear Parent/Carer



December is always a special time in our school community. Alongside the excitement of Christmas preparations, it's also a time for reflection on all that we've accomplished together this term. Our children have continued to work hard, show kindness to one another, and demonstrate the values that make High Wycombe C of E School such a wonderful place to learn and grow.

In this newsletter, you'll find updates on staffing, information about our Advent Collective Worship, news about our Governors, and much more. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.

Staffing

Lovely News

Michelle Belcher (Midday Supervisor) has welcomed her baby, a little girl named **Luna**. Both mum and baby are doing well. We send our warmest congratulations to Michelle and her family.

Martin Gomm – Site Manager

I wanted to let you know that Martin will be leaving us at the end of the Spring term. Martin has been with us for 10 years and has been an incredibly dedicated and reliable member of our team throughout that time.

Alongside overseeing the day-to-day running of the school, Martin has been responsible for health and safety, leading site development projects, line-managing the caretaker, and working closely with me and the Governors in his role as Site Manager. His hard work, commitment, and calm, solution-focused approach have made a huge difference to our school. He has played a key part in developing many areas of the school and has carried out his role with great enthusiasm and professionalism.



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Martin will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and the whole school community, and we wish him all the very best for the future.

We are currently advertising for a new Site Manager to join our team. If you know anyone with the right skills and experience who may be interested in this role, please do encourage them to apply.

View the job advert: [Site Manager](#)

Learning Support Assistant - Ros Thomas

Ros will be leaving us at the end of term. We are grateful for the time she has spent with us and for the positive relationships she has built with staff and pupils. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Midday Supervisor - Oksana Velmyk

I am pleased to welcome Oksana, who recently joined us as a Midday Supervisor. We are very grateful for her calm, reliable and hardworking approach.

Church Governor Appointment

The Governors are pleased to announce that **Mrs Jess Stott** has been appointed as a PCC (Parochial Church Council) Governor. We welcome Jess to the governing body and look forward to working with her.

Advent

During Advent, our Monday collective worship focuses on preparing ourselves for Christmas. This doesn't just mean having parties, putting up decorations and buying presents – it means preparing our hearts for the true message of Christmas.



We have created an Advent wreath to help us get ready, lighting a candle each week.

The first candle was lit on Monday and it reminds us of:

The prophets - who predicted Jesus' coming, a special king who would be just and fair, and he would bring peace and love

Our prayer for the season of advent is:

Dear God,

Thank you for Christmas, the time when we celebrate the precious gift of your Son, Jesus.

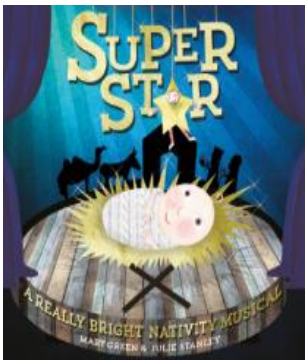
Thank you for the peace he can bring to our hearts.

Please help us to use this season of Advent to prepare ourselves so that we can enjoy Christmas knowing that we are at peace with all those around us.

Amen.



Christmas Production (Year 1 to 6) – ‘Superstar!’



What a truly wonderful performance!

Our Christmas production was an absolute triumph, and we couldn't be prouder of everyone involved.

All the staff, led brilliantly by Mrs Wells, worked incredibly hard to create such a wonderful show. Mrs Wells was responsible for the outstanding musical arrangements, whilst Miss Hawkins and Mr Burgin worked their magic with the actors, and the staff prepared all the props with great care and creativity.

We were also delighted to welcome back Miss Keren Rous, an ex-pupil of HWCE, who returned in her professional capacity to choreograph and teach the class dances, they were absolutely wonderful and added so much to the performance.

A huge thank you to all of you for your support in ensuring the children had the right costumes and for helping them learn their lines and songs at home. The children looked absolutely great and performed brilliantly. Their confidence, enthusiasm and sheer joy shone through in every moment, and it was a real pleasure to see how much they were all enjoying themselves on stage.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donations to Wycombe Homeless Connection. We raised an incredible total of £438.43 and this amount will increase further after the Carol Service collection. Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference to those in need in our local community.

Thank you once again for your wonderful support, it truly was a performance to remember!

The Big Little Nativity

Our Reception children delighted us with their Nativity performance today! They looked fantastic in their costumes and were incredibly brave standing up in front of all the adults and other year groups.

The singing was wonderful – they sang so many songs with such vigour and enjoyment, and their enthusiasm was infectious. Every single child showed tremendous courage and confidence, and we are all exceptionally proud of how well they performed. What a special way to celebrate the Christmas story!



A big thank you to Miss Blandford and Mrs Rever for all their hard work preparing the children, and to our wonderful LSAs who supported them throughout. What a special way to celebrate the Christmas story!

Gold Awards – Tea Party

I was also very busy this week enjoying the company of so many children who had achieved this Gold award and therefore were invited to a special Tea Party with the Headteacher in recognition of their achievement.

The children who received Gold Awards this term are:



Name	Year Group
Marlie	Year 1
Thinuli	
Maryam	
Issa	
Aadam W	Year 3
Robbie	
Evana	
Sam	
Keziah	Year 4

Whole School Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 10 December

The whole school will gather for ‘Christmas Dinner’ on Wednesday 10 December.

Christmas Fayre



What a wonderful Christmas Fayre we had!

It was absolutely fantastic to see so many of our school community come together, children, families and staff all contributing to the lovely festive atmosphere. There was so much to see and do, and the school was positively bursting with visitors throughout the day. Santa was especially busy in his grotto, and it was heart-warming to see so many smiling faces!

As always, I would like to say an enormous thank you to all of 'The Friends' who organised and prepared the whole event. Their dedication, hard work and creativity made the day such a success, and we are incredibly grateful for everything they do for our school community.

I am sure you will all agree that events such as these, where so many ex-pupils return to visit, truly remind us what a wonderful and special community our school is. It's these moments that bring everyone together and create lasting memories for our children and families.

Thank you also to everyone who helped on the day, whether you were running a stall, serving refreshments, or simply came along to support the school. Your presence and generosity made all the difference.

I look forward to hearing how much was raised.

Carol Service – Thursday 11 December at 2.00pm – All Saints Church

Next week, the whole school will walk to All Saints Church for our special end-of-term celebration of lessons and carols. We would love for you to join us as we sing together, reflect on the Christmas story, and enjoy a performance from our talented school orchestra. It promises to be a joyful and uplifting way to end the term as a school community.



Fundraising Success

We have had a number of fundraising events this term, and we would like to thank you for supporting them so generously:

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped us raise a fantastic total of £166.52

Poppy Appeal – The Royal British Legion

We are delighted to have supported this year's Poppy Appeal in High Wycombe. Thank you for your kindness and for helping us honour those who have served.

Your generosity and compassion continue to reflect our Christian vision inspired by *Joshua 1:9 -being strong and courageous together, supporting others, and building a community where everyone feels cared for and uplifted.*

End of Term

As we approach the final week of term, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 6 January 2026**. Please remember that **Monday 5 January** is a staff training day, so school will be closed to pupils. School will finish at **1.30pm on Friday 19 December**.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this term. Wishing you all a truly wonderful festive season filled with hope, joy and togetherness.

A few date reminders

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| • Wednesday 10 December | Whole School Christmas Lunch |
| • Thursday 11 December | Carol Service at All Saints Church |
| • Wednesday 17 December | Infant and Junior Christmas Parties |
| • Thursday 18 th December | Friends Pantomime 1.30 pm |
| • Friday 19 th December | End of Term 1.30 pm |
| • Monday 5 January | Staff Training Day |
| • Tuesday 6 January | Start of Spring Term 8.30 – 8.45am |
| • Tuesday 20 January | Whole School Blessing |

Yours sincerely,

Celine Hawkins
Headteacher

