



Friday 8th December 2023



Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 13th December, the children will be having their Christmas lunch in school (served by the staff!) and they are invited to wear their 'Sunday Best' for the day.

EYFS Open Morning

Our Reception children are very excited about welcoming lots of you on Tuesday morning at 9:30am for their Open Morning. The session will start in the hall so please come to the playground gates.

Tesco Carol Singing

Any of the choir who are singing at Tesco on Monday morning can meet myself and Mrs T inside the main entrance at 9:00am. We will then be ready to return to school around 9:45am.

Teams 2 and 3 Open Afternoons

If you have a child in KS2 (years 3 to 6), you are invited to the Open Afternoon on Monday 11th December at 2:30pm. This is an opportunity to share your child's work and celebrate all the fabulous learning they have been doing.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dress Code for the rest of term!

No PE kits to be worn on any day next week please

Monday 11 th Dec.	Choir at Tesco – school uniform with Christmas hats/headgear
Tuesday 12 th Dec.	KS2 Carol Concert – School Uniform
Wednesday 13 th Dec.	Christmas Lunch – Smart/ Party clothes (Sunday best!)
Friday 15 th Dec.	Wear what you like day (£1 contribution) – last day of term

Christmas festivities I must say that all the Christmas events so far have been fantastic and I've really enjoyed each and every one of them. Thank you to all of you who have supported these events and I'd also like to thank all the staff for their hard work in ensuring that everything has run smoothly. I must also say a huge thank you to the PTA for their support in providing refreshments at all of these events.

Our KS1 performance of the Gruffalo at Christmas this week was excellent and the children did so well with their fabulous singing and great story telling. Thank you to all of the children



for their excellent performances, thanks to everyone who attended the shows and a big thank you to all of the staff who worked so hard with getting the show ready.



The Landscore Choir On Wednesday afternoon some of our choir members visited 'Age Concern' and 'Kenwyn Care Home' to sing to some of the elderly residents and people in our community. The children's singing was excellent and they definitely brought some Christmas cheer to everyone who was listening. I was very proud of them all and would like to say a big thank you and well done to Mrs Turagabeci and the fabulous choir.



Photos on the Internet With lots of Christmas events happening this term, many parents will have taken photos or video footage of their own and other children in the school. Please can I ask that you only use photos of your own child and do not post any photos or video clips on the Internet or social media sites if they have other children in them. Many thanks.

Wear What you Like

Friday 15th December

The children are invited to wear what they like on the last day of term in exchange for a £1.00 contribution.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023

Crediton Parish Church

THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER

11am to 6pm : Café 10am to 4.30pm
Concert by Crediton Youth Orchestra
with the Ad Hoc Singers at 7.00pm

FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER

11am to 6pm : Café 10am to 4.30pm

SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER

10am to 6pm : Café 10am to 4.30pm
Concert by Holy Cross Church Choir at 7.00pm

SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER

11am to 6pm : Café 2pm to 4.30pm

Free Admission : Disabled Access
Bridge Books, Church Shop, Bric-a-Brac
For more information and for party bookings:
Email – creditontreefestival@gmail.com
Telephone – 01363 772865

Holy Cross Church

Christmas Events

We have attached the parish churches newsletter which details all the events taking place for children over the Christmas week and information about how to book a place.

Thank You to Our

Parent Helpers

We have a great team of very dedicated parent helpers and volunteers who come into school to hear children read and help out around the school. I would like to thank all of you for your continued help and support. It has been great to see so many of you around and we really appreciate the extra support you all provide.

KS2 Carol Service We will be holding our KS2 Carol service in the Crediton Parish Church on Tuesday, 12th December, at 2:00pm. Parents and carers are invited to come along and enjoy a range of Christmas carols sung by the children. We are limiting numbers to two adults per child so that we don't get too overcrowded but there are no tickets required.

The children will walk from school, down to the church, after lunch. You are welcome to take your child home from the church following the service but please bear in mind that they won't have any school bags or packed lunches with them. Any child not collected from the church will be walked back to school for the normal home time. We look forward to seeing you all there on Tuesday.

Christmas Tree Festival I'm sure that many of you will be planning to visit the fabulous Christmas Tree Festival at the Parish church this weekend to see all the amazing trees. Our children have been environmentally friendly this year with their tree as they have used the willow which grows in our playground to make their tree decorations. We hope you like the results!

Sponsored Santa-thon Many thanks to everyone who came along to support our Santa-thon this afternoon and a huge thank you to everyone who helped to raise money for our outdoor classroom. We have raised an incredible £2,600 so far which is a fabulous result and means we have nearly raised enough for our outdoor classroom. Thank you.



Term Dates 2023-24 Please find below the planned term time dates for this academic year. All green dates are school holidays or non-pupil days.

	Dec-2023					Jan-2024					Feb-2024				
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Thursday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
	Mar-2024					Apr-2024					May-2024				
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Thursday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
	Jun-2024					Jul-2024					Aug-2024				
Monday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
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Christmas Events at Crediton Library

Christmas Books Table From Monday 18th December to Saturday 23rd December choose a book from the Christmas Books Table - nearly new books for children and adults that have been donated by the public and wrapped up by library staff and volunteers. Apart from a brief description on the outside it will be a surprise for you to take away and keep! Anyone is welcome to choose one.

If you would like to donate any of your nearly new books for the table, you can take them into the library before Monday 11th December.

Christmas Craft On Monday 18th December from 11am to 1pm you can drop in to the library and participate in a paper craft activity. This is a free event open to pre-school and primary aged children, but you need to book by Thursday 14th December via email on crediton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or telephone 01363772578.

Christmas Trail and Colouring There will be a Christmas trail up from Saturday 16th December, where you can try to find the hidden pictures around the library. There will also be Christmas colouring available.

Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs Cornwall Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Cornwall next week. Mrs Cornwall, a teaching assistant in team 2, has been supporting children across the school for over twelve years now and she will be sadly missed by everyone. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and we all wish her the best of luck with her new role as a teaching assistant at Winkleigh.

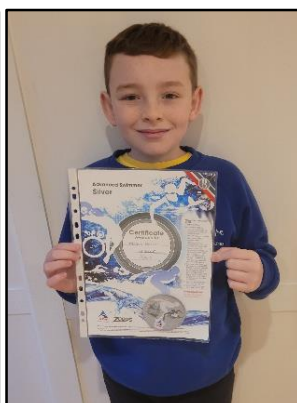


Congratulations to our very proud swimmers this week. We've got Mia Brooks who has completed her Shark level 1, Henry Pidgeon who has been awarded his STAnley level 3 award and Mason Bowler who has now completed his silver advanced swimmer certificate. Wow! What a fabulous achievement – very well done to you all.

Congratulations also to Amelia Halsey who produced this fabulous piece of art work using acrylic paints at the Meraki Art School workshop that she attended last weekend. Well done Amelia, you should be so proud of your fabulous work.

Further congratulations must go to Sophia Tucker who has been presented with her Rainbows Silver Award. Sophia has now completed four out of the six themes and is on her way to getting Gold next term. Very well done Sophia and keep up the good work.

Final congratulations must go to Ollie Sims and his brother, Elliot, who worked together to bake some mince pies and gingerbread treats to raise money for Crediton Foodbank at the local light switch on in Westernlea last week. They raised £56.17 which is fantastic. Such a thoughtful and lovely idea boys - very well done.



This will be my last newsletter of this term as next Friday is the last day before the Christmas break. The new term starts on Thursday 4th January so we look forward to seeing you all then.

Thank you to all of you for your continued support this year. I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

Debbie Main