



Photos: Christmas Lunch

**Upham CE (Aided) Primary School**

**Friday 19 December**



YR Y1&2 Y3&4 Y5&6

What a Christmassy week it has been! I hope all of you enjoyed the productions on Wednesday, the children did really well! Yesterday we enjoyed our Christmas lunch, lots of festivities and fun followed by parties in the afternoon – even the appalling weather didn't dampen their spirits! Today takes a more spiritual turn and we look forward to our Carol service in the church this afternoon.

I hope everyone has a restful, happy Christmas and enjoyable New Year and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January!

**Dates for your Diary:**

**Fri 19 Dec** 2pm Christmas Church Service all welcome

**Mon 22 Dec – Fri 3 Jan – Christmas Holiday**

**Mon 5 Jan – INSET Closure Day**

**Tuesday 6 Jan – First Day Back**

**Thurs 8 Jan – 6pm Online meeting for Year 6 parents re SATs**

**INSET Days left for 25/26**

- Mon 5 Jan
- Mon 23 Feb
- Fri 22 May



**Goodbye and Welcome**

We said a goodbye this week to Lucy Pilgrim who has been at our school for 9 years. We thank her for all of her hard work and commitment over this time and wish her well with her new ventures!

I am delighted to report that Mrs Sothcott will be returning to cover Mondays in Squirrels Class from January. She is well known to those of you higher up the school, you will remember she left a few years ago to be there for her then young family. Now time is right to step back into work. This will make the transition much more straightforward as she of course knows our school and staff so well!

**Production Links**

We have started to send out the links to the production videos – Dormice, Squirrels and Hedgehogs have been sent, Badgers is causing more of a technical problem. Where it is longer it is proving harder to upload – please bear with us and look out for the email with the link over the next few days.

**Village Services**

You may be interested in the following services taking place at Blessed Mary:

**Sun 21 6.30pm** – A traditional Carols and readings service all in candlelight – always one of my highlights, I will be giving lesson 4! Perfect if you love Christmas singing.

- 24 Dec – 3pm** Crib Service
- 24 Dec 11pm** – Midnight Service
- 25 Dec 11am** Christmas Service



**Check you haven't missed these communications this week:**

**Thurs 18 Dec** – Club details for Spring Term

**Fri 19** – Email to Squirrels Class re staffing

**A Diary Meeting for Year 6 Parents – 8<sup>th</sup> Jan**

We would like to hold a short on-line meeting for Year 6 parents on Thursday 8th January at 6pm to talk about SATs and how we will ensure children are confident to take these in May. We will send more information when we return in January but wanted to make you aware of the date for your diaries!

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**FUS Update**  
FUS raised £1,455 at the Christmas Fair – a great start to the fundraising year. A big thank you from everyone at FUS.

Next week is the final week of Advent and symbolises the joy that Mary felt bringing Jesus into the world.

4th Week of Advent:

**Joy**

Mary who carried Jesus.  
The candle of joy.



**Christmas Charities**

As I described after each of the productions, we would like children to get a sense of ‘making a difference’ by raising some money for charities each class has chosen. These are causes they believe in and want to help. If you would like to make a donation, follow the QR codes to our ‘just giving’ pages. These are the charities each class chose:

