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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of what has been an incredibly busy term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful week of Christmas activities that brought it all to a close.

Our trip to the pantomime was a joy from start to finish. The children's behaviour was exemplary throughout – they were courteous, respectful and represented our school beautifully. Their excitement and engagement made the experience memorable for everyone, and we received lovely feedback from staff at the venue about how well-mannered they were.

The nativity performance was truly magical. Every child gave their all, whether they were speaking, singing, performing or behind the scenes. Their acting brought the Christmas story to life and their singing filled the room with festive joy, especially the Robins class performance of 'Little Donkey'. The confidence and pride they showed on stage was wonderful to see, and their hard work in rehearsals really paid off. We were all so proud of our children.

The Christmas craft day showcased the incredible creativity of our pupils. The children threw themselves into every activity with imagination and enthusiasm, producing beautiful decorations. It was lovely to see them working together, sharing ideas and taking such pride in what they created.

I would like to extend a genuine thank you to all our staff members who have given so much of themselves this term. Their dedication, creativity, and unwavering commitment to providing the best possible education and care for our children has been outstanding. Behind every successful lesson, and every moment of support has been a member of staff who truly cares about each and every child in our school. Thank you for everything you do – your hard work does not go unnoticed and is genuinely appreciated.

As we look ahead to the Christmas holidays, I hope that all our families will enjoy a safe, restful, and relaxing break. This is a time to recharge, spend quality time with loved ones, and create special memories together. Whether you're celebrating Christmas or simply enjoying the time off, I hope it brings you joy and relaxation.

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Please take care of yourselves and each other during the break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities that Term 3 will bring. Term starts on **Tuesday 6th January** and there is much to look forward to in the new year.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

With warmest wishes for a wonderful Christmas and New Year,

Best wishes,

Simon Watkins
Interim Head Teacher

Welly Walk & Christmas Lunch

We headed out early from school on Wednesday to beat the weather and explored the lanes, bridleways and fields around Hindon. The children and staff had a great time, it is always so lovely to see the older children helping and encouraging the younger pupils. There was of course a little mud along the way, and the obligatory snack stop.

After arriving back at school and a quick change everyone was ready for Christmas lunch. A huge thanks go to Clare our school Chef who prepared Turkey with all the trimmings, it was absolutely delicious and all made from scratch.



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Whole school Forest school

Yesterday the children enjoyed a special Forest School session; with an amber weather warning in place it was not appropriate to head outside to the wild area, but instead Mrs Wilson & Mrs Johnson set up an indoor 'Forest School' with crackling fire soundtrack, s'mores (yes you can make s'mores in a kitchen) and hot chocolate. Mrs Wilson read a lovely book called 'Night Tree' which linked in to activities that the children had done in Forest School the previous week.



Weekly Forest School sessions will continue after Christmas; just a reminder that January and February are cold and wet, so suitable clothing, including gloves, hats, wellies, waterproofs and coats are essential.

Disco!

Today the school was filled with glitter and sparkle and party clothes and the sounds of YMCA and baby shark filled the hall as children danced away to DJ Johnson's disco. Those who don't enjoy a disco were treated to a Christmas film in the chillout zone in one of the classrooms. A lovely party lunch followed and then it was time for everyone to head off and join their families.

Welly & waterproofs check

We sent home the wellies and waterproofs yesterday, this is so that parents can check them for fit and for wear and tear. Please ensure that all children have wellies and waterproofs back in school on the first day back.

After School Sports Clubs

Our Monday after school sports club has been a great success, thanks go to coach Ollie who ran the club for us, keep an eye out for sign up details for January.

We are looking forward to our new Raise The Bar after school club sessions for Years 2-6 which start in January.

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Thank you to the Friends of Hindon School

A huge thank you goes to Helena and the Friends of Hindon School Committee who have worked hard all year planning and organising events to raise money, tidied and cleaned our playground, supported the church with the recent Christmas Fair, and organising refreshments at our Nativity this week. We are really grateful for all of your efforts throughout the year.

Robins Class

From January, our next topic will be Dinosaurs! This is an area our Robins have shown a huge fascination with, so we are excited to follow their interests and build our learning around it. Through stories, play, creative activities and exploration, the children will have lots of opportunities to learn more about these amazing creatures while developing their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

Owls Class

Next term our topic will be Adventures in the Amazon - exploring the layers of the rainforest, indigenous tribes and looking at different structures used in building a shelter. Towards the end of term, we are hoping to find a suitable enrichment activity linked to this topic.

Woodpeckers Class

We've had a wonderful end to the term and our Ancient Egyptian studies and are looking forward to starting our new term topic of the Tudors. In this exciting topic we will be studying Henry VIII, Queens Mary and Elizabeth and the Spanish Armada. The children will also recreate their own version of the Armada Portrait, complete with wooden frame decorated using pyrography techniques.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be visiting on Tuesday 13th January, if any parents would like younger siblings to come in and have a photo with their school sibling please come to the art door with your children at 8.30am.

Swimming & Lunches

Permissions and payments for Spring 1 Term's swimming and lunches are on Scopay, please complete as soon as possible.

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Dates for your diary

January		
Monday 5 th January	TD Day – Staff only	Children not in school
Tuesday 6 th January	First day back for children	Remember to bring in wellies & waterproofs today to keep at school
Wednesday 7 th January	Swimming & PE	PE Kit & Swimming kit
Thursday 8 th January	Normal school day	
Friday 9 th January	2pm – Hindon Church Christingle	Parents welcome, children can be taken home from Church afterwards. Otherwise they will be brought back to school for normal end of day arrangements.
Tuesday 13 th January	School Photographer	Younger siblings can come to the art door at 8.30 for photos.
Tuesday 3 rd February	Teacher Tuesday	3-3.30pm
February		
Friday 13 th February	Last Day of Spring 1 Term	
Monday 16 th February	Half-term week	
Monday 23 rd February	First Day of Spring 2 Term	
March		
Tuesday 24 th March	Parents Evening	Details TBC

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