



Hempsted Church of England Primary School

December 2025 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers and Governors,

The end of the year has finally arrived and a huge congratulations to our new Reception class who have completed their first term in 'big school.'

The last two weeks at school were very busy with nativities, plays and carol services. Thank you to all of you that managed to make it to one or more of these events, the children were stars and made their parents and teachers proud. I would also like to give a huge thank you to all of the adults that made these events possible: teachers and TAs; Friends of Hempsted School (PTA); the school office staff and all at St Swithun's Church.

Christmas performances



Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Christmas performances over the last two weeks of the term. The children were fantastic and helped spread some Christmas joy. I think each performance was special in their own way, the Reception nativity had everything you expect from a Reception nativity. The KS1 performance was fantastically enthusiastic and the KS2 carol service was beautiful. Thank you to all the teachers and parents that helped make them possible.

CHRISTMAS KENNINGS

by Year Three

Year 3 have written some Christmas themed Kennings.

Can you guess what they are about?

A mischief maker
A toy builder
A little helper
A calendar deliverer
A noise maker

A sleigh puller
A carrot eater
A just jiler
A Santa helper
A red nose glower
by Matilda

MERRY CHRISTMAS

A present giver
A sleigh rider
A chimney climber
A ho ho ho-er
A red and white suit wearer
By Aya

D&T

This week in Class 4, we have designed and made either a lantern or lighthouse to help Tom and Mowzer (from 'The Mousehole Cat' book) to arrive home safely from the stormy sea. Children have also used their knowledge from Science to make a working circuit in order to light up their lantern or lighthouse using a switch.

This activity definitely demonstrated lots of perseverance and joy, when the finished design lit up! Here are some of our designs:



Parking

Please can I remind all parents and carers to be considerate of our neighbours when parking. We are not blessed with space and I know parking can be challenging around drop off and pick up. Our neighbours are understanding of this but I would like to remind you to check you are not parking on the yellow zigzags or blocking access to residents.

House Prize!

Congratulations to Newark House who were this terms House Cup Champions. They all seemed to enjoy their 'Wear What You Like Day.' Some came in their PJ's; some in the kit of their favourite sports team; there were a few fairy wings and even a dinosaur head.

Panto

After an exciting and hopefully joyful break I am sure coming back to school on the 6th will be a bit of a shock to the system for some. However we have the Panto coming in on Wednesday 7th for all of the children to enjoy on their first week back. Thank you to the 'Friends' for providing this opportunity for our pupils.



Important Dates for Your Diary

January			
Monday	5 th		Inset Day - School closed to pupils for staff training
Tuesday	6 th	8.50am	Start of Term 3
Wednesday	7 th		Panto! In school hall to all pupils
Thursday	8 th		Young Voices concert @ BP Pulse Arena, Birmingham
Monday and Tuesday	12 th & 13 th		Look Who's Talking Class Heats
Tuesday	13 th	PM	Year 5 K'Nex Challenge in class
Friday	16 th		Look Who's Talking School Heats
February			
Tuesday and Wednesday	10 th & 11 th		Life Education workshops for each class.

Pastoral Care



We are pleased to let you know that our Community Pantry in St Swithuns Church porch will remain open over the Christmas holidays between 9am and 4 pm daily.

The pantry is there to support anyone in need, no questions asked. If you or someone you know needs food or other essentials during this time, please make use of this resource.

The School Pastoral Team are not available during the school holidays. However, our friendly and welcoming Parish Pastoral Team are around to offer you support if needed. Their contact number is **07732 384576**.



Coffee and Chat will resume on Tuesday 6th of January, 8.50 am in the Lyson's Hall. Please feel free to join us, your little ones are also welcome.

Wishing you all a Happy New Yea



Coffee and Chat

The parish and school pastoral teams work together to support Hempsted families. Every Tuesday we hold **'Coffee and Chat'** in the **Lysons Hall** (next to the church on St Swithuns Road) **9am – 10 am** during term time. The Church Pastoral Team also hold specific **Coffee and Chat Plus sessions during the summer holidays**. This is an opportunity for you to meet other parents, talk to us, share experiences and make new friends. From time to time, we organise activities such as bingo, art and crafts and mindfulness.

We look forward to meeting you.

You are welcome to bring your little ones!

We hope you can join us!