



Bolton on Swale St Mary's Church of England Aided Primary School

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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Hope'

Happy Christmas from all the staff and children of Bolton-on-Swale St Mary's

We wish everyone in our community a happy Christmas. We have all enjoyed wonderful Christmas celebrations in school over the past two weeks. A huge thank you from all the staff for your kind and generous gifts and greetings.

We have captured the highlights of some of our Christmas celebrations in photos below. Our Class 1 and 2 Nativity photos are on our website under Gallery/Celebrations or click on this link:

<http://bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk/celebrations/>



Class 1 and 2 loved sharing their Nativity with everyone. The whole school watched our dress rehearsal and we invited Scorton Pre School and Little Learners Nursery too.

Father Christmas visited our parties and came by tractor! A special thank you to Santa, his elves and Friends of the School and parents who made this possible. All the children received gifts.



Christmas parties We all had fun at our parties and enjoyed games and lots of dancing. Pictured below: Father Christmas visits Class 1 and 2's party and gives each child their gift. He kindly left present for KS2's party the next day.



Our Christmas tree was kindly donated by the Green Frog Garden Shop. Please thank Kathleen if you visit her shop. Our Reception children traditionally decorate our Christmas tree for everyone to enjoy. **Christmas lunch** The whole school ate Christmas lunch together, it was delicious. A special thank you to Suzanne and Cheryl our cooks.



Last Day Carol Service led by Classes 3 and 4 Thank you to everyone who came to support us. Sadly, high winds meant we had to hold this in school rather than St Mary's Church. Space was limited and we were only able to fit in Class 3 and 4 parents. The children performed really well and adapted quickly to the change of setting. Well done to all our narrators, singers and actors. Apologies to Class 1 and 2 parents, we hope you enjoyed the Nativity last week. Thank you for your understanding. Highlights here from the Carol Service rehearsal in Church.





Class 3 and 4 rehearse their carols for the Last Day Carol Service above, and below, volunteers from Class 4 sing carols for the residents of Scorton Village Care Home.



Shelly's Wrap Around Care January Holiday Club Shelly is running a holiday club in school on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd January before we return to school. Please book directly with Shelly. Details at the end of this newsletter.

Mike Layfield Sports Holiday Activities Mike Layfield Sports visited school before the end of term and the children took home fliers. Please see their website and book directly.

Online Safety and new devices Many children receive new electronic devices for Christmas. Please see the information sent home at the end of term in book bags reminding you to set parental controls and to monitor your children when online. There was also advice on managing time for children on electronic devices and ideas for 'non tech' activities.

Parish News: Christmas Services and events are advertised at the end of the newsletter. There are crib services at St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale at 10.30am and 3pm Christmas Eve.

We return to school on Monday 8th January 2024.

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday with your families.

With our best wishes, Nicola Dobson and all the staff.



January 24 Holiday Club

We will be offering a holiday club during **January**.

Holiday club is based in Bolton-on-Swale School. The club will be running on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am till 5pm. If you are interested in sending your children, please book in advance, by emailing shellyschildminding7@gmail.com



Dates of the club

Tuesday	Wednesday
02/01/24	03/01/24

Prices:

Full day £36

Half day 4.5 hours £18

Activities

Our holiday club will include lots of different activities, utilising the indoor and outdoor space at the school and the beautiful village. A loose example timetable below shows what a typical day will look like:

8-9	Breakfast (if needed) – free flow outside, reading, colouring, HAMA beads etc
9-10	Walk around the village
10-12	A small snack - crafts and board games (free flow to the outdoors)
12-1	Lunch (A packed lunch will need to be provided by yourselves)
1-3	Organised games on the field (football/rounders/etc)
3-3.30	A small snack (I will provide a light snack (sandwich/wraps etc)
3.30-4	Chill out time (children can bring in tech toys if they wish to use them during this time for a limited amount of time)
4-5	Free time – Free flow outdoors, indoor activities (reading/crafts etc)

Your child would need to bring a packed lunch a water bottle, sensible shoes, a waterproof coat, and a spare set of clothes.



All are welcome to join in any of the services November/December/January

Sunday 19th November - Service of Holy Communion

St Agatha's Church, Easby - 10.30am

Sunday 26th November - Service of Holy Communion

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10.30am

Sunday 3rd December - Worship4All Service Christingle

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10.30am

Sunday 10th December - Blessing of the Christmas Tree

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10.30am

Sunday 17th December - Carol Service

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10.30am

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Crib Service - St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10.30am

Crib Service - St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 3.00pm

Midnight Mass - St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 11.30pm

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day

Christmas Morning Service - St Agatha's Church, Easby -9.00am

Sunday 31st December - Service of Holy Communion

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10.30am

Sunday 7th January - Worship4All Service

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10.30am

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Wednesday 22nd November - Hub Café

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale 10.00 - 12noon

Friday 24th November - Quiz Night

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 7pm

Saturday 9th December - Christmas Tree Festival

A walk around the Church Christmas Trees

Interactive Christmas Manger - Fun for all ages

Professional Pianist Andrew Stevens - 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Refreshments served all day (Free Admission - donations welcome)

St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale 10.00am - 4pm

Tuesday 12th December - Upcycling Event - Christmas Table Centrepieces

(Booking essential £5.00 charge - basic materials and refreshments included)

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 7pm

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Hub Café

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10am -12noon

Wednesday 20th December - Candlelit Carols

With the Brompton Ladies Choir Christmas Concert

(Donations on the door - followed by mulled wine & mince pies)

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale 7.30pm

