



# Hillside Primary School and Nursery

## “Achieving Greatness Together”



Friday 15th December, 2023

*Dear Parents and Carers, I hope you are well.*

*It has been a pleasure to attend the various events this week in the countdown to christmas: Carol service at St Mary's, Nursery Nativity and KS1 Nativity. Thank you to all the parents and carers for attending. We really appreciate the ongoing support for the children and school.*

*I am absolutely delighted to let you know that Wanda from Dolphins won the Ipswich Christmas Card competition! Wanda has won a £100 Smyths Toys voucher as well as a £100 Amazon voucher for the school! Fantastic news!*



<https://www.ipswichstar.co.uk/news/23974366.won-ipswich-stars-christmas-card-competition/> Also, well done to the Year 1s who recently made decorations for the christmas tree in the Co-op.

*A reminder, our reception play is on Tuesday @ 9.15am, christmas family art activities at 2.15pm and our Non School Uniform event is on Wednesday (red/green clothes). Last day of the term is Wednesday 20th December. We return on Thursday 4th January, 2004.*

*Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!*

*Best wishes, Mrs Wass*



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## Feedback and photos from some of our recent christmas events

### Choir performance

*Mrs Ward from Thomas Wolsey Place , ‘Please may I just take this opportunity to thank you and all of the children again for coming along to our Festive Event yesterday. The children’s singing was fantastic and we could all see how much hard work they had put in. It was lovely to see how excited they were to sing for us. I have had so much positive feedback from all of the attendees of the event. So thank you again, on behalf of all of us, for coming. All of the children were so polite and well mannered and a huge credit to the school. We will most certainly like to have you back when we are able to’*

### Nativity by Nursery and Year 1 and 2



Family craft afternoon!  
Tuesday 19th December  
2.15pm

*Come and enjoy a festive craft activity with your child(ren)!*



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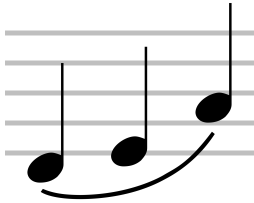
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### Some photos of our Carol Service at St Mary's





# Christmas Craft Fair

Do you want to build a snowman? Or write a letter to Santa?

Come and join us in the **lower hall** on **Monday 18th December** for some festive fun.

**Entry - 50p PER CHILD**

**3:30pm - 5:00pm**

Treats and drinks will also be available to purchase.

# CASH ONLY







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### Year 1 and 2 visit to Stoke Baptist Church





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# 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

## NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

## CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

## WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

## TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

## WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

## WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

## BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

## ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

## SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

## GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

## GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

## Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to step up their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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**Thank you to PC Samantha from the Community Policing team for your visit this week. Samantha will be back in January!**



**100 reads at home - well done!**



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Sidegate Primary School, Ipswich

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## Diary dates

**Tuesday 19th December - Reception**  
**Christmas play at 9.15am**

**Wednesday 20th December - Last day**  
**of the term. Non school uniform- green/**  
**red christmas clothes.**

**Thursday 4th January - Return to**  
**school**







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## Weekly attendance

We want every single one of our children to be an **Attendance Hero:**

**Here  
Everyday  
Ready  
On time**

**Overall attendance is 91.6%. Target 96%.**

***Every day counts!***

**Yr 5 Seal 95.4 % \_Yr 4 Kingfisher 94.7 %\_Yr 3 Fox 94.5 % , Yr 6 Osprey 92.7%**

**Yr 5 Dolphin 91.3% Yr 6 Kestrel 91.3%**

**Yr 2 Robin 90.4% Yr 4 Puffin 89.3% , Yr R Butterfly 88.7 %  
Yr 3 Deer 86.4 %**

**Yr 1 Hedgehog 86.2 % , Yr 2 Wren 85.9 % , Yr 3 Badger 83.2 % ,  
Yr R Ladybird 81.0 %**

***Well done to Class Seals !!!***





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**Apply now!**

**We are welcoming applications now for children starting Reception in September 2024**



**Funded places are also available in our nursery for children aged 3+**



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**Children born between 1/9/2019 and 31/8/2020 can start school in September 2024. Details of how to apply for a school place can be found on the [Suffolk County Council website](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk).**





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## Maths class awards

Well done to:

Deers, Kingfishers, Dolphins and Kestrels, Preston (Year 3), Majus (Year 4) Oliver (Year 5) and Advait (Year 6)



## Weekly Award Winners

Well done to: Amira, Antoni, Rory, Miriam, Meer, Shreesha, Layla, Alfie, Alice, Onyxx, Luka, Casie- Mai, William, Adam, Brileigh, Nicolas, Maya, Emilia, Charlie, Sahel, Nikolai, Preston, Archie, Pijus, Samanta, Teddy, Flourish, Nicola, Ava, Oscar, Sahil, Ameny, Bryant, Elsie, Skla, Oliver, Lexi. Mikolaj, Mario, Tisheanue, Raul, Alfie, Kaisey, Teegain, Alfie, Skye, Jenson, Janice, Ajia, Snehit

*It's great to be gold!*