



**Our Vision:**

At St Andrew's CE Primary School, we aim to bring children to a place where they can realise their full potential. Our Christian values are the foundation of all we do and each one is a facet of the central value, love, which 'always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' (1 Corinthians 13:7)

*Protect, Trust, Hope and Persevere*

Dear Parents and Carers,



Year 5 have been learning about Christianity in RE this term. They have been considering the key question: Is the Christmas story true? We invited Mrs Ludlow in to discuss her response to the question regarding her own beliefs. The children asked some incredibly thought-provoking questions, such as: "if people who learn about Jesus from the Bible are known as Christian, how come Jesus was Jewish?" and "could Jesus have been born in the Spring if the sheep were out in the fields?" Thank you Mrs Ludlow for joining us and helping us to answer our key question!



Mrs Gerrish wanted to send a huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated gifts this week. RAF Benson collected them for delivery to the John Radcliffe Hospital. As you can see from the photo, we received a big pile to donate! Your generosity will help bring smiles to children and families. We are very grateful for your support.



Play is an important part of every child's day at school. It provides children the chance to move, explore, imagine, and connect with others – all

of which support their physical, mental, and social development. Over the coming months, we will be expanding the play opportunities available during break and lunchtimes.

We are very lucky to have Tez and Terry, who have been busy creating fantastic wooden crates and planks for the children to enjoy. These resources will provide endless possibilities for creative and imaginative play. Funds for this initiative have been raised through the hard work of SASA.



We have also been lucky enough to receive a bursary award from the National Association of Primary Education (NAPE) to be used for a creative project within the school grounds, thanks to Miss Phillips.

This has enabled us to purchase two Boomwhacker trees to enhance musical and movement compositions during playtimes. A big thank you to the NAPE organisation for selecting our project; the children are enjoying being creative.



The Festival of Christmas Music Choir was an incredible success! The children should be so proud of their beautiful singing and newfound confidence. Together, the schools of the Thame Partnership sounded truly angelic—it was magical. A heartfelt thank you to Mr Wall and all the parents for their dedication to rehearsals and for supporting the children at the performance. This wonderful event has perfectly launched the Christmas festivities we all craved.

In Year 3, the clergy team worked with the children to think about the question, 'Has Christmas Lost its True Meaning?' The children looked at images on Christmas cards and related them to events in the Christmas story. They enjoyed the 'Godly play', which involved retelling the story of the birth of Jesus using puppets. It was a reflective afternoon for all involved.



### Diary Dates

**December 5<sup>th</sup> - Posada starts**

**December 6<sup>th</sup> - SASA Christmas Fayre**

**December 8<sup>th</sup> - Y1 Christmas Production 2.30pm**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> - Y2 Christmas Production 2.30pm**

**December 10<sup>th</sup> - YR Christmas Production 2.30pm**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Trip to Imperial War Museum**

**December 12<sup>th</sup> - Y3 Christmas Production 2.15pm**

**December 16<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Carol Services**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Lunch – Christmas Jumper can be worn**

**December 18<sup>th</sup> - A Christmas Pantomime in school for Y1 - Y6 and a special surprise 'visitor' in a red suit for YR children – Christmas Jumpers can be worn**

**December 19<sup>th</sup> - School finishes at 1.30pm**

**Thank you for your continued support, Annette Mashru - Headteacher**