



Sowing the seeds for a flourishing future

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Englefield CE Primary School Newsletter

Baarmy Bethlehem

The younger pupils started our Christmas Celebrations off with a lovely retelling of the Christmas story through the eyes of three cheeky sheep. The pupils sang their hearts out and the narrations were spoken loudly and clearly, enabling the audiences to thoroughly enjoy the experience. Well done all!



Lola-Rose said, "My favourite song was Baa Baa Boogie because we could all dance to it"

Eoin said "Doing the Nativity was really, really fun!"



Douai Abbey

Well done to Year 5/6 for great readings and a fabulous performance of Child in a Manger Born in front of a packed congregation- we were all very proud of you.



Santa Fun Run

We all gathered on a fairly mild December morning for our annual Santa Fun Run up and down the Englefield Drive. Many of the children ran competitively whilst others preferred a gentle jog with friends. This was a sponsored event raising much-needed funds for our school.



All money raised for refreshments will go to The Huge Partnership.



Candlelit Carol Service

A packed, candle-lit church awaited our annual carol-service. All classes took part with readings and carols said and sung beautifully. For many this is the highlight of the school year.

As well as giving everyone a beautiful start to the Christmas break, the service also gave us the opportunity to collect nearly £180 to share between PACT and The Huge Partnership - it's so lovely to be able to do something good for others whilst in the midst of a wonderful celebration.



Entertaining the Local Community

The choir were delighted to be invited to sing at two local care homes this Christmas— Greenfield House whom we have visited before, and Cleeve House in Goring. The residents of both places seemed to really enjoy the carols and it was good for the children to feel the joy of doing something lovely for others.



An incredible 48 members of our school community gathered to carol-sing around the village, starting at Englefield House and working our way around the village, we entertained many residents and collected £86.86 for The Huge Partnership. We also picked up some chocolate treats along the way which we enjoyed with our mince pies and hot chocolate back in school.

One resident said, 'We were both so heart-warmed by the carol singers and wanted to let you know that it made our Christmas.' She said it felt like we were all there just singing to them.



A Sad Farewell

We were sorry to say goodbye to Sue and Paul Milton who have been our school cleaners for many, many years. They have been an important part of our school community. We gave them gifts from staff and parents and wished them well as they retire from their school duties.



The staff and governors at Englefield would like to wish our families a peaceful and joyful Christmas. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th January 2025.

Sunday 22nd December

A small group of our choir are singing *Away in a Manger* and *Child in a Manger* Born in the St Mark's carol service on Sunday at 6.30pm.

Although they make a beautiful sound, they would be very grateful for additional singers to join them, particularly those who know both songs. If you want to bring your children along to join us, please do.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Updated term dates are on our website. For further dates, please see the website at the start of next term.

6th Jan 25	School Term Starts
9th Jan	3pm: SEND Chat (please let us know if you are coming)
13th Jan	School Clubs begin
14th Jan	9am: Volunteer Safeguarding Training (please email to book)
17th Jan	Celebration Assembly/Parent Forum (9am/9.30am)
20th Jan	"Speak out, Stay safe" workshops for Y2 and Y5/6
31st Jan	3pm: Celebration Assembly
4th Feb	3pm: Y3/4 class assembly
8th Feb	TLC morning
14th Feb	Celebration Assembly & PTA Valentine's Bake Sale