



All the staff wish our families a very
Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year



ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance is **96.5%** this
academic year to date.

Lets work together and get this to over **97%** next
term. If you have any concerns regarding your child
and their attendance please talk to us
so that we can support you.



Best class each week.

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| 25/11 | Turtles | 97.4% |
| 2/12 | Turtles | 97.2% |
| 9/12 | Sharks | 97.5% |

At St Peter's, our Christian values underpin the ethos and whole life of our school:

"In everything treat others the same way you want them to treat you" Matthew 7-12

+ Thankfulness + Friendship + Justice + Forgiveness + Trust + Hope + Compassion + Respect +

We would like to say a big Thank you to Hawgrip Garden Centre & The Bearded Pooch in Enderby for donating this beautiful Christmas Tree to us this year.

Christmas at St Peter's

Christmas is a lovely time in schools and while the children continue to learn and develop there are lots of Christmas events taking place.

Mrs Bray sits in her office and loves hearing the different year groups singing. From the Nativity in EYFS and Key Stage 1, to the Carol Concert in Years 3 and 4 and the Christingle Service for Year 5.

Then of course, we have the excitement of the panto, Christmas dinner and Christmas parties. We have included lots of photos of all our events and we hope you and the children enjoyed them as much as we did.



We are so proud of our wonderful school community. Thank you for your continued support from donating medicines, prizes, gifts for the hampers, Christmas presents and spare change after the performances for **Menphys... we have raised a massive £240 in the last three weeks!!** Also the ongoing support with reading, homework and ensuring that your children arrive at school on time each day, smartly dressed in their school uniforms. All of these things contribute to make St Peter's the wonderful school that it is. **Thank you all.**

Also a special thank you to our **parent/grandparent helpers** who have been hearing readers for us this term:

Frances Whittaker(Flo's mum), Lesley Field (Albie's Grandma), Lisa Spicer (Harrison and Alfie's mum) and Egle Sterland (Ned's mum). We really do appreciate you giving up your time to help us.

And finally, we'd like to thank our **governors** for their unwavering support of school from the kind rallying messages to staff, the late-night meetings and your monitoring visits. Again, we really do appreciate you giving up your own time for St Peter's: Jo Bailey, Kerry Glover, John Ingham, Lucy Pennington, Richard Simmons, Carrie Smith, Collis Smith and Veronica Tinsley.



We hope that you all have a Happy Christmas and New Year and enjoy some down time with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in school on Monday 6th January.

Annual Panto from M & M Theatrical Productions

Jack and the Beanstalk was a great hit—it was lovely to see the children so engaged and hear them laughing their heads off!



EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity

It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents enjoying our Nativity. We were very proud of our KS1 pupils. They were fab.



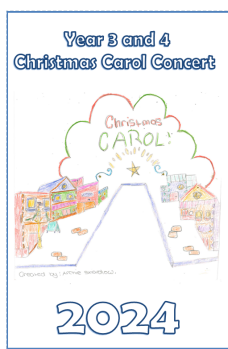
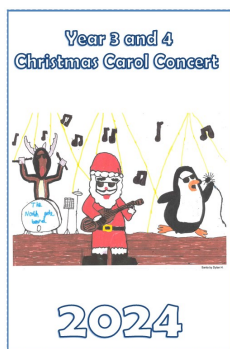
Year 5 Christingle

Year 5 did their Christingle Assembly to the whole school and parents on Friday 13th December. They were brilliant! Some beautiful singing of Hope of Heaven and the clearly explained story behind a Christingle and how to make one. The whole school joined in at the end with Every Christmas – a song which makes us remember to true meaning of Christmas.



Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert

Year 3 and 4 led the Carol Concert in front of a packed church. We're so proud of how they learned their lines and song words. A special 'shout out' to our brave soloists too.



Christmas dinner

Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff for making our school Christmas dinner such a success (and our very own Mrs Bray for co-ordinating it all!



Class Christmas parties



Another **great big thank you** to all our families who donated to the Christmas hampers, cakes for the cake sale and brought raffle tickets on the day. Thank you to the WASPs team for organising the event. An amazing £364.00 was raised, all of which will be used to support school.

Recommended reads.... The perfect stocking filler!

Miss Chamberlain's and Mrs Howard's Book Review

The Christmasaurus is a magical tale, written by Tom Fletcher. The story is about a special dinosaur... not just any dinosaur... but a dinosaur who loves Christmas. His name is the Christmasaurus!

The Christmasaurus longs to fly and pull Santa's sleigh. He faces many challenges but William, a kind boy, helps him overcome these.

Year 2 have been reading the picture-book version of the story - the illustrations in the book are bright and cheerful and they make you feel like you are part of the adventure.

Year 3 have been reading the full novel which is written in a fun, modern Roald Dahl/David Walliams style. Tom Fletcher, the author, who is famous for being a member of the band McFly, wrote his first book with a bandmate in 2016 and has gone on to become a best-selling author whose stories have captured children's imaginations across the world.

This story is full of laughter and lessons about friendship and kindness and has been a real hit with Year 2 and 3.



Year 2 and 3 would give this book five stars! It is perfect for reading at Christmas time. The words are fun to read aloud and the story is wonderful to share with family.



Miss Rowlands' and Mrs Cook's Christmas Book Review:

The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey by Susan Wojciechowski (Illustrated by P.J. Lynch)

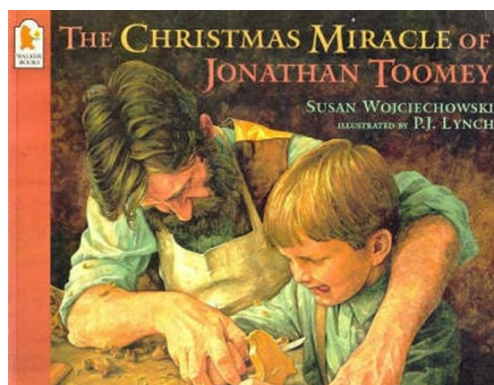
"A little story with a big story"

This beautifully illustrated and moving book is a tale of the spirit and generosity that all people hold in their hearts, especially at this holiday time.

Jonathan Toomey is a woodcarver in a small village, known (and feared) for his gruff manner. But before the story itself truly begins, the author lets us in on a secret: Mr. Toomey wasn't always this way. Once he was young and full of life, but he closed himself off after suffering terrible grief. Throughout the story, you see his transformation as he meets the young widow McDowell and her son Thomas.

The widow McDowell and Thomas show up at Mr. Toomey's door with a request: they've lost their set of nativity figures and ask him to make them a new set. The carving of each figure - watched and questioned by Thomas - reveals a little more of Jonathan Toomey and the gentle kindness of widow McDowell leads to a happy ending (though you may need a tissue on the way!).

This is a book for all the family to curl up with and share: with beautiful pictures to get lost in and a more complex text that allows great discussions and more confident readers to enjoy independently. There is also a film of the story available.



Recommended reads.... The perfect stocking filler!

Miss Mayne's Book Review

🌟 A Timeless Holiday Classic! 🌟

If you haven't read **A Christmas Carol** yet, you're in for a treat as sweet as a Christmas pudding! Charles Dickens' beloved novella is the ultimate festive tale.

Meet Ebenezer Scrooge, the grumpiest, stingiest old miser in all of London. He hates Christmas, joy, and anything remotely cheerful. But one fateful Christmas Eve, Scrooge's life takes a supernatural turn when he's visited by the ghost of his former business partner, Jacob Marley, and three spirits of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. These spectral visitors take Scrooge on a whirlwind tour of his life, showing him the error of his ways and the true meaning of Christmas.



Why You'll Love It:

- **Characters:** From the miserly Scrooge to the kind-hearted Bob Cratchit and the adorable Tiny Tim, Dickens' characters are unforgettable. Each one brings a unique charm to the story, making you root for their happiness.
- **Themes:** The novella beautifully explores themes of redemption, compassion, and the spirit of giving. It's a heartwarming reminder that it's never too late to change and spread kindness.
- **Atmosphere:** Dickens' vivid descriptions transport you to Victorian London, with its bustling streets, cozy firesides, and festive cheer. You can almost hear the carolers singing and smell the roasted chestnuts!
- **Humour and Heart:** Despite its serious messages, the story is filled with humor and warmth. Scrooge's transformation from a "bah, humbug!" man to a joyous, generous soul is both touching and entertaining.

Fun Fact: Did you know that Dickens wrote **A Christmas Carol** in just six weeks? Talk about a Christmas miracle!

Final Thoughts: **A Christmas Carol** is a must-read for anyone looking to get into the holiday spirit. It's a short, sweet, and utterly delightful tale that will leave you feeling merry and bright. So, grab a cup of hot choc, curl up by the fire, and let Dickens' timeless story remind you of the true magic of Christmas.

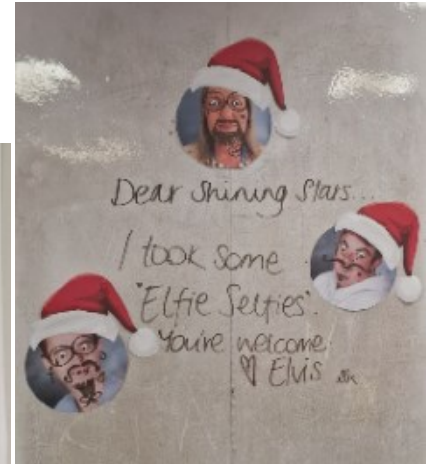


Miss Mayne would give this book (and original film from 1951) 5 stars!





Breakfast and After School Club Christmas fun!



What have we been up to in shining stars this festive season?

- * Elvis the naughty Elf came to visit
- * Pine cone Christmas tree decorations
- * Gingerbread houses
- * Snowflake wall art display
- * Christmas tree decorating
- * Christmas card design competition

