



Tinsel, Tunes & Togetherness; Wrapping Up A Magical Term!

As we prepare to break up for the Christmas holidays, our school has been buzzing with festive cheer! From sparkling decorations to heartwarming concerts, the past week has been a wonderful celebration of creativity, joy, and community spirit. It's truly special to see our children immersed in these activities, sharing laughter and music as we head into the holiday season. We are thrilled to share some of what has been going on over the next few pages.

We want to take this moment to wish all our families a **restful, happy, and truly wonderful Christmas**. We know this time of year isn't always easy for everyone, so at the end of this newsletter, we've included some information that may come in helpful. Thank you for being part of our school family. Here's to a joyful holiday and an exciting New Year ahead!

Mrs Berry

Cards Of Kindness; Year 4 Spreads Christmas Cheer

This year, Year 4 embraced the true spirit of giving with a heartwarming charity project. The children designed beautiful Christmas cards for people who might not receive many during the festive season.

Some pupils had someone special in mind and, with their grown-ups' permission, took their cards home to deliver personally. For those who couldn't think of anyone, our amazing staff stepped in, taking cards to share with individuals they knew would be delighted by a homemade gesture of kindness.

It's a simple act, but one that reminds us all how much joy a thoughtful card can bring. Well done, Year 4, for making the season brighter for so many!



A Star Is Born! Our Little Ones Shine In The Nativity



What an incredible performance from our youngest children! Their Nativity play was nothing short of magical; filled with heartfelt singing, confident lines, and plenty of festive sparkle. From shepherds and angels to Mary and Joseph, every child played their part beautifully, reminding us all, of the true meaning of Christmas. The joy and pride on their faces lit up the hall, and the applause said it all—our little stars truly stole the show!



Angels Among Us; Spreading Joy Throughout Our Community



Christmas is the season of giving, and this year our school found a beautiful way to give back. Since October half term, families have been busy knitting and crocheting delicate angels—each one made with love and care.

On Wednesday and Thursday, our children became cheerful little elves, delivering these handmade angels and cards to homes and businesses for members of the community to discover. It's a small gesture with a big message: kindness matters.

If you find one of our angels, we'd love to see your smile! **Don't forget to tag us on our Facebook page and share the festive joy.**

A Week Of Festive Joy; Singalongs & Carols

This week has been truly magical as every year group took part in a special Christmas celebration; whether it was a **Nativity performance which you have just read about**, a **joyful singalong**, or a **beautiful carol service held at church**.

Our Pre-School children, along with other year groups, filled the room with festive cheer during their wonderful Christmas singalong. The atmosphere was enchanting; every note carried the spirit of the season. It was an absolute joy to see their happy faces and hear those sweet voices spreading holiday magic to everyone present.

The Carol Service at Church was beautiful.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to share these special moments it was lovely to see so many of you there!



Santa's Secret Elves: PTFA Spread Xmas Magic



A huge thank you to our incredible elves the **St Michael's PTFA** for creating such a wonderful **Christmas Wrap!** Your hard work, creativity, and dedication truly brought festive sparkle to our school.

Every detail was perfect, and we want you to know that your efforts never go unnoticed. You've made this season extra special for our children and families; thank you for everything you do!

A Feast Fit For Angels: Our Famous Christmas Dinner!

The highlight of the season—our legendary St Michael's Christmas Dinner, was once again a triumph! Prepared with love and care by our amazing kitchen staff, this festive feast brought smiles, laughter, and full tummies to every table. From golden roast potatoes to perfectly cooked turkey and all the trimmings, it was a celebration of community and culinary magic. A huge thank you to our kitchen team for making this cherished tradition so special year after year!



A Heartfelt Thank You To Our Wonderful School Community & PTFA

Miss Stewart and Mrs Tordoff would like to extend a huge thank you to all the families who supported the Year 2 and Year 3 Enterprise Event. Thanks to your generosity, we've raised **£225 so far and donations are still coming in!**

This money will go directly towards purchasing much-needed resources for the classes.

We also want to share our gratitude from **all the staff** for the thoughtful gifts and cards received this Christmas. Your kindness means so much and truly makes this season special for everyone at school.

A special shout-out to our **amazing PTFA**, who continue to work tirelessly to provide incredible experiences for our children. This week's magical **Christmas Show** was all thanks to them and the children absolutely loved it! They also served refreshments at every event. Thank you!!!!

Finally, a big thank you to our **Pre-School parents** for supporting their fundraising enterprise. Together, we raised **£35**, and we are so grateful for your help in making a difference.

Your support, generosity, and community spirit make St Michael's such a special place. Thank you for everything you do!



Chad Takes The Crown: House Point Champions



A huge well done to **Chad** for earning the most house points this half term! Your hard work and team spirit have truly paid off.

We hope everyone enjoyed those **delicious cupcakes**; a sweet reward for an amazing effort.

Keep up the fantastic work, and let's see who will take the top spot next time!

Something Exciting Is Coming & Biscuit Friday Is Back!



Mark your calendars! We've got something special planned that you won't want to miss. Keep an eye out for more details in the next newsletter it's going to be BIG, and it's happening on **Thursday 15th January**. Watch this space!

And..Yes, you read that headline right—Biscuit Friday is making its grand return!

Starting in the New Year, the first Friday of every month will be sweeter than ever. Join us for a tasty treat and a chance to catch up with friends. Because nothing says community like tea, biscuits, and smiles!

Christmas Day Opening



- * Happy Days – The Gathering Place – Open from 12-2pm
- * Halifax Community Fridge – Open from 11 – 1230pm
- * Halifax Homeless Community Kitchen - Open from 12-1pm
- * Todmorden Unitarian Church – Community Christmas Dinner (bring a dish to share) Call 07799 974997 to book a place (spaces limited)
- * Calder Grub Hub, Hebden Bridge – 1pm. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** contact via social media or by email caldergrubhub@gmail.com

