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Friday 5th December 2025

Year 6 Victorian Day

On Wednesday, Year 6 had a Victorian Day. We dressed up in Victorian-style costumes, ready for a school day in 1894. As we came into the hall, we were met by our Victorian schoolmaster and a Victorian classroom. All morning, we did writing using ink and ink pens and maths using shillings and guineas. The room was gloomy, as it would have been in Victorian times when they didn't have electric lights. After break, we found out that some children had been breaking the rules. All of them were taught a lesson for their wrongdoings. After lunch, we created our own Music Hall, with performances from ventriloquists, magicians, weight lifters and a flea circus. We all enjoyed our day-in-the-life experience of being Victorian children.

Eddie R, 6H

Advent - Peace

This week in collective worship, the children explored the Advent theme of Peace, inspired by the Bible verse Matthew 5:9: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." We reflected on what it means to be a peacemaker in everyday life through kindness, forgiveness, helping others, and choosing calm over conflict. The children thought about how small acts of peace can make a big difference in their classrooms, friendships, and homes as we prepare for Christmas during Advent. We ended with a simple prayer and a moment of quiet, encouraging everyone to consider one peaceful action they could carry into the week ahead. It was a pleasure to welcome one of our parent governors, Chris Earnshaw, to this worship!

Bishop Wood Choir

A huge well done and thank you to members of our choir, who performed in the church last Saturday during Tring's Christmas Festival. They sang beautifully, and the smiles showed the joy that they felt.

Christmas at St Peter and St Paul's

Everyone is welcome at St Peter and St Paul's this Christmas!

Sunday 14 th December at 4.00pm	Candlelit Carol Service in Church
Monday 22 nd December 6.00pm	Carol Service in Churchyard with Tring Brewery Bar
Christmas Eve at 2.00pm and 4.00pm	Crib Services
Christmas Eve at 11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Morning at 8.00 and 10.00	Communion

Parking on Goldfield Road

We have recently been contacted by residents of Goldfield Road who are concerned about driveways being blocked during school drop-off and pick-up times. Please help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours by parking considerately and avoiding obstructing access to their homes.

To support this, we have established Park and Stride zones where parking is safer and more appropriate. Thank you for helping keep our community safe and respectful.

Celebration

Congratulations to the following pupils who were celebrated in school this week for being the best version of themselves:

3PS – Max B and Nancy R 3S – Annabel M and Tom B







4A – Ava MG, Leo S and Seren S

4C - Eleanor B and Tommy H

5DR – Bethany C and Robbie C

5M - Walter H and Dylan P

6I – Elle B and Sophie M

6H - Esme C and Maria P

Other Honours

Pom Poms: 5DR

Arthur R, Archie A and Charli L - Handwriting

Behaviour Champions:

3S - Theo H

3PS - Harry

4A - Nancy C

4C - Holly C

5DR - Arlo H

5M - Lyle G

6I - Bela QDS

6H - Gwen R

Useful Reminders

Board Games

Mrs Herd has sent a plea for donations for our indoor lunchtime zone. If you have any board games, chess sets or card games that are in good working order and age appropriate (7-11), we would be very grateful to receive them. Thank you.

Christmas Service Timings

Whole-school Christmas services will be held at St Peter and St Paul on Monday 15th December, with services at 2:00pm and 7:00pm (60–90 minutes). Booking details have now been issued.

Christmas Post Box

Our school Christmas post box opened this week Year 6 elves will sort and deliver cards. Please ensure each envelope clearly shows the recipient's name and class.

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of key dates for the Autumn Term. We will add to this as we progress through the school year.

New dates will be highlighted.

Date	Event
Monday 15 th December	Afternoon and Evening Christmas Services at St P and P
Wednesday 17 th December	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	End of Term Service at St P and P 11.30am
15 th – 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Week
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Golden Time
Friday 19 th December	School closes at 1.30pm

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley