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Year 2 Open Morning

We were pleased to open our doors to the parents of prospective Bishop Wood pupils this week. The open morning was very well attended and we received lots of really positive feedback. Part of the morning involved our Year 6 house captains taking the parents on a tour of the school. The house captains did an absolutely incredible job and should rightly be celebrated. Well done to Amelia L, Annabel H, Alexandra K, Bunny BB, Wills H, Hannah R, Jasmine W and Millie G for their excellent work!

End of Term Service – Thursday 19th December

Please join us in Church on Thursday 19th December at 11.15 for our end of term service.

This Week in Staff Meeting

How Can Teachers Help Children Commit Information to Long-Term Memory?

The teaching team studied working memory limitations and reflected on teaching adaptations moving forward. We discussed the importance of concise explanations to avoid cognitive overload and explored strategies to help pupils think meaningfully about new ideas, aiding long-term memory retention. Activities designed to prompt deeper thinking and connect new concepts to prior knowledge were highlighted as most effective.

We also considered how to motivate and engage pupils, focusing on fostering curiosity and meaningful connections. Practical ideas included using guided tasks and prompts to encourage thoughtful engagement with learning.

[Willingham's Simple Memory Model](#)

Christmas at St Peter and St Paul

As always, the Church of St Peter and St Paul are running a range of wonderful services over the Christmas period.

Sunday 15th December at 4.00pm – Candlelit Carol Service with Tring Church and Tring School Choirs

Wednesday 18th December at 6.00pm – Carol Service (outside) in Tring Churchyard with Tring Brewery Bar

Christmas Eve at 2.00 and 4.00pm – Crib Service

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm – Midnight Mass

Christmas Morning at 8.00am – Traditional Language Communion

Christmas Morning at 10.00am – Communion Service for all ages

A New Challenge for 2025

Do you like cooking? Do you like cooking for 30 - 50 people? Once a month on a Saturday we put on a lunch for elderly people living alone (normally bereaved people) We have four teams who do the cooking so none of us do it too often. We are looking for a new team. It is incredibly rewarding if hard work on the day. Is this something you would like to do? Please contact Huw huw@tringteamparish.org.uk if you are interested or Trish admin@tringteamparish.org.uk if you have any family or neighbours who would benefit from attending.

St Peter and St Paul

School Choir

The school choir gave their first ever performance at Goldfield school yesterday. Despite only having formed in October, they sang with confidence and enthusiasm and gave a wonderful performance to all the younger children. Mrs Smart received lots of lovely comments from children and staff about how much they had enjoyed listening to the children sing. We are very much looking forward to our performance at the Furlongs next week.

Spring Term Class Assemblies

Class Assemblies will be taking place across the Spring term. These are open to parents and other family members. They take place in the school hall immediately after registration. If you want to come and see your child's class assembly, please make your way to the front door of the school immediately after dropping off and you will be shown in so that you can be sat in the hall for 9.00. Here are the dates for the Spring assemblies:

16th January – 3I

30th January – 4PS



6th February – 5DR
13th February – 6C
6th March – 3S
13th March – 4A
20th March – 5H
3rd April – 6M

Publishing dates this side of half term for events happening after half term can sometimes catch people out so please do cut and paste that list into any useful shared groups – thank you!

Carol Singers

20 of our Year 6 children entertained members of the High Street Baptist Church Games Club on Wednesday, singing their favourite carols. They sang beautifully and represented our school really well. Thank you to the parents that accompanied us.

Mrs Reeve

Online Safety Evening

We have commissioned an online safety session for parents which is taking place on 14th January at 7pm. This will be held via Teams (access details to follow). The session will cover: current online trends and risks; how to keep your child safe online; where to find support and help. The session will be led by Richard Maskrey, ex-eSafety Lead for Hertfordshire.

Christmas Jumper Week – 16th – 20th December

Next week is Christmas jumper week. Children can feel free to replace their school jumper with a festive knit!

Music Performance for next week

Our music performer for the celebration assembly next week will be Arlo H (4PS)!

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Henry S and Isla L
3S – Joseph W and Ariana M
4A – Felicity M and Erin H
4PS – Ava W and Leo C
5DR – Finn T and Maria P
5H – Amelia L and Arthur M
6C – Oliver R and Amelia L
6M – Jasmine W and Hayden S

Well done – keep up the excellent work!

Other Honours

Pom Poms – 3S
Arthur T – Karate (Green Belt)
Catherine R and Gabriella R performed in 'Christmas Town' production at the Dembe Theatre.
Joshua R and Ellie H - Platinum Reading Award
Wills H – Swimming Medals
Mariia T – Karate (purple/white belt)
Sports Ambassadors – Lucy C, Wills H, Alice C, Callum H, Astrid G and Millie G
Seb B – Electric Umbrella

Lunchtime Leader Awards

Well done to the following children, who were identified by our lunchtime leaders for demonstrating our school values:

Esme B, Eden P, Evelyn L, Ella H, Freddie B, Alice H, Eli W, Holly T, Lucy W, Theo C and Rafi SG

Around School

This week

This week, Year 3 have had a great time writing their own fables in English. Year 4 have been studying food chains in their Science lessons. Year 5 have enjoyed their work on comparing fractions and Year 6 have been continuing their amazing science-fiction stories.

Next week

Next week, Year 3 will be finishing off their Christmas stockings. Year 4 are completing diary entries linked to Route 66. Year 5 are looking forward leading the whole school Christmas carol service in St Peter and St Paul Church. Year 6 will be finishing an important DT project.

Monday Gate Task

On Monday, you must walk through the gate to Mrs Adams and Mr Patten and let them know which stage of Advent we are focusing on next week. Good luck!

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
16 th – 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Week
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Production at St Peter and St Paul
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Golden Time
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch for Pupils
Thursday 19 th December at 11.15	End of term service at St Peter and St Paul
Friday 20 th December	1.30pm – School closes for Christmas

Thank you and best wishes
Mr Stanley