

West Tytherley C of E Primary School

Newsletter

Creativity  Courage  Compassion

Dear Parents,

This is the last newsletter of 2025 and gives a little bit of a flavour of the festivities that the children have been enjoying alongside their usual timetable of learning.

I always think that there is a great deal of important learning that takes place for the children at this time of year: taking responsibility for a part in a play, memorising lines, overcoming nerves, finding the confidence to take a role in front of an audience, waiting quietly, standing still.. The list is long, but in all these things there are skills that will be important in their future. If children can become confident to speak in front of a large group now, it will help when they need to do it later life. Likewise the discipline needed to stand still and be quiet is an important one, and one that once mastered is a notable asset on many occasions.

For parents, the opportunity to see your child in a play or concert is one that is never forgotten. I know how important each of these moments is in making those memories.

We no longer spend weeks immersing ourselves in the arts and crafts of Christmas, or lots of Christmas themed activities - there is too much curriculum that should and is still taught. However I think that we have retained the important things, that mean that our children will still have the wonderful memories of Christmas at school that we want them to have. As ever, it is all about balance.

Please enjoy this newsletter and the half-termly round ups that have been prepared by the teachers. Then our thoughts turn to what is coming up in the first term of the new year and you will find lots of information in the letter and topic web that are attached.

With very best wishes for a wonderful Christmas to all our families,

Lucy Macey

and all the staff
at West Tytherley Primary School



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What's Coming Up?

First Day of Spring Term
Monday 5th January

Clubs Start
W/C 12/01/2026

Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who has supported the school recently with their kindness and generosity.

Thank you for those who donated raffle prizes (especially Mrs Parsons-Broome for the fantastic toys), helped collect and clean jars for the candlelit procession and purchased raffle tickets.

A big thank you to the Gilbert family for the kind donation of our Christmas tree.

Willow Class: Wessex Rivers Trust Workshop

At the start of December, Willow Class travelled over to Broughton Primary School for another joint learning opportunity with Foxes Class.

We welcomed Wessex Rivers Trust, as part of our Geography topic, to teach us all about rivers and how we can look after the rivers around us.

They enjoyed a visual demonstration: travelling from the source of the river towards the middle and lower course, ending at the mouth in Southampton. In the classroom, they took part in some "river dipping".

There was some fantastic collaboration between the children from both schools and a lot of fun and learning was had by all!



Beech and Chestnut Class: Nativity!

Our young stars in Beech and Chestnut Class worked so hard for this year's nativity: "Knock, Knock! The Nativity". They learned all their lines and the songs and even mastered Makaton signs!

Our audiences loved every minute, but even more special was seeing just how much the children enjoyed it. We are so proud of them all. A huge well done to our performers and a big thank you to their parents and carers and all of our staff who supported them every step of the way.



Bath and Wiltshire Air Ambulance First Aid Training

At the start of December, we welcomed Andrew, the Emergency Awareness Training Manager from Bath and Wiltshire Air Ambulance to deliver first aid training to the whole school.

From calling 999 to performing CPR, our pupils gained vital life-saving skills and the knowledge of how to confidently manage a medical emergency prior to the arrival of an ambulance.



Forest Clearing: Working Party

Please join us to make our magical forest space accessible for the children. Wear strong boots and bring gloves and other useful gardening tools. Owing to health and safety, we do ask that children do not attend.

Saturday 17th January
9.30 - 11.30am



Panto Fun!

We were delighted to welcome Treehouse Theatre to perform "Alice in Wonderland" for the children.

This immersive panto experience is always a highlight of the year. The children were invited to join in with the fun and bring the magical story to life.



Christmas Carol Concert

We had a magical evening at St Peter's Church for our Christmas Carol Concert.

Our candlelit procession - albeit a little soggy - set the tone for a truly beautiful community event.

The children shared heartfelt readings and songs, with some wonderfully brave solo performances from members of our choir.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special, festive event.



Festive Fun!

It was a very exciting afternoon as Father Christmas took a break from his busy schedule to visit each classroom!

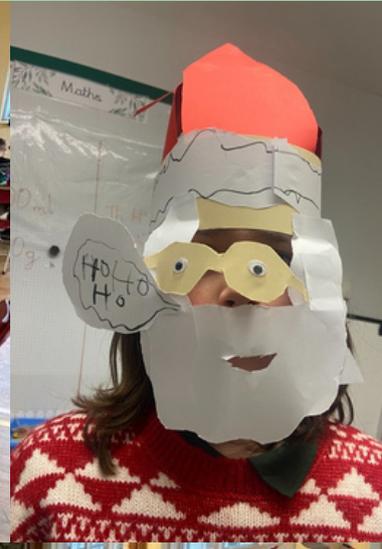
He delivered yummy chocolate lollies (thank you to the PTA!) and a gift for every child!

This year, our gifts were generously donated by Prego Dining in Stockbridge, who - alongside other wonderful local businesses - worked incredibly hard to provide a present for every child at West Tytherley, Stockbridge, Broughton and King's Somborne Primary Schools.

We are so grateful for the kindness and generosity of everyone involved in this project!



Thank you to the Sarah Rolle Trust who have kindly gifted each child a copy of "The Amazing Advent-ure"!



P.E Champions!

When I was growing up, I spent many weekends watching my two older brothers playing football. It wasn't until I moved schools in Year 3 that I knew that there were all girls football teams. I joined the Fulston Zebra Fillies in the summer of Year 3 and played in this team until I was 16 years old. When I first started, we had to play in an all-boys league as there were not enough girls teams in our local area. It was so exciting when we finally got to play against other girls and because we had already played as a team together for a while, we were VERY good!

I always loved being part of a team and playing football. My favourite time of year was summer tournaments as we often went on camping weekends and played football during the day and then had campfire BBQs as a team in the evening. We even won the league one season and got a stretch limo to our presentation evening!

When I went to university, I also joined my university team, where I met some of my best friends.

Now I have got older, I play less football but spend a lot more time watching the Women's Super League and the Lionesses. I remember my first ever Lionesses game at a local stadium in Kent when I was 9. I got to see Kelly Smith, Rachel Yankee and Karen Carney play (who you might now know from Strictly!). Now, over 20 years later, going to watch the Lionesses is a VERY different experience with so many more people going to watch. What the Lionesses have achieved for women's football and women's sport is incredible and I love to celebrate this with my friends, who also remember finding it hard to find a team to play for when they were younger.



Mini
Miss Lee!

Miss Lee



Weekly Awards



Friday 5th December

Beech	Primrose	For showing huge improvement in letter formation!
Chestnut	Carter	For working so hard and independently in Maths.
Willow	Bailey	For fantastic engagement in our 'Rivers' and 'First Aid' workshops and asking super questions!
Oak	Teagan	For your lovely independent Geography work on the different types of tectonic plates.

Friday 12th December

Beech	Jesse	For remembering all your phonics sounds and confidently identifying them and blending to read words.
Chestnut	Alex	For giving great explanations in Maths lessons.
Willow	Holly	For engaging with our guided reading text both in and out of School.
Oak	Archie	For his use of a formal method for long multiplication in his independent maths work.

End of Term Awards

Friday 19th December

	Thorngate Award	Bentley Award
Beech	Phoebe-Lou	Henry
Chestnut	Connie	Thomas
Willow	Alfie	Freya
Oak	Barney	Alex

House Points

Individual Winners

w/c 01/12/2025
Primrose, Connie, Zara and Lacie
w/c 08/12/2025
Henry, John, Skye and Edward
w/c 15/12/2025
Freddie, India, Freya and Olivia

December House Point Totals

Budden
254
Singer
232
Pragnell
248

Thought for the Week

Nearly there! Next week it will be Christmas and the following week it will be 2026. I hope that you manage to have a great Christmas – do come along to Church, if you can. There will be Carols in the Barn at 5.00pm on Saturday 20th (Lockerley Water Farm) and a Christingle Service at Lockerley Church at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve. Even if you can't come along to something it will still be Christmas, and we can pray:

Thank you God, our Father, for the birth of baby Jesus, who is the Son of God and the King of kings. Thank you for the Christmas message of how much you love us and help us to love one another. Amen

Vicar James



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Thursday 29 January 2026 by 9:00am



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In the Community

Pop Up Ensemble

FREE



Pop Up Ensemble Lift Winton, Andover

JMST theatre, Lift Winton, London Road,
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Sunday 18 January 2026 9.15 - 13.15

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