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### WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



*I hope you enjoy reading about all the fantastic Christmas celebrations we have had in school. It has been a joy to see our children, families, and staff come together in such a spirit of happiness and community.*

*I have just returned from St Mary The Virgin Church after celebrating with K.S.1 and K.S.2 sharing their meaning of Christmas. It was a real reminder of the true spirit of Christmas: a time of love, kindness, and giving.*

*Beyond the lights and festivities, Christmas reminds us of the importance of compassion, hope, and togetherness.*

*The staff and School Forum Representatives wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your holidays be filled with peace, laughter and love.*

*Mrs Reynolds*

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# A MAGICAL EVENING AT OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our PTFA may be small, but they are mighty—and this year they delivered a memorable Christmas Fair! As part of the Burton Latimer Christmas Light Up, our school was buzzing with excitement from start to finish, with a wonderful flow of families, friends, and community visitors throughout the evening.



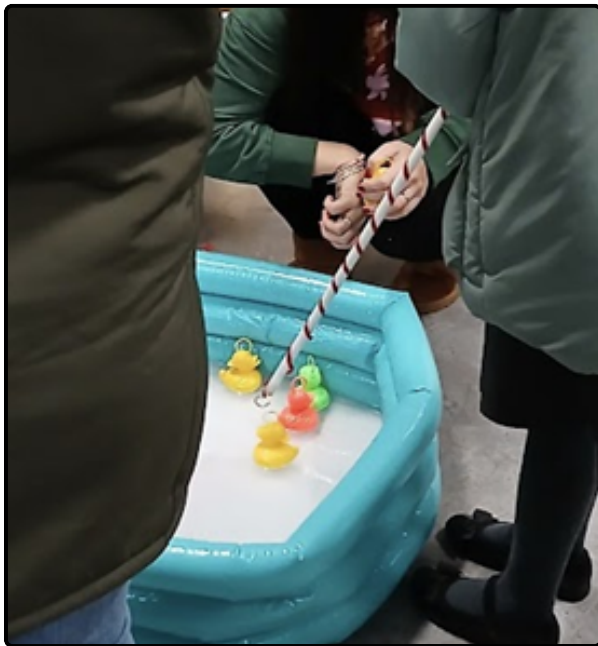
Father Christmas himself settled into his warm and cosy Grotto, where he spent the night chatting with excited children and spreading Christmas cheer. Our talented school Choir filled the air with festive magic, performing first around the school Christmas tree and later in the Millennium Garden. Their beautiful singing helped bring the whole community together in true Christmas spirit.



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Inside the school, there was something for everyone. The ever-popular raffle and tombola drew big crowds, while a fantastic selection of stalls kept children (and plenty of grown-ups!) busy all night long—decorating biscuits, mixing up sparkly reindeer food, painting Rudolph rocks, catching ducks, and taking on the thrilling “Higher or Lower” staff challenge, which proved to be a huge hit! And with so many delicious drinks on offer, no one went thirsty.



*“Everything is possible for one who believes” Mark 9:23*



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Adding an extra touch of magic, we were delighted to welcome the Corby and District Model Railway, whose illuminated ride-on engine lit up the playground and brought joy to visitors young and old.



All in all, it was a wonderful, heart-warming evening—full of fun, community spirit, and festive sparkle. A huge thank you to our incredible PTFA and all the volunteers and helpers who made it happen.

**We are so grateful for everything you do.**



## **Celebrating Our Wonderful Christmas Performances**

What a truly magical week we have had at school! From EYFS right through to Year 6, every Christmas performance was an absolute delight. Each year group brought the Christmas story to life in its own unique and creative way, showcasing the incredible talent, confidence and teamwork of our children.

Our youngest children in EYFS charmed everyone with their joyful storytelling and heart-warming enthusiasm. As the performances continued through the school, we saw a wonderful variety of interpretations—traditional, modern and everything in between—each one delivered with pride and excitement.



The singing this year was exceptional. Whether it was soft, reflective carols or lively festive songs, every voice contributed to the warm atmosphere and left families beaming.

The dancing and movement pieces were full of energy and expression, and it was clear how much effort the children had put into rehearsing. Our narrators spoke with clarity and confidence beyond their years, guiding the audience beautifully through each performance.

We must also applaud the musicians—those playing instruments and those keeping the rhythm—who helped bring each scene to life.



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A huge thank you to all the staff for their hard work in preparing the children, and to families for your support. Most of all, well done to our amazing pupils. You should be incredibly proud of everything you achieved.

These performances truly captured the spirit of Christmas and were a wonderful reminder of the joy our school community creates when we come together.



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## **Christmas Services at St. Mary The Virgin Church Burton Latimer**

Come and join us as we remember  
and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

4pm: A spectacular story and songs

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

3pm: Christingle

**Christmas Eve**

3pm: Crib Service

7.30pm: Holy Communion

**Christmas Day**

10am: Christmas Service



## Parties and a Special Visit from Santa

We ended the term with plenty of excitement as each year group enjoyed their festive parties. The children had a wonderful time playing games, dancing, and celebrating together. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and to feel the joyful atmosphere throughout the school.



**The highlight of the celebrations was, of course, a very special visit from Santa!**

He made time in his busy schedule to stop by each year group, much to the children's delight. Santa spoke to the pupils about the importance of kindness and looking after one another, and he even brought a small gift to make their day extra magical.

A big thank you to staff for organising such fun-filled events, and to families for helping the children come prepared and excited for the celebrations. It was a wonderful way to end the term and a lovely reminder of the festive spirit within our school community.





# **Laugh Out Loud Theatre Group - Sinbad the Sailor Panto**

We were thrilled to welcome the Laugh Out Loud Theatre Group to school this week for their energetic and hilarious performance of Sinbad the Sailor. The hall was filled with laughter from start to finish as the actors brought the classic tale to life with colourful characters, catchy songs, and plenty of audience participation.



The children were completely absorbed in the action—cheering for Sinbad, booing the villains, and joining in with the jokes and lively routines. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying live theatre and experiencing the magic of a traditional pantomime right here in school.

**The performance  
was a brilliant  
treat for the whole  
school community.**

A very special thank you goes to our fantastic PTFA for organising this event. Their support allows us to provide memorable experiences like this for all of our pupils, and we are incredibly grateful for the time, effort, and enthusiasm they put into making it happen.

## Christmas Activities

How well do you know The Christmas Story?  
Fill in the missing spaces... Answers on the next page.



\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
travelled to



\_\_\_\_\_, where  
\_\_\_\_\_ was born in a  
humble stable.



\_\_\_\_\_ proclaimed His  
birth, \_\_\_\_\_ came to worship,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ followed a  
star bringing gifts of \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.



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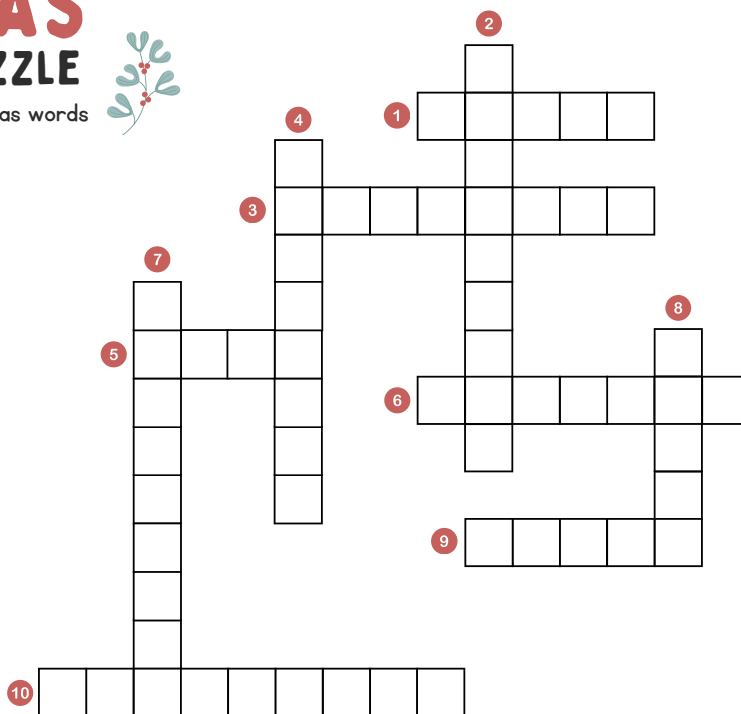
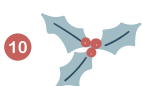
### Christmas Trivia

- Which letter of the alphabet is a question?
- Which letter of the alphabet is a drink?
- Which letter of the alphabet is a vegetable?
- Which letter of the alphabet is a bug?
- Which letter of the alphabet is a line?
- Which letter of the alphabet is a body part?
- Which letter of the alphabet is found in water?



## CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Look at the clues and write the Christmas words

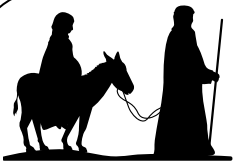


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## Christmas Activities - Answers

How well do you know The Christmas Story?



Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born in a humble stable.



Angels proclaimed His birth, shepherds came to worship, and wise men followed a star bringing gifts of Gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



The child brought hope, peace, and joy to the world.

### Christmas Trivia

- Which letter of the alphabet is a question? **Y**
- Which letter of the alphabet is a drink? **T**
- Which letter of the alphabet is a vegetable? **P**
- Which letter of the alphabet is a bug? **B**
- Which letter of the alphabet is a line? **Q**
- Which letter of the alphabet is a body part? **I**
- Which letter of the alphabet is found in water? **C**



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