

Woodchester Endowed Church of England (VA) Primary School News

Our church school community seeks to inspire children and adults to love, learn and flourish together so we may become everything God has created us to be.

Christian Value—THANKFULNESS

Wednesday 20th December 2023

'Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many' (1 Corinthians 12; 14-16)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although this is a short week for children, it has been full of Christmas festivities and fun. Classes enjoyed their Christmas party at the start of the week and today we have all shared in a Christmas lunch which is always a treat.

Last Sunday, FOWES organised a 'Jingle Mingle' inviting children and families come along and enjoy festive games, music and play. I understand even Father Christmas managed to find time to visit. Thank you so much to everyone who helped make Sunday's event such a success. Parents responded very generously to our plea for raffle and hamper prizes and Wes and Stu were incredibly kind in lending their time, resources and expertise. It was a great event and much enjoyed by the children—huge and sincere thanks to everyone involved!

The Key Stage 2 Carol Service took place on Monday evening. It was a lovely occasion and an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. It was very exciting to see our Woodchester band begin the service. Playing in the band takes lots of practice, teamwork and dedication and we have a growing number of players who are now able to take part. The children sang with lots of enthusiasm and we were very grateful for each class's contribution. Many thanks to everyone involved including Reverend Francis and our church family, staff, governors, our children and their families.

Pam, one of our cleaners, kindly agreed to judge the Christmas Coathanger competition. Choosing winners was almost impossible as they were all fabulous and so creative but, after much consideration, our overall winners were Annabelle and Sophie. The coathangers were all so different with each one bringing a special and unique Christmas sparkle to our hall. In recognition of just how imaginative and brilliant they all were, every entry will receive a little 'thank you' gift from school.

On behalf of everyone here at Woodchester, we would like to thank you for your support during what has been a very busy term and we send you our warmest wishes for a happy, peaceful and relaxing Christmas. Term begins again on Monday 8th January 2024 and we look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Mrs Loomes, Mrs Pennington and Peggy.



DATES

21.12.23—STAFF INSET and 22.12.23—STAFF INSET

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Monday 25th December 2023—Friday 7th January 2024 (inclusive)

08.01.24—Term begins

10.01.24—Swimming (Juniper Class)

12.01.24—Young Voices Trip to Birmingham

17.01.24—Messy Church 3:30pm

22.01.23—Y5 Parents' Meeting re Viney Hill Residential 5pm

09.02.24—Term 3 Ends (3:15pm finish)

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 12th February 2024—Friday 16th January 2024 (inclusive)

19.02.24—Term 4 Begins

WOODCHESTER PARISH CHURCH

CRIB SERVICE

We warmly invite **everyone** to our All-Age Crib Service which will be held on **Christmas Eve at 3pm.**

This will be a short service in which the last hymn will be sung by candlelight. We invite youngsters to dress up as shepherds (tea towel), kings (crown), angels or an animal (animal mask). We also have lots of dressing up clothes in church.

Please stay after the service for refreshments.

Liz Hale



St Mary's Church presents:

Woodchester Christmas Carols

Come sing round the village with Nailsworth Silver Band, then enjoy mulled wine and mince pies at St Marys Church. Wrap up warm and bring a torch.

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Join us at any of these locations:

6.30pm Frogmarsh Mill (with the Band)

6.45pm South Woodchester High Street (Tower House).

Walk along the candle lit path to North Woodchester

7.00pm (approx.) North Woodchester Village Hall

7.15pm In St Mary's Church

Please bring a donation to help cover costs.

Further Information from Andrew 01453 872813



DECEMBER 2023



THINGS TO DO IN STROUD

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND
THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA

FIND FESTIVE FUN

AT THE TOUCH
OF A BUTTON



NEW CHRISTMAS BUTTON!

The Stroud Rocks website is full of festive fun for all the family! There's so much happening we added a Christmas Button keeping everything in one handy place for you.

CLICK HERE

Our top picks are:

[Snow White Panto](#)

[Canals Trust Santa Cruises](#)

[Christmas Market at The Sub Rooms](#)

LOOKING FOR SANTA?

This year has so many events where you can see Father Christmas, visit him in his Grotto or even ice skate with him!

Check out our guide for some of the best places you can find him in Stroud

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PLACES TO SEE SANTA AROUND STROUD

