

Dear Parents

Schools are always a wonderful place to be in the build up to Christmas, as the enthusiasm and energy that the children bring in to school each day carries a tangible air of excitement and fun. This last week has been full of all those events that we love and cherish as a community, helping to create memories that last for a lifetime.

Nativity plays across each year group in Pre Prep have been a cornerstone of the week, with three outstanding performances, all delivered with those moments of unscripted ad lib from the children that makes such events enthralling for us all. It was amazing to see the confidence of the children when delivering their lines, as well as the enjoyment they took from being on stage and performing to their peers and family. I very much look forward to seeing the final performance next week from our Nursery children.

Earlier this week, a small group of children from both Prep and Pre Prep collected residents from Cromwell House to join our school charity Friend in Deed in an outing to St Peter Mancroft to decorate the Friend in Deed tree. It was a magical moment and a lovely way to unite different generations, all while decorating a Christmas tree.

Today we celebrated Christmas jumper day, the Christmas Celebration and our first ever Santa Dash, all helping to raise funds for our School Charity. Watching the Santa Dash taking place through the woodland walk and across the front lawn was amazing, especially given what a wonderful day it was, while the Christmas Celebration continued a long-held Town Close tradition of Year 3 and 4 creating Christmas craft for sale.

The Year 4 soloists' concert also took place this week, with 30 children entertaining their parents with both the array of musical instruments on offer and the breadth of music played or sung. Those of us in attendance definitely felt like the fortunate ones.

Elsewhere the hockey season for the girls ended following matches against Norwich School, while the boys held house football matches at Goals. The senior boys also took part in the annual Innes Cup for Rugby, which was a fiercely competitive tournament, displaying a high degree of skill and ability. The senior girls were also in action in the swimming pool in a friendly gala against Norwich High School.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend and any Christmas events you may have planned.

With best wishes

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