

# Newsletter



## Friday 15th December 2023

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## Canon Popham News and Events

### Nativity and Christmas Parties

The festive season got underway well and truly this week with the Christmas carol services, nativity performances and Christmas parties in upper key stage 2.

KS2 children took part in their Christmas Carol service in our church this week and sang their songs with such enthusiasm. We could not be prouder of Year 5 who led the service this year and retold the Christmas story so clearly – very well done, Year 5. Thank you to all who attended.



I am sure everyone who came to see the nativities were as proud of the children as we all were, it was a joy to behold! They performed their speaking parts and sang their songs (with actions) so beautifully – they are all a real credit to our school. A very big thank you to all staff who put together these joyful events!

### Christmas parties

On Monday morning, Year 3 and Year 4 children will need to bring their party food items and party clothes ready for their Christmas Party in the afternoon.



### Story time with Mr Stickleby – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

We are really looking forward to welcoming back Mr Stickleby 'Grandpa Stick' to school again this year. EYFS/KS1 and KS2 classes will each enjoy a festive storytelling session on Monday morning. If they want to, children can wear something 'Christmassy' (non-uniform) on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.



### Volunteers in school next year

At Canon Popham we recognise that volunteers can make a significant contribution to the children and wider work of the school. If you are interested in volunteering within school next year, please let us know by contacting the school office for more details.

**Have a lovely weekend - Mrs Shelton and Mrs Patton**

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## COMPASSION

We have looked this week at: **ADVENT Celebrating Christmas – God of the unexpected Luke 2.8-20**

Next term we will explore the value of **COURAGE**

## What's happening in school?

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – The third Sunday of Advent: **HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Christmas party for Year 3 and Year 4

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Story time with Mr Stickleby – Christmas stories EYFS/KS1 9.15am session. KS2 session at 10.30am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery and Reception pantomime production in school 9.30am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – CAST Christmas pantomime Year 1 to Year 6 – 1pm departing 4.45pm return to Canon Popham

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception & KS1 Christmas party in the afternoon

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Last day of term, school closes at 3.15pm

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

Well done to **Year 2** who were again this week's winners of the attendance trophy with **98.2%**. They will enjoy 5 minutes extra break. Overall school attendance last week was **95%**



**Well done Year 2!**