

# Weekly Newsletter

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**Congratulations to our Stars of the Week, Head Teacher's Award winners, and those who have achieved great accomplishments in their after school activities.**



## Celebration Assembly



The following children received trust awards this week.

Hedgehog - Finn for showing us what trust really means. You can always trust Finn to be ready, respectful and safe.

Foxes - Rory for consistently pushing himself to do the most and best than he can.

Squirrels - Scarlet for being respectful and always aiming to please.

Otters - Freddie for his strength of character and true reliability.



## Reading Advent Calendar



Throughout December, our class will be enjoying a special Reading Advent Calendar, filled with daily video surprises

From a variety of authors. Each day features an author reading a snippet from one of their own books or from one of their favourites. Some videos even include fun, Christmas themed activities you can try at home! (It's also great for giving you some ideas for new books that your children might be interested in!)

We'll be watching each day's video together in class, but I have pasted the link so it is available for you to enjoy at home. It isn't official homework just a lovely way to keep the whole family entertained, inspired, and feeling festive.

Children are more than welcome to rewatch the videos, share their favourite stories with you, and even have a go at the optional activities.

I hope you enjoy this cosy countdown to the holidays as much as we will in class!

<https://wherereadingrocks.com/christmas-reading-advent-2025/>

## Squirrel Class

This week, Squirrels Class have been busy designing and building their very own dens as part of our science unit on light. Their mission was to choose materials that were suitable for creating a dark space, so the word opaque quickly became a class favourite!

The challenge was simple yet tricky: Miss Butcher should not be able to see any torch light escaping from inside your den.

The children worked brilliantly as teams, testing materials, making improvements, and proudly demonstrating their final designs. Take a look at the picture... can you guess which table won?



## Raffle!

Thanks to Tia's generous donation of a beautifully handcrafted wreath, the PTA will be holding a special auction to raise funds for the school. Email to follow soon so you can place your bid!



## Friday 19th December



Key Stage 2 parents/carers are invited to join the children for carols in the church at 9:30am.



## The Christmas Fayre and Wreath Workshop

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising such an excellent wreath making workshop on Friday and Christmas Fayre on Saturday we know it takes a huge amount of preparation and time. Vikki said it was a great success with lots of money raised. We really appreciate all the PTA's hard work in supporting the school, it makes such a huge difference. Thank you also to everyone who came along and supported the events; we couldn't do it without you.



### **Christmas Lunch 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

*Aspen's Christmas Dinner Day is coming up!  
Remember to wear your Christmas hat, your festive  
jumper, or if you're feeling extra festive both!"*



## **Essential Dates**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Aspens Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance  
09:30 & 18:00 at the Church

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Whole School PTA trip to Rapunzel  
at Tobacco Factory

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Key Stage 2 carols in the church 09:30

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - End of Term



Our Music Centres bring together young musicians to perform in ensembles and groups, build skills, and have fun!

- Improve musical ability
- Take part in concerts
- Inclusive and welcoming
- Make friends

# MUSIC CENTRES

Sessions run on Saturday mornings and weekday evenings during term time. Open to all – from beginners to advanced players.

Ensembles include chamber groups, orchestras, bands, choirs, and rock & pop groups.

Centres in: Little Stoke, Bath, Backwell, Keynsham, and Yate.

For more details go to:

[wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres](http://wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres)

A musical treat for the festive season!

# Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka.

**Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day**

**Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day**

More Information:

[wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops](http://wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops)



# Get Into The Groove!

with our new music production courses

In Years 9-13 and love creating music? Whether you've been playing around on GarageBand or dreaming of dropping your own EP, this is your chance to go next-level.

Over 10 weeks, expert music production tutors will help you shape your sound, master Logic Pro, and create a great track.

Next Course: Wednesdays, 6 Jan 2026 - 25 Mar (Feb half term off)  
Final Course: Wednesdays, 22 April - 1 July (May half term off)

Details and booking at:  
[wema.org.uk/music-production-courses](http://wema.org.uk/music-production-courses)

In partnership with  
**Bath College**

**THE HARPTREE RUNNERS**

# SANTA CHASE

Back for 2025

**A FREE FAMILY FUN RUN! FRIDAY 12TH DEC @ 5PM**

**STARTS & FINISHES OUTSIDE THE WALDEGRAVE ARMS**  
Free certificate signed by Santa himself for all finishers!

FESTIVE OUTFITS ENCOURAGED! ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

**Saturday 6th December**  
7.00pm Goodwill to All Concert  
St Mary, West Harptree

**Sunday 7th December**  
6.00pm Carols under the Tree  
Ring O'Beils, Hinton Blewett

**Saturday 13th December**  
5.00pm Holly Jolly Christmas Concert  
St Andrew, Blagdon

**Sunday 14th December**  
6.00pm 9 Lessons Carol Service  
St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin

**Friday 19th December**  
6.00pm Carol Service  
St Hugh, Charterhouse

**Sunday 21st December**  
4.00pm Christingle Service  
St Bartholomew, Ubley  
6.30pm Carol Service  
St Laurence, East Harptree

**Tuesday 23rd December**  
6.00pm Carols around the Christmas Tree  
St Bartholomew, Ubley

**Wednesday 24th December, Christmas Eve**  
2.30pm Crib Service  
St Laurence, East Harptree  
3.00pm Crib Service

St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin  
5.00pm Crib and Christingle  
St Andrew, Blagdon

6.00pm Crib and Candle  
St Margaret, Hinton Blewett  
11.00pm Midnight Communion  
St Laurence, East Harptree

**Thursday 25th December, Christmas Day**  
8.30am Christmas Communion  
St Andrew, Blagdon  
10.00am Christmas Celebration  
St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin  
10.00am Christmas Celebration  
St Laurence, East Harptree  
10.00am Christmas Celebration  
(with Holy Communion)  
St Bartholomew, Ubley

**Thursday 1st January**  
3.00pm New Year Concert  
St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin



WISHING YOUR HOUSEHOLD A VERY  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

From the churches of Chew Valley South  
Blagdon, Charterhouse, Compton Martin, East Harptree, Hinton Blewett,  
Ubley and West Harptree

We hope you will join us for our special Christmas services.  
You will be so very welcome.

'And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth,  
and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.' Luke 2:7

Come to an extra special christmas BAKE SALE!

Time  
3:30  
Wednesday 10th December

Sells  
cakes  
cookies  
christmas decorations  
paintings  
bracelets  
necklaces  
and earrings

50p

raising for the children hospice