

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It's our final newsletter of 2025! Thank you for all your support over the last two weeks with our range of festive events.; it's been wonderful to see so many parents joining us and supporting the children.

We hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends over Christmas and New Year. Although the school office will now be closed until the 5<sup>th</sup> January, If you have a need for safeguarding support, please use this web page: <https://www.devonscp.org.uk/make-a-request-for-support/>. The Harbour Schools Partnership can be emailed at [info@thsp.org.uk](mailto:info@thsp.org.uk).

From all staff here, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### **Nursery carols and Craft**

Nursery enjoyed a wonderful festive afternoon filled with carols and creativity. The children sang a couple of Christmas songs before settling down to make festive crafts alongside their parents. It was fantastic to welcome so many of our grown-ups and share this special time together. The children had a lovely time!



### **Drama Club**

After school on Wednesday, our Drama Club, led by Mrs. Gambrell, put on a wonderful Christmas performance for their friends and families. What a smashing production it was!

The cast delivered another outstanding performance, showcasing their hard work, talent, and festive spirit. We are incredibly proud of every member of the Drama Club for putting on such an enjoyable and memorable show. Thank you to Mrs Gambrell for giving up her own time to run the club.

Amelia 6P – “It was fun! You get to do your own roles and do things with other people”.

Thea 5W – “I loved the whole thing, it's excellent, everyone was excellent and just great!”

Khaleela 5W – “I enjoyed Drama club, it was fun.

### **Pokémon Primary Schools' football Cup**

On Monday, a group of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils were invited to take part in the Pokémon Primary Schools Football Cup. It was fantastic to see such a diverse mix of children come together to enjoy a brilliant afternoon of football.

The team showcased impressive skills in both defence and attack, playing with great determination and sportsmanship throughout. Despite the wet weather, spirits remained high, and everyone had a wonderful time. Well done to all who took part.

### **Santa Run**

On Friday last week, the whole school and families were invited to take part in the Santa Run. This was an incredible event, with an amazing effort made by everyone who joined in. We saw some fantastic festive outfits, brilliant Christmas accessories, and lots of smiles along the way.

All the children who took part proudly received their Santa Run medals. We would like to thank the children and parents who helped make this such a success and extend a huge well done to all the staff who supported the run. A special massive thank you goes to Miss Stanbury, who organised the event and made it all happen.

### **Reception Nativity**

This week, parents of our Reception classes were warmly welcomed into school to watch the magic and cuteness unfold as the children proudly presented their Christmas Nativity. The performances were truly heart-warming, filled with joy, enthusiasm, and plenty of festive spirit. From the confident Speaking roles to the gorgeous singing, every child played their part beautifully and with such pride.

We are so proud of how well the children performed and of the teamwork they showed in bringing the story to life. A huge thank you also goes to the staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare costumes, rehearse songs, and support the children every step of the way.

Here is what some of the children had to say about their performance:

My favourite song was 'munch munch'. Hakan REM

I liked being a mouse. Molly REM

I liked being a donkey and singing 'munch munch'. Toby REM

I loved being Mary and singing all the songs. Skye REM

I liked singing 'shoo little spider'. Darcie RSC

I liked it when I went up on the stage.' Hattie RSC

### **Top Readers**

Excellent reading by all year groups this week, but here are this week's top readers from each class. Well done and keep up the great word count!

3BG Esme W

3H Selin C

4B Artur C

4R Erin H

5T Manuel R

5W Filip S

6MT Awab I

6P Flo L



**Year 6**  
**Christmas Singing in the Community**

On Thursday, the Year Sixes went to Greentree Court to sing to the people who live there. It was a fun experience and it was nice to see their smiles! - Olivia

This week, we showed community by going to sing to the residents of Greentree Court. It was a heart-warming experience to see their happy faces when we started singing. - Elijah A

I was nervous to sing at the start but it actually felt so nice at the end and I was happy to make all of the residents smile. - Sammy

I really enjoyed the singing. It was really fun. I liked the songs we picked and I think the residents knew 'Rockin Around the Christmas Tree', so they enjoyed it. They were clapping along - Miya

The songs we sang were: 'Merry Christmas Everyone', 'Sparkle and Shine', 'Mary's Boychild' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'. What made me really happy was when the residents smiled and sang along! My favourite song was 'Merry Christmas Everyone'! - Flo

### Admissions Policy for 2027–2028: Annual Consultation

Alongside all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on our admissions policy for 2027–2028. The Local Authority is also consulting on its own admission arrangements. You are invited to review the proposals and share your views. Our proposed policy is available on our admissions page here. You can view all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>, and further information is available at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)

The formal consultation period runs until 16th January 2026. All policies will be determined on 28th January 2026 and published by 15th March 2026.

### Term Dates

<u>Autumn Term</u> School open - 3rd November – 19th December Christmas Holiday 22nd December - 5th January	
<u>Spring Term</u> <b>Children return on Tuesday 6th January – 13th February</b> w/b Monday 16th February: half term holiday School open - Monday 23rd February – Thursday 2nd April Easter Holidays Friday 3rd April NPD - Friday 17th April	<u>Summer Term</u> Children return on 20th April – 22nd May School is closed on Monday 4th May (bank holiday) w/b Monday 25th May: half term holiday Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June NPD School open - Tuesday 2nd June – 22nd July. School is closed on Monday 1st June for a training day. School is then closed for the summer holidays





Christmas Events in  
Whipton & Beacon Heath

*Whipton Wonderland Carols*

A community carol service that celebrates  
Jesus bringing his light to the darkness of this world.

Sunday 21st December, 7pm  
at St. Boniface Church, Whipton.

*Not-Quite-Midnight Mass*

A quiet and contemplative traditional  
Holy Communion Service.

Wednesday 24th December, 8pm  
at Holy Trinity Church Centre,  
Arena Park.

While families are welcome at these events  
they will mainly be aimed at adults

[www.whipton.church](http://www.whipton.church)



# Christmas Events at

## St. Boniface Church Whipton for the whole family

**NURSERY RHYME NATIVITY**  
A SING-ALONG NATIVITY WITH KIDS ACTIVITIES AND BRUNCH  
COME DRESSED AS A NATIVITY CHARACTER OR WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER

SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - 11AM

**POP-UP CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
JOIN US OUTSIDE SAINSBURY'S IN PINHOE TO SING CLASSIC CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER OR DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE NATIVITY CHARACTER.  
PRAYER WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - 11AM

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION**  
JOIN IN WITH SONGS, GAMES, AND BRUNCH AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS

THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - 10AM

[WWW.WHIPTON.CHURCH](http://WWW.WHIPTON.CHURCH)



# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP

22<sup>ND</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup>  
29<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER  
8.15AM - 5.15PM  
AGES 5 - 12

ST LUKE'S CAMPUS, EXETER

**ACTIVITIES**  
6+ ACTIVITIES EVERY DAY!  
BUBBLE FOOTBALL, NERF WARS,  
GLOW-IN-THE-DARK SPORTS, ARTS  
AND CRAFTS, INFLATABLES AND  
MORE!!

**BOOK TODAY TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!**

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# CHRISTMAS HAF PROGRAMME

MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> | TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> |  
MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> | TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER



St Luke's Campus, Exeter






**CITY COMMUNITY TRUST**

# CHRISTMAS

## HOLIDAY CLUBS

**AMAZING DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE!**

**THE ACTIVITIES**  
Match Mania World Cup, FA Cup, Champions League, Goalkeepers & Strikers, Football Fever

**AGES 5-14**

**Exwick Sports Hub**  
9.30am – 3.30pm  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

**BOOK TODAY**  
**EXETERCCT.ORG**

**THE EXETER SCIENCE CENTRE**

**OUR WORLD FROM SPACE**

**@THE BEACON CENTRE**

**HANDS-ON SATELLITE SCIENCE**  
**FRI 2 JANUARY 2026**

# CREATE

**All ages exploring faith together.**  
**Join us at 11am on the first Sunday of the Month**

Sunday 4th January  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday service  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

**11AM ST BONIFACE CHURCH, BROOKWAY, WHIPTON**  
Includes a light lunch

We have uploaded the new Spring Menu onto the school website. When we return, we will be starting on Menu Week 1, which you can find below:

**Week commencing Tuesday 6th January:**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	<b>MAIN MEAL</b>
Devon Beef Bolognese with homemade Focaccia Bread and Peas	Devon Sausage Toad in the hole and gravy with roast potatoes. Carrots and Fine Green beans	Chinese Chicken noodles and naan Bread and sweetcorn	Fish Cake with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas
<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>	<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>	<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>	<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>
5 Bean Chilli with Rice and Peas	Vegetable Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and fine Green Beans	Cauliflower and Chickpea Curry with White and wholegrain rice, Naan bread and sweetcorn	Butternut Squash and Bean Burger with Chips, Peas and Baked Beans
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	<b>JACKET POTATO</b>
Cheese and Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese and Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese and Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese and Beans or Tuna Mayo
<b>PASTA</b>		<b>PASTA</b>	
Cheese Pasta		Cheese Pasta	
<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>
Fresh Fruit Platter	Chocolate Cookie	Peach and Apple Cobbler and Custard	Ice Cream Pot