



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a very exciting time as we step into December and all the festivities that come with it. As winter takes hold, the weather is remaining cold and often wet, so please ensure your children are suitably dressed (school jumper, waterproof coats, and hats, gloves, and scarves when essential). This helps them continue to enjoy their time outside without getting cold.

This week we celebrated the first of many Christmas events, with our Young Voices Choir performing at St James' Park - what a lovely start to the festive season.

Have a fabulous weekend, and please see dates for your diary below for all up and coming events next week. Information regarding the Christmas fayre to come in a separate email.

#### **Choir concert at St James' Park**

On Monday evening, our Young Voices Choir arrived at St James' Park to wow the crowd with their beautiful rendition of *Away in a Manger & Sparkle and Shine*. It was a truly magical moment, with many proud faces in the audience as the children performed with confidence - Mrs Tucker was proud of you all!








**Afterschool Club Reminder** - If you need to pass on a message after 4:30pm, please call 07930 727654 as the school office will be closed.

**Clubs Reminder** - It is the final week of clubs next week. Our school choirs are an exception to this: KS1 Choir will also have a session on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, and KS2 Choir will continue to rehearse 8.30am on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Santa Run – 12th December**

We are excited to invite you to our **Santa Run on Friday 12th December!**

-  **Parent Race:** This will begin at **9:10am**.
-  After dropping your child off at school, please head to **main reception** and write your child's name on their class list.
-  A member of staff will then collect your child from their classroom and bring them to reception.
-  Once all children have been gathered, the **parent race will start**.
-  Following this, we will enjoy the **class runs**.
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We warmly welcome parents to **cheer on the children and families** throughout the event!

### **Important reminders:**

- Children should wear **suitable trainers**.
- Festive clothing or accessories are encouraged to add to the fun!



**WILLOWBROOK CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

<b>TUES 9<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	• Nursery Carols - 2.30pm
<b>WED 10<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	• EYFS & KS1 Lunch
<b>THURS 11<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	• KS2 Lunch
<b>FRI 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	• Santa Run - 9am family run • Christmas Fair 2pm
<b>TUES 16<sup>TH</sup> / WED 17<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	• Reception nativity 2.30pm both afternoons
<b>THURS 18<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	• Carol concert for Years 1-6, 2.30pm.
<b>FRI 19<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	• Christmas jumper day! Non-uniform for the final day of term.

Final week of clubs is Monday 8th-Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

## 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

#### Autumn Term

School open - 3rd November – 19th December  
Christmas Holiday 22nd December - 5th January

#### Spring Term

Children return on Tuesday 6th January – 13th February  
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

#### Summer Term

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 1st 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

### Dates for your diary for the Autumn term:

Autumn term 2 - Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December

**Nursery Carols – Tuesday 9th December 2.30pm**

**Drama club performance – Wednesday 10th December 4pm**

**Christmas Lunch EYFS and KS1 – Wednesday 10th December**

**Christmas Lunch KS2 – Thursday 11th December**

**Santa Run – Friday 12th December 9am**

**Christmas fair – Friday 12th December 2pm**

Receptions Nativity performance – Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December

Year 1 – 6 Carol concert – Thursday 18th December

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 19th December

Christmas holiday start – Monday 22nd December – Monday 5th January NPD

Spring term 1 – Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February



## Friday Flyer

Friday Flyer celebrates children who have consistently been demonstrating our family values. This Weeks Friday flyers are as follows;

Class	
1P	Maya C
1S	Ryan B
2F	Annie-Rose H
2SB	Kevin B
3H	Ellie V
3B	Abi B
4B	Tommy S
4R	Riley C-L
5T	Jamielson V
5W	Crispin W
6MT	N/A
6P	N/A



## 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 David P  
4B Ellie N  
4R Ruby W  
5T Chloe D  
5W Filip S  
6MT Olivia B  
6P Aram A



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

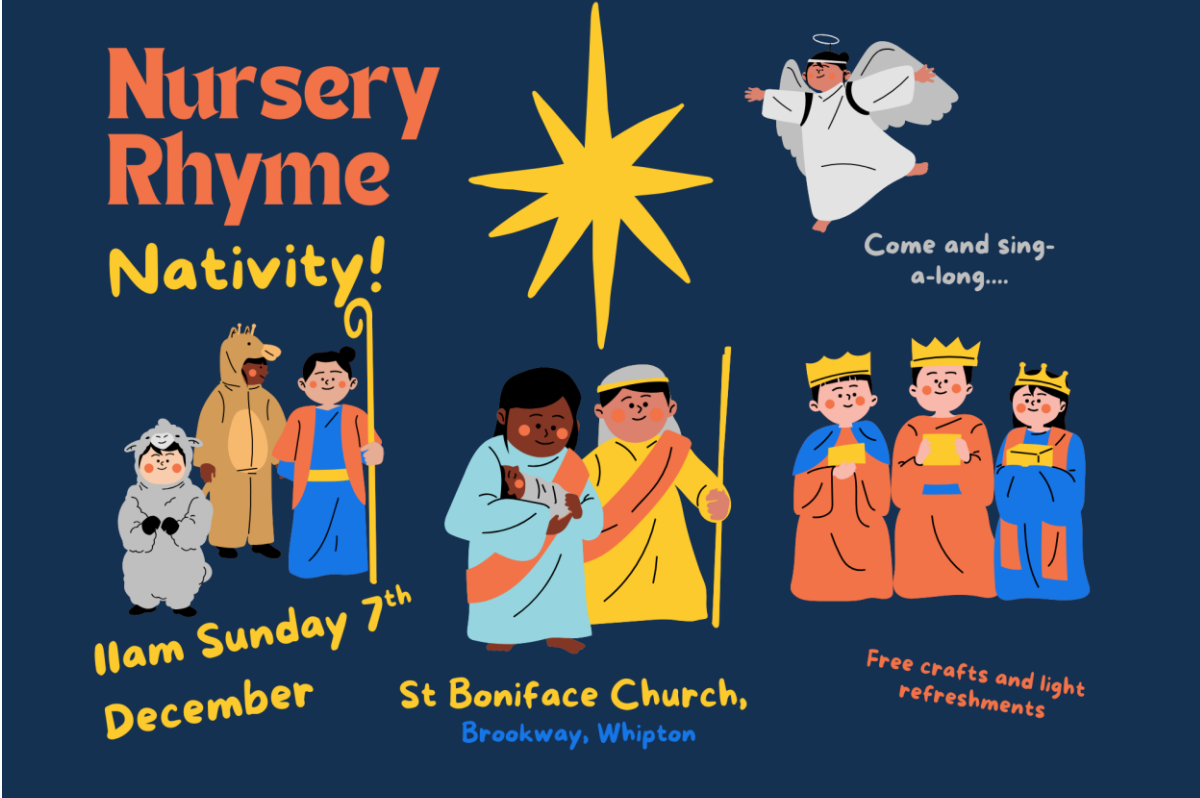
**POP-UP CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
JOIN US OUTSIDE SAINSBURY'S IN PINHOE TO SING CLASSIC CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER OR DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE NATIVITY CHARACTER.  
PRAYER WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

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)



# Nursery Rhyme Nativity!

Come and sing-a-long...

11am Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

St Boniface Church,  
Brookway, Whipton

Free crafts and light refreshments

**CITY COMMUNITY TRUST**

# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS

**AMAZING DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE!**

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

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

**AGES 5-14**

**BOOK TODAY**  
[EXETERCCT.ORG](http://EXETERCCT.ORG)

**SportyStars**  
Multi Activity Camps

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# 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**

**DEVON HAF**  
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

Week commencing 8th December:

On the day your child is **not** having a Christmas Lunch, the only school meal option will be a jacket potato, or they can bring a packed lunch from home. The only pudding available on both days will be Festive Ice Cream (with a dairy-free alternative) or fruit.

<b>Monday</b>	<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>	<b>MAIN MEAL</b>
Pepperoni Pizza with New Potatoes, Fresh Chopped Salad Sweetcorn	Devon Beef Burger with Wedges, Salad and Peas	Christmas Lunch EYFS and KS1	Christmas Lunch KS2	Fish Cake with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas
<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>	<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>	<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>	<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>	<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>
Margherita Pizza with New Potatoes, Fresh Chopped Salad and Sweetcorn	Quorn Sausage with Wedges, Salad and Peas	Christmas Lunch EYFS and KS1	Christmas Lunch KS2	Vegetable Nuggets with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	<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	Christmas Lunch EYFS and KS1	Christmas Lunch KS2	Cheese and Beans or Tuna Mayo
<b>PASTA</b>	<b>PASTA</b>		<b>PASTA</b>	
Tomato Pasta	Cheese Pasta			
<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>
Fresh Fruit Platter	Fruit Jelly	Christmas Lunch EYFS and KS1	Christmas Lunch KS2	Ice Cream Pot