

Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Fordcombe Families,

It was fantastic to see so many of you be able to see our children perform together their nativity, I'm sure there are not many schools who are able to say that every child gets involved and plays their part. We were all so proud of the children for learning all those lines and for having such courage to sing out loud. A special mention to those girls and boys who sang solos or duets - there is definitely a future on stage for some of our children! Huge thanks to Miss Huskisson and Mrs Evans for leading the team effort. I'm sure you'll agree that all the children 'shone their light' for Christmas at Fordcombe.

Today was a wonderful way to end the year, with our school community gathered together in the church. Again, it was lovely that so many of you were able to join us as we shared our reflections on Christmas and revisited our favourite songs from the nativity. I have included some of the thoughts and reflections from the classes on the next page for you to share.

The children were thrilled this afternoon to have a visit from Santa himself! The excitement from the children (and adults!) was infectious and it was a special way to bring joy in to the school. Thank you so much to the Parents Guild for inviting him in.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joy-filled Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards,
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At Christmas, I am looking forward to...

Presents under the tree. Ollie
Making a snow man and presents. Saoirse
Getting presents. Jacob
Presents under the tree. Carl
I hope it snows over Christmas. Ada
Playing with my dog. James
Presents under the tree. Arlo
Seeing my Christmas and having fun with Theo. Archie
My brother standing up on his own next to the Christmas tree.

When I grow up...

I would like to give my love to the trees. Flo
I want to help the animals so they get better. Maddie
I want to be a chef because I love to cook. Joey
I want to be a dentist so I can make people's teeth better. Phoenix
I want to help by being a vet so I can save endangered species and help the world because I love animals. Clemmie
I want to be a fire fighter to protect people.
I want to give love to the world. Livvy
I want to paint because it is my favourite. Marcus
I want everyone to look after the planet Earth because I want nature to grow and people to have a happy life. Bella
I want to be a doctor because I want to save people. Lewis
I want to be an astronaut because I like space. Vinnie
I want the world to be protected. Ivy
I want to be a builder to help people have houses. Noah
I want to be a teacher because I want to help people learn. Coco
I want everyone to be kind. Evalyn

Christmas Together by Elm

Towering Christmas trees and tasty turkeys
Oh what fun it is!
Garlands glistening
Everyone together
Taking part in the Christmas play
Hoping for a White Christmas
Enjoying and eating a delicious feast
Rocking around the Christmas tree

Our Christmas Prayers

Dear God,

Let us always be hopeful and fill our hearts with light even when times feel dark. You are the Prince of Peace to us and all the world, always. (Lara and Ellis)

Please help us to be grateful for the people who love us and help us to remember those who aren't as fortunate as us. Please help us to do good in the future and shine our lights for all our lives. (Finlay and Wilf)

Please help us to be kind and bring peace to schools, homes and all the countries around the world. (Ethan and

Let our hopes and dreams shine in the dark. You are the Prince of Peace, please bring love, kindness and peace to all the world this Christmas. (Maya and Fin)

Please help the people who have no homes across the world. Also help those who have no food and water. Help bring light into their lives and give them all the provisions they need. Thank you for all the things we have and please help us all to remember to be thankful to God. (Amy and Gabby)

Amen



Elm

In Elm class we have been making the most beautiful stained glass Christmas windows and feeling very festive indeed!



Oak

Oak class, indeed the whole school, has worked so hard over the past week: finishing up with assessments, producing the Nativity and the end of term church service, which I'm sure you would agree, was a lovely way to end this term. Everyone is very much looking forward to a well-deserved break.



What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

"I've enjoyed writing balanced arguments and also I've enjoyed our Power of Reading book!" (Isla)
"I've enjoyed learning about the Maya and ancient cities. My favourite subject so far has been maths." (Finlay)
"This term I have enjoyed doing the Nativity, maths, art and English!" (Logan)

What are you looking forward to next term?

"I am looking forward to English because I love reading something new." (Wilf)
"I'm looking forward to learning more maths and some DT. I'm also looking forward to seeing all my friends and teachers again in the new year!" (Emily)
"I'm looking forward to learning more in science and art." (Ellis)

Ash

Ash class have been making Christmas cards for friends and family this week. They have enjoyed finger painting! They have also been creating Christmas pictures by drawing around 2D shapes.



Beech

Beech class have also been making Christmas pictures using 2D shapes. We have loved seeing the mischief Elfie gets up to each day and we are all very excited for Christmas!

