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Key Dates:	
11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> December Year R, 1&2 performances	2 <sup>nd</sup> January INSET Day
14 <sup>th</sup> December- class parties in afternoon	10 <sup>th</sup> January – Beauty and the Beast theatre performance
15 <sup>th</sup> December HSPTA Santa Dash. Last day of term	18 <sup>th</sup> January - Year 2 visit to orchestra

Communications this week:	
Little Wandle Recommended Reads	Christmas Carols around the Tree
Free on-line courses	HSPTA Santa Dash
Christmas Productions and Supporting Charity	Y1 Tennis Club
Y1/Y2 Invites to Spring Term Clubs	Lost Property

Dear Parents & Carers,

We had a wonderful Christmas lunch yesterday, a massive thank you to the whole kitchen staff team, they were amazing cooking for over 500 children and adults across both schools! The children loved wearing their Christmas jumpers, thank you to all who donated. Across both schools we raised £420 for Save the Children. If you would still like to donate please click on the link [Hiltingbury Schools - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)

Thank you to everyone who has filled out our parent survey to help us think about recent events we have held for parents and any future ideas you have for further support/information. Please click on the link if you have not completed the survey yet <https://forms.office.com/e/JsfMGe7jk6>

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our performances next week. The children sound fantastic and are really looking forward to performing to you! This year we are collecting for Great Ormond Street Hospital - you can donate online or with cash on the performance days [Hiltingbury GOSH](#)

### Carols Around the Tree

Everyone is welcome to join us for carols around the tree on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm on the junior school playground with the junior school choir and Southampton community band. We look forward to coming together as two schools to celebrate Christmas.

### Multiply Maths Quiz

Start the festivities with a bit of fun to test your maths knowledge. Entries open on 1st December and close on 12th December 2023. Once submitted, you will be in with a chance to win a £60 cinema voucher for you and your family. Please see the attached poster with the QR code to take you to the quiz - good luck!

### Christmas Library Sessions

Please see the attached poster with information about a range of family fun sessions being held at Chandler's Ford library this coming Christmas holiday.

### Disney + Online Safety

Please see the attached poster giving you hints and tips on safe use and everything you need to know about Disney + from an e-safety perspective.

### Learning Highlights from Each Year Group

#### Year R

Another Christmassy week in Reception this week. We have been practising our 'Noisy Nativity' each day this week and we are so proud of all the children's singing, dancing, narrating and acting. We can't wait to perform to you next week! Alongside a busy week of rehearsing, Christmas lunch and Elfridges, the children have been learning about the composition of the numbers 4 and 5 in maths using 5 frames.

We have also been continuing our RE learning this week about how some Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, linking back to our previous learning about how some of the children in our classes celebrate the birth of a baby.

### **Year 1**

This week has been a busy one! The Year 1 children loved their opportunity to visit Elfridges this week and they thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas dinner with their class.

The children were excited to perform their Hey Ewe Christmas play to Year 2 for their dress rehearsal.

During our computing sessions the children have been exploring the drawing programmes and have learnt to use the shape tools and drawing tools to create art work inspired by the artist Piet Mondrian. The children remembered to use the primary colours and their art work can be seen on Seesaw.

During our R.E sessions the children have learnt about journeys and have discussed their own journeys that have happy or sad endings. Next week we will make links with the journeys made in the Christmas story.

### **Year 2**

The winter festivities have continued to explode through Year 2 this week and we are so proud of how well the children have coped with changes to timetables and routines. In maths, the children have continued to practise adding using a range of strategies to support their mathematical thinking. They enjoyed their RE learning whereby they explored candle light as a symbol in the Christian and Jewish faiths. We were so blown away by how respectful the children were when discussing their own thoughts around candles. We had some lovely ideas about how they use candles in their own lives; such as birthdays on cakes, for reflection and thinking about loved ones or to create a relaxing atmosphere. The children are so excited to show their winter production next week and very much enjoyed performing on Friday to the Year 3 cohort. They also were a great audience for EYFS and Year 1.

### **Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Lunch!**



Please encourage any families looking for a school place in September 2024 to book a school tour on our website [Hiltingbury Infant School - Starting School September 2024](#)

We look forward to seeing you at the performances next week!

Kind Regards

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