



## Special Christmas Performances

Monday kicked off with Nursery's second performance of their Nativity. It was a superb way to start the week, with a selection of all the best nativity songs in one performance. Later that day, Year 1 braved the elements outside and put on a fantastic performance of their Christmas songs. They sang about smelly sprouts, eating too many mince pies and finished off doing the Christmas Conga back to class! A huge 'Well Done!' to all the children in Year 1 who worked so hard to learn all the songs and sang their hearts out!

Tuesday saw the amazing Wiggly Nativity from our children in Reception (FS2).

With two spectacular performances, the children performed beautifully, wriggled their way through the Christmas Story and received a standing ovation for their efforts.

On Wednesday, it was the turn of Year 2 to perform Born in a Barn. They were fantastic! With so many lines to learn they were word perfect and could be heard right at the back, despite all windows and doors open for ventilation. They sang and danced like professionals and capped off the week with a supersonic singing of Born in a Barn.

**We are all so proud of our children**

*(and the parents for following all our Covid Rules).*

See page 3 for a few photographs from the events.



## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

<b>Kennet</b>	<b>4056pts</b>
<b>Silbury</b>	<b>4054pts</b>
<b>Ridgeway</b>	<b>4051pts</b>
<b>Avebury</b>	<b>4049pts</b>



Wow - so close after 13 weeks with only 7 points between 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Kennet are the only House to win 4 times, all others winning 3 times so far. **Kennet - top at Christmas!**

## Golden Book

Congratulations to the following children for being mentioned in the Golden Book Assembly today for their excellent attitudes and approach.

- Olivia and Max** (Beech)
- Jacob and Joseph** (Hazel)
- Ruby and Nevaeh** (1Birch)
- Eloise and Erin** (1Alder)
- Harry and Mason** (2Chestnut)
- Amelia** (2Hornbeam)
- Oscar and Aisla** (3Rowan)
- Riley and Yemi** (3Sycamore)
- Logan and Olivia** (4Juniper)
- Jasmine and Arthur** (4Willow)
- Jan and Spencer** (5Ash)
- Evelyn and Leo** (5Oak)
- Ella, Lily and Millie** (5Maple)
- Rhianna, Max R, Sophie and Junior** (Year 6)



**Well done to all of you - keep it up!**

## Hampers

Thank you, to everyone who joined in with the **Famous FOAMS Christmas Hamper Draw**.

Winning tickets were drawn and winners notified yesterday.

There were 19 amazing hampers this year. We remain extremely grateful to families for their kind donations and to FOAMS for taking the time to create such wonderful prize hampers.



## Eva completes her first Concert!

Well done Eva on completing your first live concert last weekend.

We hear you did an incredible job of performing Taylor Swift's, Shake It Off, on the Ukulele.

Mr Smith would be really pleased to hear we have a budding Ukulele star of the future coming through the school. Well Done!



## School Uniform Shops...

Yes, these seem to be growing in number, but none are connected to the school. We simply act as an advertising conduit to allow parents greater choice when it comes to buying school uniform. Our policy remains that uniform need not be expensive and can be the most basic and cost effective you can find in any uniform school or supermarket. Please check before going to the shops as some are closed for all but a few days over the break. Our Webpage is here: <https://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk/school-uniform>



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**LET US COLLECT AND RECYCLE  
YOUR REAL CHRISTMAS TREE** in aid of

**Prospect**  
Hospice

Registered Charity No. 280203

and other local charities\*

**We would welcome a donation for the  
collection of your tree.**

We will collect between the 8th – 9th January 2022 from:

**SN1, SN2, SN3, SN4, SN5, SN6 6, SN6 7, SN25 1, SN25 2,  
SN25 3, SN25 4.**

Registration closes 12 noon 4th January 2022



To arrange a collection please book in at:

**[www.charityxmastreecollection.com](http://www.charityxmastreecollection.com)**

\*After costs, at least 90% of the monies raised will go to the Hospice and up to  
10% is donated to other local charities.

# Winter Photography Competition

Open to all ages and abilities • Free • Incredible prizes to be won  
(including a Nikon COOLPIX B500) • Show off your photography skills



All entries will be divided into the following three age categories:

Under 12's • 13 –24 years • 25+ years

Entries and queries need to be sent to:

[youthandcommunity@haydonwick.gov.uk](mailto:youthandcommunity@haydonwick.gov.uk)

• **Closing date: Tuesday 1st February 2022, at 4.00pm** •

For more information visit: [www.haydonwick.gov.uk/youth-forum/](http://www.haydonwick.gov.uk/youth-forum/)

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## IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT FLU VACCINE



Dear Parents/Guardians,

All children from **Reception to Year 6** are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. The immunisation team will be visiting our school on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

To confirm whether you would like your child to receive this vaccination **or not**, you will need to complete the online consent form (by clicking the link below). Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating “decline”.

On this link you will also find answers to your FAQ’s and links to the current Public Health England and manufacturers leaflets. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

**Prior to completion of the consent, you will need each individual child’s unique NHS number – this can be found in their red book, or via this link:**

Find your NHS number - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))

To complete the consent/decline please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/swindon>

The **consent link will close at midnight on 3rd January 2022**. If you complete a late consent (after the link closing date or on the day), your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school and you will be offered the opportunity to book them into a local community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on 0300 247 0082 (lines open 9:00-12.00 and 14.00-16:30) or email [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net)

Thank you  
The School Office

**PLEASE READ:  
IMPORTANT  
MESSAGE**

Thank you to all our staff in Early Years and Key Stage 1 for making it possible for the children to perform so beautifully this Christmas. Also, thank you to the parents and extended family members for following our covid rules and making it possible for us to have small but live audiences. When we all pull together, amazing things can happen - *and at AMCPS they regularly do!*

**Nursery Nativity**



**Reception  
Wriggly Nativity**



**Year 1  
Christmas Songs**



**Year 2  
Born in a Barn**



### Forest School children plant more trees...

Pupils from Year 4 - plus Daniel, Dylan, Iris and Cody from Year 5 - enjoyed planting new trees in our school woodland area this week. Mr O'Brien's uncle had kindly donated some Norwegian spruce to add the variety of flora and fauna within our grounds. With the saplings in their infancy, pupils were proud to be part of the conservation of our outdoor space, for future generations of Forest Schoolers to enjoy.



### A Big Thank you from Mr B...

As we leave school for the Christmas break, I would just like to offer one more thanks for the incredible support we are being shown by parents and families.



We may have retained our systems of Covid Control longer than most, and reintroduced some elements more cautiously, but it has meant that, with your support, we have made it to Christmas and been able to have several live events (albeit smaller and more distanced than normal). Whilst cases of Covid can be as much about luck than management, we are grateful that in some cases we have made our own luck.

These have been difficult times for us all and so many of you have worked with us and shown clear understanding and care for us throughout.

*There have unfortunately been one or two incidents of parents being rude to our office staff.*

*Please remember we are people with feelings too, and a small amount of respect goes a long way.*

May I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas.

Please remember that our school starts back on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30am in the Sunshine Club and 8.30am within the school. Gates at 8.20am.

*This of course relies on there not being a last minute change in guidance, as we all experienced last year!*

Take care - stay safe out there... Bob

### Sunshine Club Party

The Sunshine children enjoyed lots of extra festive fun this week including party food, games & craft activities.

We would like to wish all our parents and children a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Have a Very Merry Christmas



## See you all on WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022