



20/12/24

Dear Families,

I would like to start by thanking everyone in the school community for getting involved and supporting all the Christmas activities in the last few weeks. There has been so much going on! A fantastic Nativity from Year 2 and 3 with the added excitement of the BBC filming it. They will be using some clips in a climate change documentary in Spring 2026. Quite a long wait for TV stardom I am afraid!



The Christmas Fair was a great success thanks to the hard work of the PTA and staff involved. We will be putting the money raised towards playground equipment. Please do come along to the next PTA meeting in the new year and get involved if you can.



It was a pleasure to see so many families at St Clement's Church for our Community Christmas Concert and donkey parade. Pedro the donkey was definitely the star of the show and there was no ice skating donkey tricks this year thankfully! Thank you Father David for hosting this at the Church.



I think it is important for children to experience and learn about each other's faiths and cultures as through learning about each other and sharing experiences grows understanding and respect. Tolerance, respect, love, peace and understanding are important universal values that we can instil in children. To support this we provide opportunities for children to visit different places of worship over the year. This builds on children's learning in RE and their understanding of diversity that is part of the Global Citizenship curriculum.



It has been a very busy Autumn term with so many fantastic moments to celebrate and remember. The children have had many exciting enrichment opportunities and I hope they have made some more Moreland memories. Why not ask your child their favourite memory of 2024 and find out what they enjoyed most!

I am sad to say that Jess Fish our Nursery teacher will be leaving us at Christmas to pursue a new career outside of teaching. We all wish Jess the best of luck with her new role.

We would like to give a warm welcome to our two new teachers Hannah and Taylah who will be joining us in January teaching the two Nursery classes. We will also have a new (old) TA in Year 4 Birch called Manon (who worked at the school a couple of years ago) as Homaira will be covering Lauren as the class teacher in Year 2 Pine when Lauren goes on maternity leave in January.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone in our school community – children, families, staff, governors and community partners - a very happy and peaceful Christmas holiday and New Year.

We have an INSET day on the 6<sup>th</sup> January so children will start back on **Tuesday 7th January**.

Best wishes

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