



Dear parents and carers

Autumn term 2024 has been jam-packed with learning, events and, most recently, lots of Christmas fun!

We were delighted with the outcome of our Ofsted inspection in October. We were one of the first schools to receive the new inspection which doesn't include an overall grade. Our children had a real voice during the inspection, and we were particularly proud that they told inspectors that our school is 'full of kindness' and that it is 'like a big family'.

A huge thank you and congratulations to the children and staff in Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 for outstanding Christmas performances. The children danced, sang, narrated, and performed with such confidence!

I wish you all a happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 07 January 2025!  
Merry Christmas!

Claire Bennett  
Headteacher

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## Woodside Choir



The choir participated in the Oswestry Lighting Ceremony. The children sang in front of a large crowd before the Christmas lights were switched on. The children sang a medley of songs, including One Night One Moment, When We're Together and Rocking Around the Christmas Tree. It was a great way to begin the festive season. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



The choir visited Practice Plan to sing some Christmas songs. The choir sang beautifully and were very pleased with the chocolate Santa gifts they received!





**Ava, Jess, Jamie and Ooreofe**

**Outstanding Woodsiders**



**Ruby, Emilia, Theo and Alfie**



**Archie and Eliana**





# Christmas at Woodside



Christmas is a special time at Woodside. The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 have performed their Christmas performances to many parents/carers and grandparents. St Oswald's Church welcomed us again for our annual Christmas Carol Concert. It was such a lovely evening and, as always, the children performed beautifully!



**Christmas  
dinner**



**Christmas Carol  
Concert at St  
Oswald's Church**





# Visiting Father Christmas







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# Remembrance



At the beginning of November, we were invited by Rev. Harvey Gibbons to join members of the Royal British Legion at Oswestry cemetery. The service takes place on the first Friday before Remembrance. The service started with the blessing of the crosses and the children were given a talk about the war graves. The children then placed the wooden crosses on the war graves before taking part in an act of Remembrance.





## Year 5/6 visit to Aico



The children in Year 5 and 6 went to AICO to watch a Christmas film in the auditorium; both the children and the adults thoroughly enjoyed watching the film on the big screen. We had an interval in which the children were given treats to eat and, after the film showing, AICO staff gave each of the children a selection box to take home. The children behaved impeccably and represented Woodside brilliantly; all the staff are incredibly proud of them. A very fun morning was had by all!

**Thank you AICO!**



## Our Local Area—Year 3



The children in Year 3 enjoyed a walk in the local area. The field work was part of our geography topic "Are all settlements the same?" The task was to investigate what type of settlement we live in and identify the human and physical features that we have around us. Mrs Jones was very impressed with how sensible and well behaved the children were during the walk.

## BBC 500 Words Writing Competition



BBC's 500 Words is the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11 year-olds. This year, Molly in Year 6, entered the competition and she has heard that she has made it through to the next stage. This is an amazing achievement as the BBC received tens of thousands of entries and only 5000 stories go through to the next round. **We are all really proud of you, Molly!**

## Helen Morgan's Christmas Card Competition



This year, as in 2023, our local MP, Helen Morgan, invited the children in all schools across North Shropshire to take part in her Christmas Card competition. We had a lot of fantastic entries and one of our Year 6 children's design was chosen as a runner up. Robyn received a letter from Helen Morgan and a copy of the winning Christmas card with her design on the back.

**We'll done , Robyn!**





It has been a busy half term at Forest School!

Our Nursery children have had lots of fun finding hidden animals, using their initiative to work out how to rescue them from difficult to reach hiding places. Reception children have been very interested in the squirrel nest which blew down in the storm and have worked together to create a giant nest of their own, thinking about the materials they needed to make it strong and cosy. Year 4 children were fascinated by the fungi growing in Forest School, identifying several different varieties, learning about their habitat and what they can be used for, and taking photos to monitor how they changed over time. The children have also enjoyed working together to make dens, bug-hunting, 'cooking' in the mud kitchen, and creating clay reindeers and natural Christmas decorations to decorate our trees.





# Christmas Crafts



## Year 2

Our Year 2 children had a wonderful time making Christmas decorations to sell at their very own craft sale. Using their own ideas, the children made decorations out of clay and later decorated them using paint, glitter and ribbon. Thank you so much to everyone who attended the sale; the children loved selling their decorations to you! The Year 2 craft sale made £111.10



## Year 6

In Year 6, we all created white clay decorations for our Christmas craft sale. We used a range of different cutters and then decorated the clay using imprints of leaves, flowers and twigs. We also used a small amount of silver glitter to add some sparkle!

Some of the Year 6 children are very interested in crocheting so they decided that they wanted to create some lengths of bunting and little stars to hang on the tree. We thoroughly enjoyed making the decorations and were very proud of our craft sale.

The Year 6 craft sale made £149.90





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## Year 3 and 4

The children in Year 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed creating fantastic Christmas crafts to sell to their parents. Each class made a different item to sell and the children put a lot of effort and enjoyment into them. We were very grateful for the generosity of the parents and carers that attended and are delighted to announce that we raised £292.60!





**Christmas Plays**  
**Reception and Year 1**



**Reception - Christmas ABC**



**Year 1—Hey Ewe**







**Year 5—Christmas Celebration**



**Well done**



I am Annalea and I have been painting canvases at home. I was inspired by a painting I saw and I decided to create my own.

**Well done Annalea!**



I am Antonina. I have been painting recently in my free time at home. I have painted the Northern Lights, sunsets, night times and sunrises. I like painting because it is fun.

**Well done Antonina!**





## Children in Need 2024



This term the newly elected school council organised raising money for Children in Need as their first role in post. In total, we managed to raise an amazing £1,100; thank you for all your kind donations.



## Delivering Christmas cards

A group of Year 6 children visited Ashwood Supported Living in Oswestry. Here, the children sang several Christmas carols to the tenants, and then gave out handmade Christmas cards and tree decorations. The tenants were full of praise for the children who were superb ambassadors for Woodside School; Year 6 - once again - have made us incredibly proud.



We also visited Sheldon Ward at the Orthopaedic hospital. The patients were very happy to receive them and gave our children a wonderful welcome. The cards had been made by children from all years at Woodside, and the patients were delighted with the creative designs and warm messages inside. Once again, our children were excellent ambassadors for the school, and have been asked to return next year.



WOW

School council have also launched WOW which is the Walk to School challenge where pupils self-report their daily journeys on the WOW Travel Tracker. At the end of each month, those pupils who have travelled actively to school at least three times a week receive a WOW badge.



**Important Dates**

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- Monday 06 January—PD Day
- Tuesday 07 January—Children start back
- Friday 14 February—Children break up for half term
- Monday 24 February—Children start back



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