



# BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 13



In worship this week, we lit the third candle of our Advent Wreath. When we lit the first we thought about 'Hope' and a hope we had for ourselves, our family, our friends, our school or village, and the world. When we lit the second candle we thought about 'Peace' and the areas of the world that were not peaceful at the moment. We hoped that they would find some peace at Christmas time, and thought about the football game that is reported to have happened between the soldiers in the trenches during WWI. When we lit the third candle we thought about Joy. It was interesting to discover the difference between happiness and joy. Happiness is something that we feel when something happens to us – it is a feeling that is linked to an external experience. Joy is something that we can choose, or feel internally, even if things are not going well. We thought about how we can look for joy in difficult circumstances – maybe finding a friend who can help us when things are difficult can bring us joy. **I wonder what you choose to do to find joy when things are tricky for you?** For me, personally, I turn to music to find joy when things are tricky, either playing the piano, sax or oboe – or simply singing a song. We all enjoyed singing the [12 Days of Christmas](#) and certainly found some happiness in our attempt to fit in all of the moves. Maybe your child can teach you the moves we used?

I hope you all find some Joy this Christmas time.



It was too slippery to walk down to St Chad's on Thursday, so Reverend Jonathan came to school to help us with our Christmas Service in school. Year 5 led the Service so well, and shared the messages of Christmas really clearly. The readings, poem and prayers were very well chosen. All of the children enjoyed singing the Christmas songs that they had been learning and Year 4 played the chimes beautifully too. It was a really special service – thank you Year 5 and Reverend Jonathan. For families who would like to visit church this Christmas time, there is a Crib Service in St Chad's for families on Christmas Eve at 4pm and a family service at 10am on Christmas morning. Everyone is very welcome.



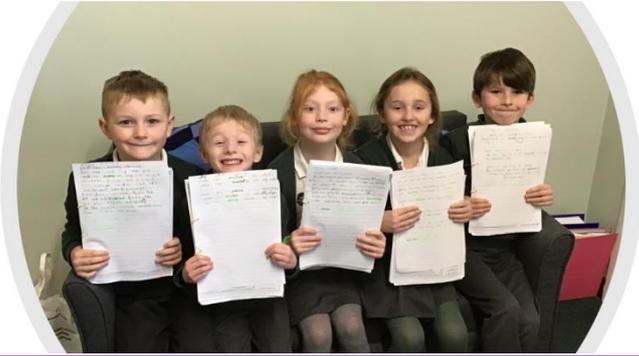
## SUPERB SINGING

Year 3 have been working hard with Helen from Warwickshire Sings! this term and have been having lots of fun along the way. They performed to the school on Thursday afternoon and the joy they felt when singing was clear to everybody watching. They are all stars, and truly shone in their performance. Well done Year 3.



## AMAZING WRITING

It was fabulous to be able to share some amazing writing with some children from Year 2 in this very last week of a busy term. They children had been challenged to choose really interesting verbs in their sentences to make their writing even more exciting. Albie, Oliver, Jess, Claudia and Oscar really took the challenge on and made some excellent verb choices. They were really excited to share their work and how brilliant their sentences sounded with the verbs they had chosen. Well done!



## KEYBOARD CELEBRATION

Issy, Esha and Miley have been playing keyboard with Mrs Funge for a while now, and wanted to master one of school's favourite songs. They practiced hard and were able to perform 'Go Tell it on the Mountain' really well. They are clearly developing their keyboard skills brilliantly. Well done girls.



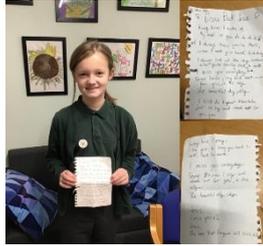
## MUSICIANS IN THE MAKING



On our 'Battle of the Bands' Incarnation Day challenge, Year 5 wrote original lyrics to their own melody. On the day, Isabelle, Isaac and Ellie had created some lyrics that they loved, but they found they didn't fit to the class melody as they had hoped. They stored the lyrics and created fresh ones so that they could complete the challenge as part of their class. They didn't forget about their first set of lyrics though, and took them away to create their own song/rap with them. They performed for us in worship this week and were absolutely

fantastic. Well done, children, for persevering with your original idea and discovering a way to make it work.

Chloe was also inspired to create an original song after our Battle of the Bands Day and brought her lyrics to share with me. She has created a melody too, and we have agreed to work together to create an accompaniment for her song so that she can perform it to the school. Well done, Chloe.



Darcey, Abraham, Sachin and Isobel discovered that they enjoyed the song 'We Three Kings' so much that they wanted to add some moves and perform it to me to 'add some Christmas sparkle to my office'. They certainly did that and I felt much more Christmassy after their creative performance. I loved the actions too!



Inspired by the challenge James gave the children to write their own Christmas worship song, I decided to give lyric writing a go myself. Mrs Potter and I performed 'Oh What a night' in worship this week. We felt like pop stars for a short while – although we think we are possibly more suited to teaching!



## TEAM TACHBROOK IN ACTION



The cross country team have been in action recently, and ran extremely well in rather cold conditions. They have been developing their stamina for running in training sessions in school and their hard work is starting to pay off, with them taking on the course with more confidence and determination. A huge well done to Jess, Joe, Alby, Isaac, Jacob, Abraham and Sachin.



## SPORTS STARS

We were able to celebrate lots of different sporting achievements in worship this week!

Isla, George and Piper shared their swimming achievements with us, all gaining confidence in the water and developing their swimming skills well.



Lincoln changed his martial arts focus in September, moving to learn Jujitsu. He has found that he is really good at it, and is developing his skills really well. He was awarded star of the week for his fantastic effort in training. Well done, Lincoln!

Ayva has been working hard to develop her gymnastic skills out of school. She has achieved her Level 1 medal, not just passing, but being awarded a merit for talent. Keep up the hard work, Ayva.



Hattie has been really enjoying her dancing this



term. She has been working really hard to develop her skills in freestyle and acrobatic arts dancing and her dance teachers have noticed how her hard work has resulted in her dancing getting better and better. She was awarded 'Most Improved Dancer' this term. Well done, Hattie!

## KEEPING SAFE

You will have probably heard in the news this week about the tragic accident that happened in Solihull where four children ventured out onto a frozen lake. We have chatted to the children in worship about how dangerous frozen water is and how the ice varies in thickness which is why it is so very dangerous to play on a frozen lake or pond. Please find some more information that you can share with your children about ice safety here:

<https://www.rospa.com/leisure-water-safety/water/advice/ice>

## Dates for your diary:

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service at St Chad's 6:30pm  
 Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Crib Service at St Chad's 4pm  
 Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Family Service at St Chad's 10:30am  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – INSET Day  
 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – PTA meeting at The Leopard  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – School Photos am  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – School panto pm

There are so many children at BT who 'wonder' and are genuinely interested in their learning. It has been a difficult job to select our VIPs this term, but we are really proud of the way the children are excited about their learning.

## VIPs - Inquire

Isabella, Dylan

Cleo, Harrison, Emilia

Abigail, Leon, Jessica, Sophie, Lucy

Ethan, Isabelle, Jessie,

Zak, Seb T, Seb L

Isaac, Fifi, Sachin

Jacob, Chloe D, Ethan E



I would like to wish all of our families a fun-filled and safe Christmas break. I am looking forward to hearing about the magic and fun you have all had when you return in January.

*C. Kilbey*

Mrs C. Kilbey  
Head Teacher

Fun Fact:

The letter X in "Xmas" is actually the Greek letter "Chi," which is the Greek abbreviation of the word "Christ."



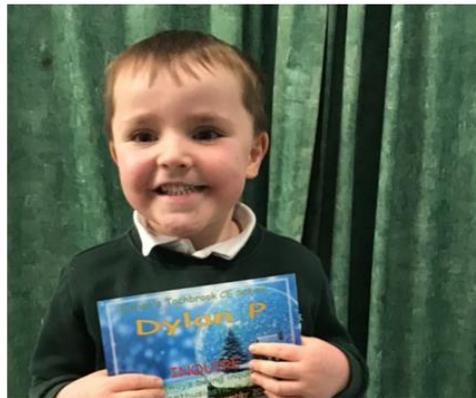
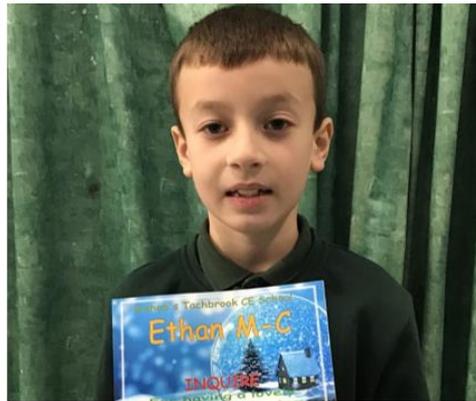
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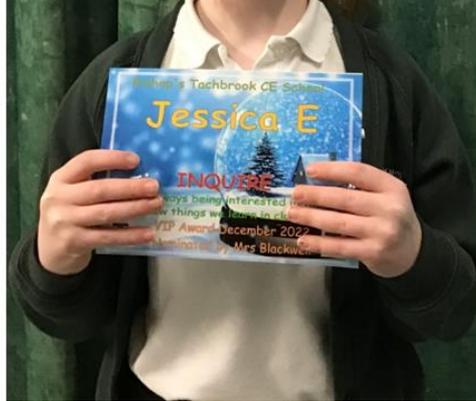
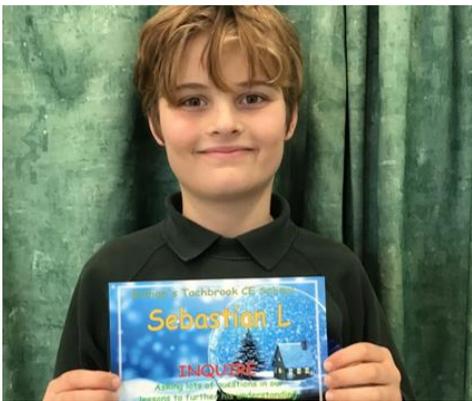
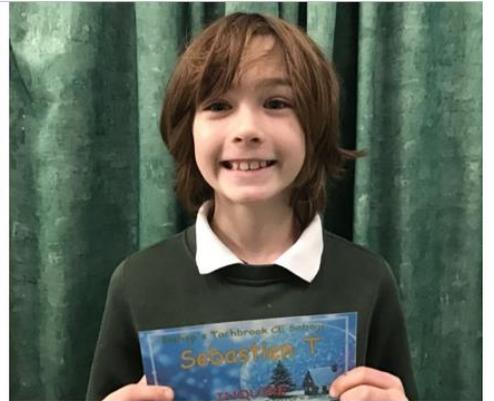
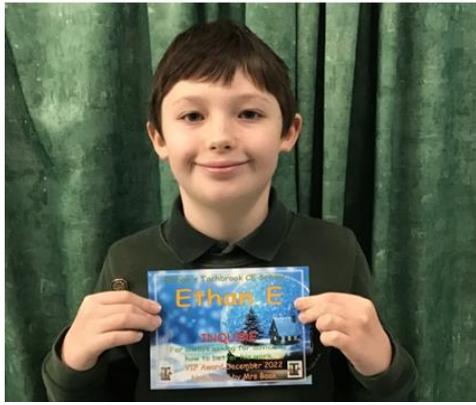
**glimpse**

The children all hoped for a **glimpse** of Santa on Christmas Eve.



VIPs (VISION IN PRACTICE)

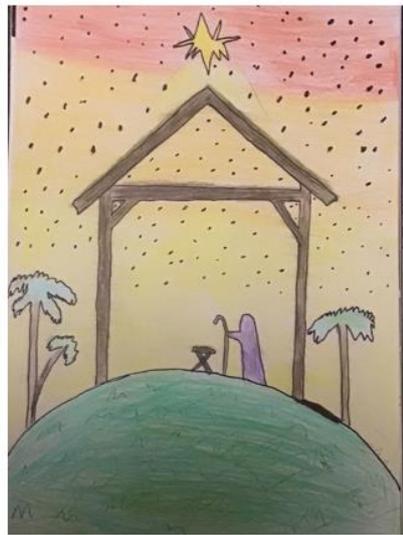
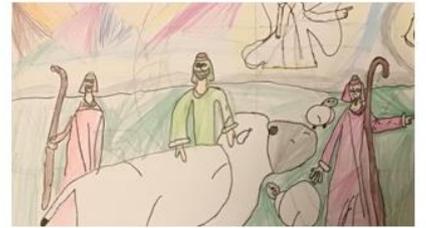


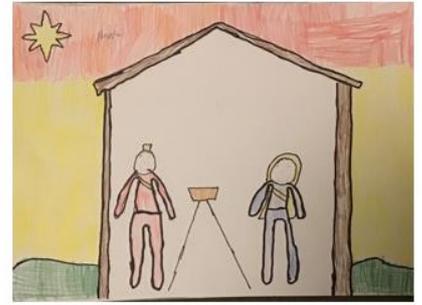


# Year 6 Christmas Art Gallery

The children independently created scenes from the Christmas story...







Merry  
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