IIsham Academy Christmas

We are really looking forward to welcoming our families to our seasonal occasions this year, and what a busy programme we have! Working in partnership with St Matthias Church, and with the support and assistance of the PTFA, we are proud to invite you to a range of events being held both in school and at the church and also the wider community.

The children are working hard practising songs, rehearsing their lines and preparing wonderful artwork in order to give our families and friends a December to remember.

Christmas Card Competition



Well done to Imogen-Mae, who was the school's winner in our Trust's Christmas Card Competition.

As well as having her design made into a card for her to keep, she was also awarded a book token and received a personalised letter from Miss Cleverly, our Trust Lead.

The Christmas cards will be used by the Trust to send out festive greetings to our communities.

School Christmas Tree

We have asked the children to make a decoration for the school Christmas tree, which will be delivered on **Thursday 30th November.**

This will be part of home learning and this year's theme is **Angels and Stars**.

Please encourage your child to use sustainable and recyclable materials for their decoration, wherever possible.

Across the Trust, a competition will be held amongst the schools for the accolade of Best Decorated Christmas Tree, which will be judged by the Central Team at Zealley House, our Trust HQ.



A great Christmas present idea!

Why not surprise grandparents and other family members with this lovely keepsake as a Christmas stocking filler. Please see the school office to purchase.

WHOLE SCHOOL SELF PORTRAIT TEA TOWEL

Each child had the chance to draw a self portrait which features on the tea towel.

£5 a towel from the school office.

All money goes to the PTFA, raising money for our school.

A great gift or keepsake for Christmas and beyond.





The PTFA would like to thank **Miss Blake**, the Hollies class teacher, for
organising all the children's
portraits!



Thursday 7th December

Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children

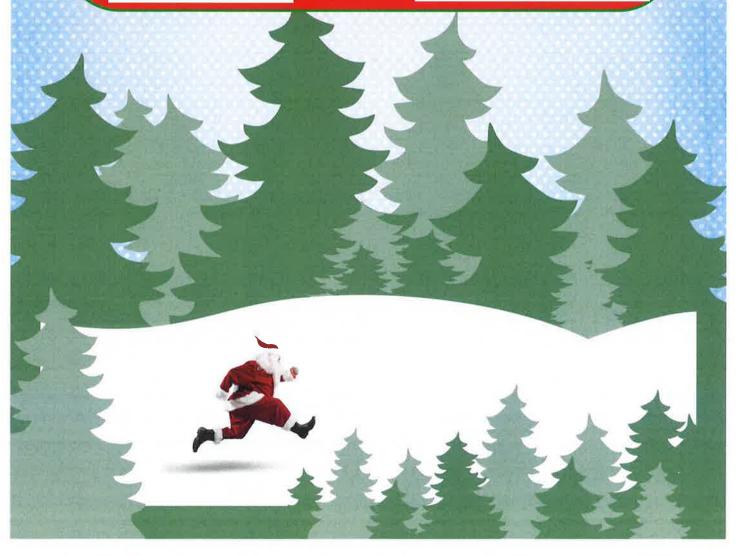
We are proud to once again be supporting Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day. Children should wear their school uniform but swap their academy sweatshirt for a festive favourite jumper. So put on those reindeer, snowmen, elves, penguins and snowy scenes in support of this wonderful cause.

Suggested donation £1 per child.

Find out more about Save the Children: https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/







PTFA Christmas Fayre Friday 8th December

One of the highlights of our Christmas festivities has always been the PTFA Christmas Fair.

Organised by our hardworking PTFA and volunteers, the Christmas Fayre will be held in St Matthias Church at 3pm on Friday 8th December. Families can enjoy games, delicious cakes and treats. We have a lovely selection of stalls and special attractions as well as a visit from Santa, who is looking forward to having lots of visitors to the grotto!



The PTFA are also running a super Christmas Raffle with some fantastic prizes, donated by local businesses.

Your child should have come home with some raffle tickets. Tickets are priced at £1 each. Please return any unsold tickets, and any money collected, to school by Thursday 7th December. The draw will take place on Friday 8th December.

If you require any additional tickets, these are still available from the school office.

So that children have the most fun and stay safe, they must be accompanied around the fair by an adult.

If you would like your child to visit the fair with another parent, please provide written confirmation of this to your child's class teacher (an email or message via MCAS will be accepted).





Christmas Lunch

The LAP catering team will be preparing and serving our children a delicious Christmas meal for their lunch on **Wednesday 13th December.**

To book Christmas Lunch for your child, please login to your My Child at School (MCAS) account via the app or your website browser at:

https://www.mychildatschool.com/ MCAS/MCSParentLogin

KS1 children are included under the Universal Free School Meal Scheme, and for your KS2 child, the charge is £2.50.

Christmas crackers kindly provided by the PTFA.





Wednesday 13th December School Nativity Performance



We invite parents to come and watch the whole school take part in a special Nativity play called Lights, Camel, Action! in St Matthias Church on Wednesday 13th December at 6.00pm.

Costumes

Willows and Rowans

Angels

Beeches

Shepherds

Maples and Hollies

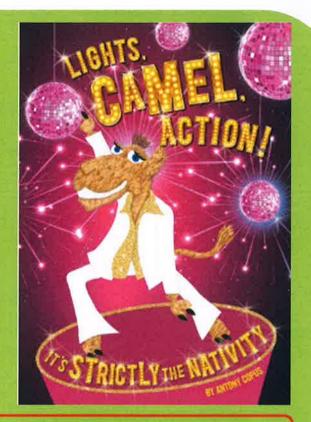
Disco Stars

(disco clothes, sparkles, glasses etc.)

Oaks and Monkey Puzzles

Cowboys

Please can all costumes be in school for Friday 1st December.



If your child has a main/speaking part, you should already have received details for their costume requirements.



Friday 15th December



Christmas Party Day

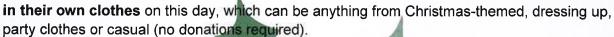
On **Friday 15th December**, the children will have the opportunity to enjoy a performance from children's entertainer, **Elfic.**

KS1 children 9.15am —10.00 am

KS2 children 10.30am—11.15 am

Thank you to the PTFA for funding this entertainment for our children

Children can also celebrate by coming to school dressed







Community Events and Activities

School Choir Singing in the Community

Our school choir has been invited to perform at the Osborne Hotel's Christmas
Fair on Sunday 3rd December, with a slot at 12pm and 1pm. There is also a
Santa's Grotto, some lovely stalls and yummy eats and treats. A copy of the flier with
full details can be found later in this brochure.

On Wednesday 13th December, our school choir will also be performing for the residents of Greenacres Retirement Home, entertaining them with Christmas songs and bringing them some festive cheer! We would love our choir to wear Christmas jumpers and festive headgear like hats or reindeer antiers, to add some seasonal fun!

Wellswood Community Christmas Street Fair

The Community Christmas Fair will take place on Thursday 14th December between 5pm and 9pm on Ilsham Road. The school will be represented by our amazing PTFA, who will be having a stall at the fair, and the school grounds will be open for stalls and Santa's Grotto! Please note that Ilsham Road will be closed from 4pm.

Me and Mrs Jones Christmas Window Display

Me and Mrs Jones has asked our school to provide a festive display for their main front window and we are delighted to ask our children to contribute to this project. Each class has been provided with a verse from the classic poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore upon which to base their designs. Entries to be submitted to school by Monday 4th December.

Christmas themed Book Cover Challenge

We invite all students to design a beautiful Christmas themed book cover. These masterpieces will be showcased in the window of **John Couch Estate Agents** for the community to admire, and will also be on display at the Wellswood Street Party. All entries to be created in portrait layout, please

St Matthias Church

Christmas services will be held at the church from 17th December—please see separate page for details.





Summary of Dates & Events

- Sunday 3rd December—Osborne Hotel Christmas Fair—school choir performing
- Monday 4th December—Entries close for Me & Mrs Jones festive window display items and john Couch book covers.
- Thursday 7th December—Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
- Friday 8th December— PTFA Christmas Fayre, St Matthias Church,
 3pm
- Wednesday 13th December—School Choir perform for the residents of Greenacre Retirement Home.
- Wednesday 13th December—School Christmas Lunch (pre-order on MCAS)
- Wednesday 13th December—Whole School Nativity Performance, St Matthias Church, 6pm
- Thursday 14th December—Wellswood Community Christmas Street Fair, 5pm-9om on Ilshar Road (road cloases at 4pm)
- Friday 15th December Christmas Party Day (non-uniform, children's entertainer)



Community Events



OSBORNE HOTEL

MEET SANTA AT THE OSBORNE CHRISTMAS FAIR



All children who visit Santa will receive a free gift!

*Just £5.00 per slot, and a slice of the ticket profit goes to our hand-picked guide dog charity!

Take hold of those pencils, scribble your festive dreams, and drop them into our enchanted

North Pole Postbox.

Sunday 3rd Dec 2023 HELD IN OUR SEA VIEW CRESCENT SUITE

Call and book your slot on - 01803 213311

Community Events





School Holiday Childcare

ST MARGARET CLITHEROE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
UPTONST JAMES COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL
HAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL
SACRED HEART RC PRIMARY SCHOOL
18TH-21ST DECEMBER 2023
9AM - 3PM

Torquay United
are offering an Early
Bird Discount of £3.00 off
if you book before
1st December! The Early
Bird Discount Code
is: KEC007



COMMUNITY SPORTS

Mini Gulls: 4-6 Years - 10.00 - 15.00 Youth Gulls: 7-14 Years - 9.30 - 15.00 Girls Only: 6-14 Years - 9.30 - 15.00

Monday 18th December Tuesday 19th December Wednesday 20th December

To book, please use the following link: - https://torquay-unitedcst.classforkids.io

Or contact admin@tucst.co.uk

















Christmas Services at St Matthias Church

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ who is God with us

Sunday 17 Dec 5.30pm Carol Service

Tues 19 Dec 3.15pm Messy Christmas

Thurs 21 Dec 4.30pm Carols on the Piazza

6pm Carols on the Piazza

both with mulled wine

Christmas Eve 3pm Crib Service

especially for vounger children

5pm Christingle Service

e deciculy for children & families

11pm Midnight Holy

Communion

Christmas Day 10am Family Christmas

Communion

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