



# SOUTH WITHAM ACADEMY NEWS

Wow! What a busy week of Christmas spirit! The children in key stage one have performed their Christmas nativity to the whole school, and twice to parents. What an absolute joy it was to see them shining like the stars that they are. They have shown brilliant levels of confidence to perform in front of an audience. They have made everyone very proud and the smiles on their faces were priceless!

On Tuesday the whole school visited the panto in Grantham. They had a wonderful time and came back full of laughter and happy faces. Apparently I now owe Miss Hosmer "big time" for the events that took place. I heard she stole the show!

On Friday we had our annual Christmas Dinner and Jumper day. The children looked great in their Christmas jumpers and enjoyed a school feast altogether in the hall. Look out for the video on Instagram and Facebook!

Have a happy and safe weekend,

*Mr Atter*



### UPCOMING DIARY DATES

**Mon 18th Dec -**  
Carols around the Tree  
2pm

**Thurs 21st Dec -**  
Last day of term 2.

**Wed 3rd Jan 2024 -**  
Firsy day of term 3.



## Keep an eye on the local press!

We have been contacted by the local press regarding our improved Ofsted grading. Keep an eye out for local reports. It is lovely to share our good news.

<https://www.lincsonline.co.uk/grantham/news/school-receives-improved-ofsted-grade-9344368/>



## HOUSE POINT TOTALS

BURGHLEY

BELTON

WOOLSTHORPE

13973

12445

13443





# Little Hedgehogs



This week we have been very busy in Little Hedgehogs, we had our Christmas stay and play on Tuesday morning, where we enjoyed playing in the hall and each decorated a biscuit which we then had as snack. We have had the glitter out and decorated our own Christmas tree pictures and have made and hung our wreaths up in nursery. Some of the Hedgehogs have been practicing how to wrap boxes and tins and we then put them under the tree as presents which made the other hedgehogs very excited and they then had lots of fun opening them all up.



# Woodlands



Wow what a week we have had! Its been a busy but fun filled one, on Monday we had our Nativity Dress rehearsal, the children were super excited to show the rest of the school our hard work. We are very proud of them.

On Tuesday we went on a very exciting trip to the pantomime, oh yes we did! It was so exciting to watch Aladdin we had so much fun.

On Wednesday and Thursday we performed our Nativity to our parents, the children were extra excited for this one, we are super proud of the children for remembering their lines and the words to the songs they have all been absolute super stars!

To finish off a fun filled week we had our very own Christmas jumper day and at lunchtime we had a Christmas dinner it was delicious. It has been a very busy festive week we have had a lovely time.



# Badgers



Badger Class have enjoyed a busy week working hard. We have enjoyed using a clip from 'The Grinch' in order to help us write a set of instructions in order to catch Santa. In maths, we have been using our times tables to work on squared and cubed numbers as well as using these facts to help us add and subtract fractions. We have been following the journey of the River Witham from it's source in South Witham to the river mouth at Boston. In science, we have investigated separation by evaporation. We have placed glasses of water in various places to see where evaporation happens more quickly. We also used a candle to heat salt water to see how much salt would be left once the water had evaporated.



# Otters



This week has flown by, and Otters have been super busy as always. We loved the panto on Tuesday, as well as watching the Woodlands' nativity play - we had some very proud big brothers and sisters! We learned all about shadows in Science, and created our own Christmas inspired shadow puppets. We have been completing our non-chronological report all about the USA, as well as completing our unit on multiplication in maths. We have also started preparing for Christmas, with cards and Christmas music for our TT Rockstars sessions!



# PRIDE OF SOUTH WITHAM



## Always Club



## Readers of the Week!



# Attendance Super Stars!

**BADGERS**  
with  
**97%**  
again!

## The Wrap Club

In the wrap club this week the children have continued sharing our Christmas books and Christmas colourings and activities. We have enjoyed lovely festive hot chocolates, built a variety of Lego including a little Christmas village and had fun helping decorate part of our grotto. We have also very proudly set up our last festive table for the year for our always club children.

Attendance is something we celebrate each week in our Celebration Assembly on a Friday. We are required to collate and update the attendance figures for the local authority each week. Going forward we will be monitoring attendance closely to ensure that we are hitting the targets given to the school by the DFE.

## Well done to Hollie!



Hollie has taken part in a couple of swimming competitions lately and has won a staggering 13 medals! All are either silver or Gold!

## Uniform and PE kit

Please can children attend school in **full** school uniform **every day** unless it's a PE day, where they are expected to wear their PE kit, or plain navy t-shirt, joggers or shorts. **NO football kits or generic tracksuits please.**

Some of our Badger children braved the cold last week to take part in Bikelability to learn how to ride safely on the road. Well done to those of you that took part and battled the weather!



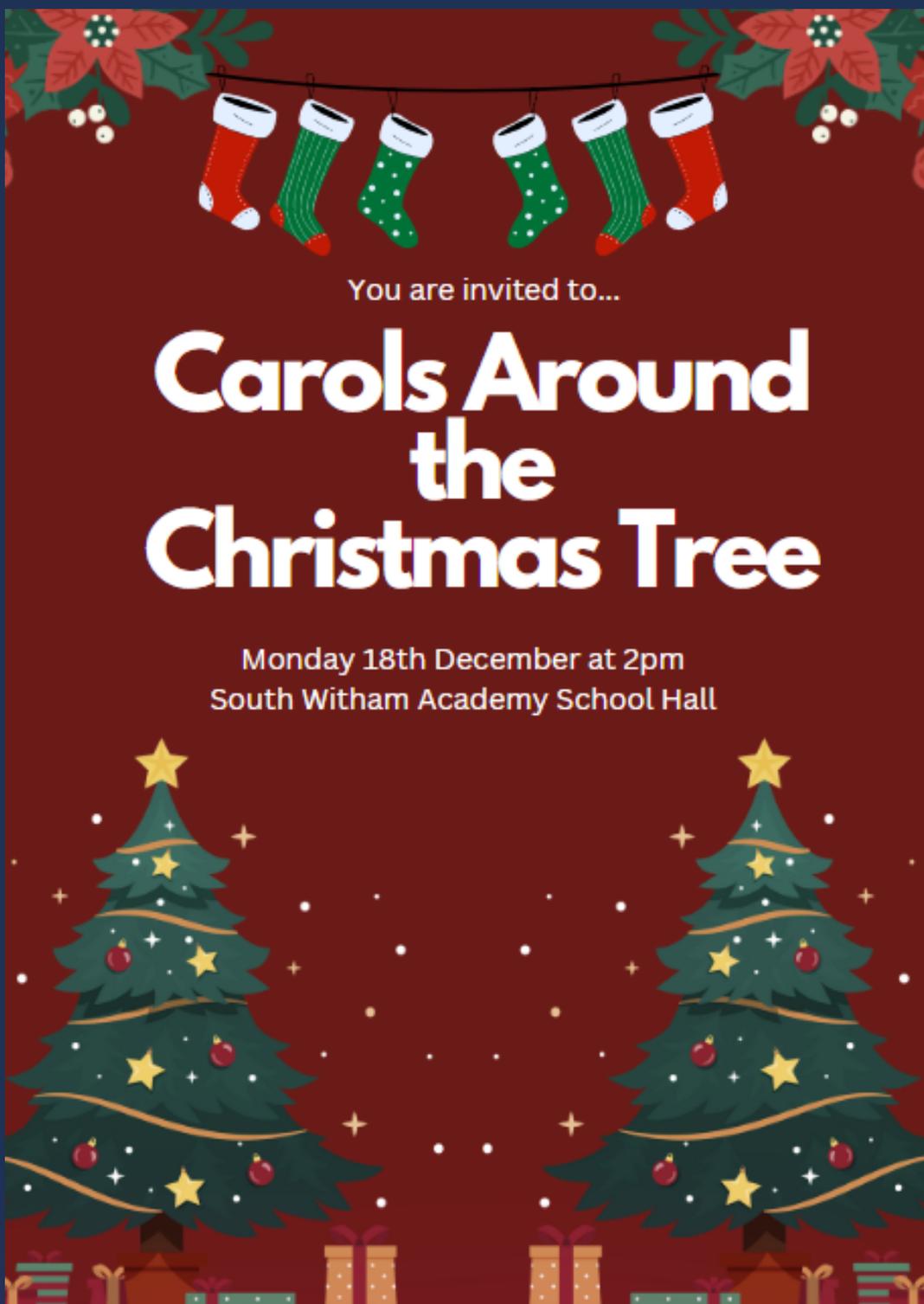
We are excited to announce a special event taking place at our school on Monday 18th December. We would like to invite you all to join us in singing Christmas carols around the tree.

The carol singing will be a whole school event, bringing the school community together in celebration of the festive season.

The carol singing will take place in the school hall. It will commence at 2pm. We kindly request that you arrive a few minutes before the start time to ensure a prompt start.

Please note that you are welcome to take your children home directly after the carols if you wish.

We hope to see as many of you there as possible. Let us come together to spread joy and cheer as we sing beloved Christmas carols.



# It's Christmas!!!



We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Genie who have very kindly come in today and given every single child a chocolate Christmas treat!



# 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

## NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

## CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

## WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

## TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

## WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

## WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

## BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

## ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

## SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

## GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

## GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

## Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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