



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we conclude the year 2024, it is good to reflect on what an incredibly busy and rewarding time it has been at our school. We have had a really productive and enjoyable term in school and have much to be thankful for. We have welcomed several new pupils this term and they have settled in really well. There will be some more new pupils joining in January, and we look forward to getting to know them.

Throughout the term the children have been working hard, developing their knowledge and skills in all areas of the curriculum. The introduction of new topics and themes in the wider curriculum has proved to be very successful, and we know that children are experiencing a broad and rich balance of learning.

There has also been a lot of creativity, with the launch of a new art curriculum, and as ever, lots of opportunities to design, make and create for all children from pre-school upwards.

During the last week of term, we have been treated to so many special and memorable experiences, such as a theatre trip, Christmas lunch, carol singing and nativity plays. We even had a special visit from Father Christmas!

My thanks go to the staff – for everything they do for the children. The teachers, teaching assistants, pre-school practitioners, admin, catering and cleaning team. It is such a privilege to work in a school where people genuinely pull together as a team and have fun doing it!

On behalf of us all, I want to wish Mrs. Crake, our Y6 TA and school-wide HLTA, our love and best wishes as she begins her cancer treatment. She has been on medical leave for a while and has asked me to pass on her Christmas greetings to you. While she takes the time she needs for treatment and recovery, we will be recruiting a temporary teaching assistant. My thanks to the staff who have willingly covered in her absence and will continue to do so until she is well enough to be back at school.

Finally, I want to wish you all a wonderful Christmas. Whether you are travelling to be with friends and family, or staying at home, have a safe, restful and peaceful festive season. Thank you very much for all the cards and gifts you have sent in for the staff. Enjoy the special memories with your children, and we look forward to welcoming them back to pre-school and school on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Mackey

Head of School