



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Diary Dates (newly added dates in red)

15th December	Christingle Service
16th December	Last day of term
3rd January	INSET day
4th January	Children back to school 3:30pm: PCSO beat surgery in school hall
16th January	Y4/5 Handball Festival
18th January	Cross Country finals
2nd February	Y5/6 Basketball Festival
13th-17th Feb	HALF TERM
17th April	INSET day
21st July	INSET day

Thank you

As I come to the end of my time as Interim Headteacher of Twineham, I would just like to thank the whole school community for just how welcome you have made me feel and how much support and love you have given me over these last two terms. It has been an absolute privilege to be part of Twineham's journey, even for a small time, as it is a truly special school. We will still be continuing the partnership work with St. Mark's so I'm sure I will still see you all but I will be sad not to be here every week. I wish you all a happy and restful Christmas break.

Ms Kelsey

Ordering School Lunches



Reminder that you must now book your child's hot school lunch on the Parent Pay website 2 weeks in advance, **even if they have free school meals**. If you don't do this, we won't receive any food for them.

Job vacancies at St. Mark's Primary

St. Mark's are looking for a Learning Support Assistant and a Caretaker. If you or anyone you know, might be interested, please check out the full details here:

<https://www.st-marks.w-sussex.sch.uk/staff-vacancies/>



Every child is a gift and every child is gifted

Celebration assembly

On Thursdays, we celebrate children who have been doing some great learning, showing amazing behaviour for learning or living out our school values.

Thursday 15th December

Buttercups: Alfie for working so hard in phonics, both at school and at home.

Poppy: Jasper, Silva and George for stepping in and doing extra parts at the Nativity.

Willow: Ollie for fantastic progress with his reading & Mimi for amazing drum playing at the Carol concert.

Oakwood: Ludo, Lonnie & Maks for amazing instrument playing at the Carol concert.

Christmas Services

Rev Rachel has asked us to let you know that the Parish of Albourne, Sayers Common and Twineham are holding a **Christmas Crib and Carol Service** at 4pm on Christmas Eve at Twineham Church. This is particularly for children but they are welcome to bring as many grown ups with them as they wish. We would love the children to come dressed up as a character from the Christmas Story but will have costumes at church too. We are hoping to have live animals (a donkey and a sheep) in church to help us tell the Christmas Story as well as lots of carols for everyone to sing.



We will be holding the following services in the lead up to Christmas Day:
18 December 6pm Nine Lessons and Carols at Christ Church, Sayers Common
21 December 7pm Carol Service at St Bartholomew, Albourne
24 December 4pm Crib and Carols at St Peter, Twineham
25 December 10am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church, Sayers Common



NEARs Cross Country

Last week we had the rescheduled NEARs Year 5&6 Cross Country race, the top runners in this race progress to the Mid Sussex Finals in January. The team were amazing with the boys winning the team event and all going through to the Finals, special mention to Theo P who came second. For the girls, Lonnie also progresses to the Finals and Mimi, year 4, came for the experience and finished 12th! It was a great afternoon.

Sport Crew

Last week, the Year 5 sports crew did their training.

We learnt how to work as a team by playing team games, planning sports events and practiced running an event with the rest of Oakwood class. There were four stations which we each set up with different activities like speed bounce, beanbag toss, throwing and catching and standing long jump.

By Lonnie, Sam, Caspar, Ludo and Alex



Christingle Service

Don't forget it's the Christingle service today (Thursday 15th) at 2pm.



Oakwood Trip to Battle Abbey

Oakwood had their trip to Battle Abbey last Friday with St. Mark's Laurel class. It was a very cold day but the children enjoyed exploring the site of the battle of Hastings as part of their topic this term!



FOTS

And we are done here!! A huge thank you to the FOTS team and ALL of our amazing Twineham parents for making this term a memorable one. I think we can safely assume we are all now in need of a rest..... And the fantastic headlines from our fundraising efforts are:

Wreath making: **£228.43**

Christmas party: **£411.83**

Advent calendar: **£127.03**

Puddings: **£187.09**

Which means the our yuletide efforts raised **£954.38** for our fantastic school!!!! A magnificent effort. Thank you everyone.

In the new year there will be much more FOTS fun to be had, and we kick off the term with the Young Entrepreneur programme. More on that in the New Year. See you all next year! X the FOTS Team X

Lego Club

Last week Tobias, Harry, George and Cooper created the great snowman, Santa and elf. This week's winner was Rose with this lovely Reindeer! If you would like to vote for it to win, [click here and select Twineham!](#)



Outdoor Classroom

The Outdoor Classroom is taking shape and we are hoping to make more use of it next term for both FOTs events and for all year groups within the school day.

If you have, or know of anyone with box shelving (big or small) that you may be willing to donate or sell to us, please let Mrs Cotton know!