

St Paul's CE Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

Wow it is nearly Christmas! It seems to have come round very quickly. As we break up to spend time with our families and friends, we reflect on a term full of learning, development and progress and living out our school values. We have seen so many stars of the week for wonderful learning and positive attitudes and lots of children gaining Headteacher awards for amazing work. I have felt really privileged to spend my first term here as your Head of School and would like to say it is a real honour and privilege to work with your children and within this community. I would like to thank each and every family for making me so welcome.

Christingle

Our Christmas festivities to end the term have been wonderful. Our Christingle was lovely and it was brilliant to have so many parents and grandparents join us. Thank you Reverend Jim for such a special time as a community to prepare for this exciting time of year. And thank you to Thomas for being such a fantastic human Christingle!



Pantomime

We also had a great time at our pantomime. Jack and the Beanstalk was the traditional tale and it was very interactive – teachers were even squirted with water guns! Mr Penny and Mr Allman were targeted by the 'very friendly Dame.' We joined in with 'He's behind you' and 'Oh, no it isn't!' Whole school fun and laughter filled the theatre. Thank you Mr Allman for driving us and thank you to the PTA for supplying the yummy ice cream for the interval! It was delicious.



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Nativity

Our beautiful nativity performed on Wednesday made the entire audience beam with pride and helped us to remember the true meaning of Christmas. The children were amazing, they remembered their lines brilliantly and said them so clearly. Their singing was just astonishing. I felt a little emotional as they sang their final song! Well done to our amazing pupils – you shone so brightly!



Santa's Grotto

We had a lovely visit from the man himself- yes Father Christmas came to St. Paul's! He gave a special gift to each child and checked if they had been good all year. Thank you to the team of elves who helped him to source and wrap these gifts and made our stunning Grotto (our super PTA!)



Christmas Lunch

We also had our yummy Christmas lunch which was delicious. Thank you Mrs Robinson for making and serving it. Staff and children enjoyed pulling Christmas crackers and sharing Christmas Jokes.

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Christmas Jumper Day

We also partook in Christmas jumper day too! Thank you for your donations which this year we decided to split them between Stick and Step and Mission Christmas.

Christmas Crafts – thank you talented staff!

Finally, children have enjoyed Christmas Crafts.... They have made some delicious, tasty treats and fabulous crafts. They have learnt painting, creating, baking and crafting skills. Look at the beautiful craftsmanship!
We hope you will enjoy the amazing treats as a family.



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A Visit from the Ice Cream Farm

We also had a very special visit from the Ice Cream Farm. Santa and his elf delivered some tasty Ice cream and a craft bag for all the children. It was a lovely surprise!



As you can see, it has been a thoroughly enjoyable few weeks for staff and children alike. This just leaves me with a final Christmas message.

First, may I extend a huge thank you to the exceptional staff here at St Paul's. Each and everyone of you make St Paul's Utkinton a magical place for our children, you give our children such warmth, care and encouragement and you are so dedicated to making a difference in young people's lives. Thank you for your hard work, especially to provide our children with such a lovely time this Christmas, but always. You are a remarkable bunch and a great team. I wish you all a peaceful and restful holiday and all the best for the New Year.

Finally, from all of the staff here at St Paul's, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a very happy new year to all our families and to our community. We hope these holidays bring your family love, joy and peace this Christmas and we can't wait to welcome you back in the New Year.

Best Wishes,

Miss S Simcock