

# St Christopher's EYFS News

Friday 9th December 2022

★ Happy Birthday! ★

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## Dates for your Diary

**12.12.2022—FS2 Visit to Morrisons**

**16.12.2022—Nativity Performance (FS1 and FS2)**

**19.12.2022—Hanukkah Stay and Play**

**22.12.2022—Last day of term for St. Christopher's  
(Finish at 12:30)**

**09.01.2022—First day of new term**

**13.01.2022—INSET DAY both St. Christopher's and  
Sunflowers will be closed for training.**

Well the Christmas spirit is well and truly with us as the children begin their countdown to holidays. It has been lovely to see the children in their festive outfits and hear all about the adventures of the Christmas elves. It sounds like there has been an awful lot of mischief this year!

As we reach the end of the first term of this academic year, it is an important time to look back and reflect on all that we and the children have achieved already. When we watch the children in events like the BFBS Christmas Lights Switch On last week, and during the Stay and Play sessions, it is incredible to see the changes in them from the children who started in September.

It feels like a life time ago that we opened the doors on the first day of school and welcomed the children into their new year groups. Since then they have started to blossom. They are growing into confident, inquisitive, creative, independent and articulate young people. Their sense of fun is infectious and across both Sunflowers and St. Christopher's they have been keeping us on our toes and making us laugh. There is never a dull moment, this was particularly evident when FS2 went to the Convent to interview HE The Governor of Gibraltar!

This term has seen us able to take all of the children in St. Christopher's on at least one educational visit and we hope this will be the first of many as we move through the year. Sunflowers have opened their doors to many new families and we are looking forward to many adventures together. We have hosted face to face parent consultations and offered a range of Parent Workshops. As we look to the New Year, we hope to offer more of these sessions and if you have any requests, please let us know.

Here at St. Christopher's and Sunflowers, we are incredibly fortunate to have such supportive families. We wouldn't be able to carry out the work we do or offer such incredible experiences without this support and so we would also like to say thank you to you all. We look forward to sharing the next few weeks of Christmas celebrations with you before we break for the holidays. As this is our last newsletter before the holidays, we want to take this opportunity to wish you all a well earned rest and a fun festive period with families and friends. We know that some of our families are moving on to new adventures over the next couple of weeks and we wish them safe travels and the best of luck for the future.

## What have we been up to?



And so begins the festive season; Sunflowers has already begun creating all different kinds of Christmas crafts! The children also played a big part in the putting up and decorating of our very own Christmas tree. On Thursday we even celebrated the Christmas season with our parents at our Christmas Jumper Stay and Play, we thank you all for attending; the children and us had a great time and we hope you did as well! In baby room the babies have been learning simple sounds encouraged by animal noises. Since it is the festive period the babies have been singing with actions. They have also been recognising their own body parts. Exploring the outside area has been even more interesting this week due to the rainfall and levanter fog, giving the babies new nature to experience and learn about.



Wow, what a busy two weeks we have had in FS1 and FS2. The children have been getting stuck into some Christmas crafts, including making their own special decoration in the Woodwork area. We have been so impressed with how sensible the children have been when using the tools and equipment in this area. Following on from our work on The Gingerbread Man, the children have been busy baking! They carefully listened to instructions and used their best team work skills to measure and mix the ingredients.

On Wednesday, the children were very excited to take responsibility for decorating our class Christmas tree. It was brilliant listening to the use of so much mathematical language as they described and compared the different ornaments and tried to work out who could reach the highest. They were so proud of the finished result.

We have also been incredibly busy learning the songs for our Nativity performance next week. The children have done a great job of learning their lines, so thank you for your support with this.

Earlier this week the children participated in a virtual storytelling event with Settle Stories. They enjoyed listening to Three Christmas Wishes performed by storyteller Keith Donnelly.



### Lost Clothing

Please can you check your child's uniform and make sure it has their name in it. We have had reports of a number of lost items and we want to be able to return them if possible.

**Illness**—We know that there are a whole host of bugs going around at the moment. Can you please remind children about the importance of catching coughs and sneezes and washing their hands. If your child is not well enough to come to setting, please let us know so that we can record their absence accordingly. This can be done by calling either Sunflowers (+2005 3648) or St. Christopher's (+350 2005 3540)



# Something to try at home...

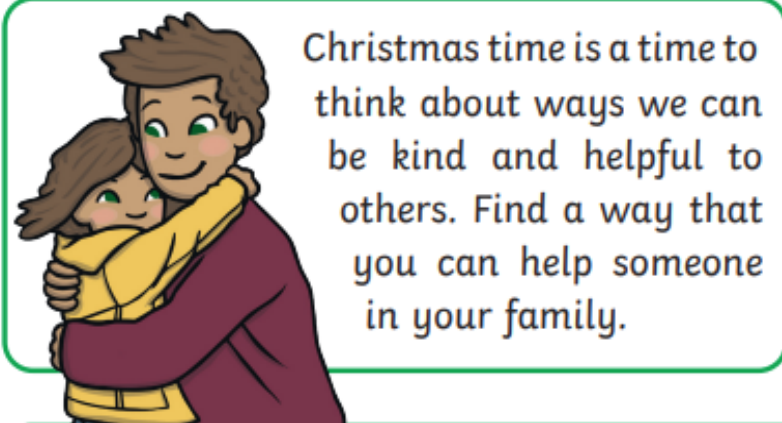
## Christmas

### Home Learning Challenges



Draw or paint a Christmas picture.

Santa is packing his bag for his journey delivering presents. Draw some of the things he could put in it to help him have a comfortable journey.



Christmas time is a time to think about ways we can be kind and helpful to others. Find a way that you can help someone in your family.



The Three Wise Men followed a star to find the stable where the baby Jesus lay. Have a look at the stars with a grown-up. Can you find the brightest star? What else can you see in the night sky?

# 25 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

## Family Activities



<p><b>1</b> Make a hot chocolate</p>	<p><b>2</b> Write Christmas cards</p>	<p><b>3</b> Go Christmas shopping</p>	<p><b>4</b> Watch Christmas films in pyjamas</p>	<p><b>5</b> Decorate Christmas tree</p>
<p><b>6</b> Listen to Christmas music</p>	<p><b>7</b> Have a games night</p>	<p><b>8</b> Sing Christmas carols</p>	<p><b>9</b> Decorate gingerbread</p>	<p><b>10</b> Wrap presents</p>
<p><b>11</b> Read a Christmas book</p>	<p><b>12</b> Write a letter to Santa</p>	<p><b>13</b> Christmas jumper day</p>	<p><b>14</b> Go ice skating</p>	<p><b>15</b> Make paper chains</p>
<p><b>16</b> Make paper snowflakes</p>	<p><b>17</b> Visit Santa Clause</p>	<p><b>18</b> Bake Christmas cookies</p>	<p><b>19</b> Make homemade gifts</p>	<p><b>20</b> Eat mince pies</p>
<p><b>21</b> Have a Christmas party</p>	<p><b>22</b> Post Christmas cards</p>	<p><b>23</b> Have a Christmas quiz</p>	<p><b>24</b> Draw a snowman if you can't build one</p>	<p><b>25</b> Random act of kindness</p>