

Dear Parents and Carers,

With just three weeks until we break up for the Christmas holidays, the festive spirit is already filling our school! A huge thank you to Jonathan at Holly Farm Garden Centre, who kindly gifted us a beautiful 7-foot Christmas tree. The children had a wonderful time decorating it, and it now stands proudly in the hall, bringing joy to everyone who passes by.

Next week, our pupils will be busy making their Christingles in preparation for the Christingle Service at Christ Church, Tilstock, on Wednesday. This special tradition is always a highlight of the Christmas period, and we look forward to celebrating together.

Meanwhile, creativity has been buzzing in Badgers class! As part of Young Poets Week 2025, the children joined a live webinar with poets Zohab Zee Khan and Laura Mucha. They engaged brilliantly - sharing ideas, creating a collaborative poem, and learning expert tips on writing poetry and using poetry starters. The classroom was alive with excitement as pupils eagerly read their poems aloud! Throughout the week, Badgers have explored poetry in different ways and will even have the chance to apply to become Young Poet Laureate for their region. What an inspiring opportunity.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



What is Christingle?

Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the ceremony. Christingles are oranges wrapped in red tape, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on the top. During the service, each person takes a Christingle and the candles are all lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ and bringing hope to people living in darkness. Christingles are made using oranges and a few other bits, as you choose. You light the candle at the end of a service to spread a magical glow around everyone. Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.



WORSHIP



This term, in worship, we are focusing on the Christian value of Nurture.

Our chosen worship songs this week were: [Kumbaya](#) and [When I needed a neighbour](#)

This week in worship we learnt about Christmas Around the World. The children reflected and identified that no matter where you celebrate Christmas around the world, there is very often still the themes of people, light, food and love.

To watch and sing along with this term's hymns, click the blue links above.



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:

Wednesday 3rd December - Heights & Weights for Year 6 & Reception
 Wednesday 10th December – EYFS Nativity in Church – 10am
 Wednesday 10th December - Year 6 Carol singing at the Bradbury Daycare Centre
 Friday 12th December – Crib visits in Church – 1:30
 Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Concert – Village Hall – 6pm - 7pm
 Friday 19th December – Theatre Trips – All day
 Friday 19th December – Last day of Term

Happy Birthday to Grace and Roman

Who celebrate their birthdays this week

We hope you have a great time celebrating!

