



Dunholme St Chad's Church of England Primary School December 2024



December at St Chad's

There are few places more magical than a primary school at Christmas and the atmosphere is certainly getting festive here at St Chad's.

A lively Christmas playlist could be heard mid-November (!) blasting out from the school hall as staff decorated our tall tree, with the customary debate about the best way to hang the lights. It certainly helped us to get into the Christmas spirit. Music continued to be in the air as our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils could be heard rehearsing their songs for their school nativity-based productions. The front office staff insisted on opening the hall doors so that they could join in when the whole school were practising carols during singing assembly and everyone thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas Karaoke session! We have formed a new choir and they are very excited about performing with other school choirs in a carol service in the Cathedral. The children are also looking forward to our Christmas pantomime and Christmas dinner.

Recent events

Year 5 - International Bomber Command Centre Visit

Our Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to spend the day at International Bomber Command Centre as part of their theme work on 'The World at War'. This was a fascinating day out, packed with WWII Bomber Command information and workshops, as well as a tour of the exhibition. Some of the children even found the names of their relatives on the walls and laid poppies for them. The children were very respectful throughout and enjoyed trying on WWII uniform in particular.



Year 6 - Residential to Norfolk

Our Year 6 pupils went to Aylmerton in Norfolk for their residential as part of their theme work on 'coastlines'. They looked at different habitats and environments, taking part in workshops and fieldwork. From our experience, taking the children early in Year 6 allows the group to gel and develop skills of team work, collaboration and cooperation, which has a positive impact on the rest of their time in Year 6. This year, staff and children were blessed with good weather as they visited the mud flats and marsh habitat. They enjoyed a refreshing walk in the mud of the river bed. The Year 6 residential involves a lot of physical activity so everyone was desperate for bed on day 2. Mr Parkin provided parents with daily updates about activities, always concluding with comments about the wonderful food they had eaten.



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Year 3 – Hindu Experience Day

Our Year 3 pupils had a special day in school, in which they were immersed into the Hindu culture with our annual visitor Sunita, who specialises in teaching about aspects of Hindu culture. Amongst other things, the children wore traditional dress, sampled foods, learned traditional Hindu dance and created stunning artwork.

Upcoming Events

- 3 Dec – Pantomime in school: *'Dick Whittington & His Cat'* (LADA Productions)
- 4 Dec – Reception Nativity
- 17 Dec – Christingle service for KS2 pupils
- 18 Dec – KS1 Christmas Production *'A Midwife Crisis'*
- 19 Dec – Last Day of Term
- 6 Jan – First day back after Christmas break

New Starters - St Chad's Open Mornings

We will be holding a final Open Morning for parents of children who are due to start in September 2025. If you have not had the chance to attend these but would like to visit the school, please contact the school office on 01673 860597 to book your place. This will be held on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Primary applications need to be made online, by 15 January, via the following link:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/2>

Parking

In response to feedback from local residents, we have reissued our guidelines to parents regarding respectful parking and driving during school runs. Any parking issues in the community should be reported to the 'nuisance parking' area of the Lincolnshire County Council website.

For our latest news, you might like to check out our website <https://www.dunholme.lincs.sch.uk>

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