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Christmas Around the World

This week, the children are looking at Christianity and Christmas traditions around the World.

Year 1 have been learning about German traditions at Christmas time. They have been making homemade lanterns like the traditional lanterns families use to follow St Nicholas through the towns in Germany. The children are also tasting Stollen and German biscuits.



Year 2 tucked into a tasty Nigerian rice dish, made with rice and spices. Year 2 have discovered that rice is an important part of Nigerian life and is so treasured that it is also exchanged as a gift at Christmastime.

Year 3 have been looking at Italian Christmas and have made socks to hang out for St Nicholas to fill with sweets. They have also been singing the Italian version of 'Jingle Bells'.

Year 4 discovered many interesting facts about Christmas in Egypt and did some research on Egyptian Coptic Christians. Did you know that Egyptian Christians celebrate Christmas on 7th January?

Year 5 have made Norwegian gingerbread houses and found out about the large Christmas tree that is gifted from Norway to London each year.

Year 6's studies have been closer to home. In church they recreated the tableaux - a live crib scene to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Children in EYFS have discovered similarities and differences between Christmas at home and in Spain. In church, Reception wished us all '*Feliz Navidad!*'



Christmas Crackers for the Children's Christmas Lunch



As in previous years, to make the children's Christmas lunch a real festive occasion we are asking for donations of Christmas crackers. Christmas lunch is next Wednesday, 15th December.

Please leave cracker donations at the school office. Thank you.

Flu Immunisation

The school nursing came in to carry out flu vaccinations last Monday. A letter has gone home to all children who missed their Flu nasal spray with advice on making an appointment for the flu vaccine. If you need further information please contact Vaccination UK Immunisation Team on 01462 341173 to find your nearest immunisation catch-up clinic/book an appointment.

Applying for a Place in Reception Class for September 2022

The Hertfordshire County Council deadline for applications to start Reception Class in September 2022 is Saturday, 15 January 2021. Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

***Winter HAPpy Camps**

East Herts Everyone Active are running HAPpy holiday Camps over the Christmas period at Grange paddocks and are free to children in receipt of benefit related free school meals. Please see details below:

 **Grange Paddocks LC**

 **8-11 year olds**

 **22 & 23 Dec**

 **27/28/29/30 Dec**

 **3 & 4 Jan**

To book link below ↓

<http://sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking>

 **Camps are FREE to children in receipt of benefits related free school meals** 

Diary Dates

Friday, 10th December 2021 – PTA Christmas Fair at St Andrew's Church

w/c Monday, 13th December 2021 – The Reluctant Dragon virtual pantomime for all children

Monday, 13th December 2021 – KS1 Nativity Play for Year 1 Parents at 5.30 pm

Tuesday, 14th December 2021 – KS1 Nativity Play for Year 2 Parents at 5.30 pm

Wednesday, 15th December 2021 – EYFS Christmas with Puddles and Rev Freddie Fisher starts at 10.30 am (outside event so wrap up warm)

Wednesday, 15th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 16th December – Christmas Party Day

Friday, 17th December 2021 – Last day of Term with KS2 Carols Around the Tree at 1.30pm and **school finishes at 2.00 pm**

Monday, 9th May to Thursday, 12th May 2022 - SATs

Monday, 23rd May – Friday, 27th May 2022 – Year 6 Brenscombe

Please be aware that these dates and events may be subject to change.

Term Dates for 2021/2022

Autumn Term 2021	
Wednesday, 1 September 2021	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
Thursday, 2 September 2021	Term begins
Monday, 25 October to Friday, 29 October 2021	Half term
Monday, 1 November 2021	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 26 November 2021	Occasional day – school closed
Friday, 17 December 2021	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2022	
Tuesday, 4 January 2022	Term begins
Monday, 14 February to Friday, 18 February 2022	Half term
Friday, 1 April 2022	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2022	
Tuesday, 19 April 2022	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 20 April 2022	Term begins
Monday, 30 May to Friday, 3 June 2022	Half term
Monday, 6 June 2022	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Wednesday 20 July 2022	Term ends 2pm
Thursday 21 July 2022	Inset – school closed
Friday 22 July 2022	Day in lieu of additional Bank Holiday

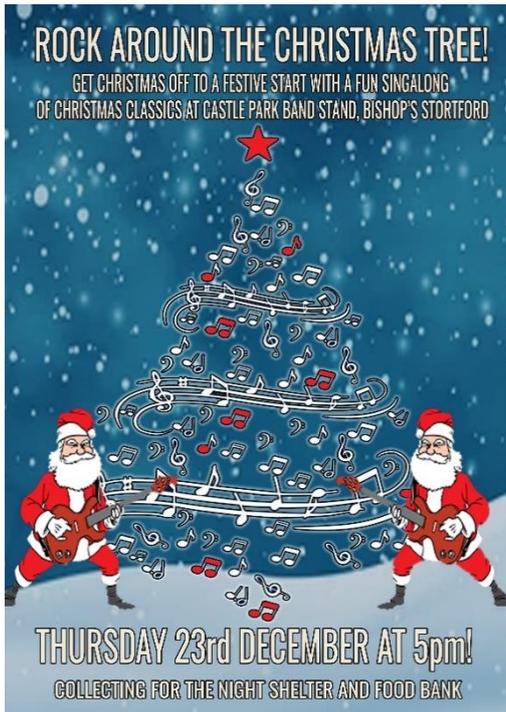
Term Dates for 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022	
Thursday, 1 September 2022	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
Friday, 2 September 2022	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Monday, 5 September 2022	Term begins
Monday, 24 October 2022 – Friday, 28 October 2022	Half Term
Friday, 25 November 2022	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
Wednesday, 21 December 2022	Term ends 2pm
Spring Term 2023	
Thursday, 5 January 2023	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 6 January 2023	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Monday, 9 January 2023	Term begins
Monday, 13 February 2023 – Friday, 17 February 2023	Half Term
Friday, 31 March 2023	Term ends 2pm
Summer Term 2023	
Monday, 17 April 2023	Term begins
Monday, 29 May 2023 – Friday, 2 June 2023	Half Term
Monday, 5 June 2023	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
Friday, 21 July 2023	Term ends 2pm

Contact email for the Friends of St Andrew's School:

friendsofstandrewsmh@gmail.com

School Noticeboard



The inaugural 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree' event is taking place again in the heart of Bishop's Stortford on **Thursday 23rd December**.

This is going to be a family event with everyone invited to come along and sing some Christmas favourites!

Attendees are encouraged to bring along sleigh bells, donations for the collection buckets (we are collecting for the foodbank and night shelter) and a torch.

Warm dress is also advised, and Santa hats are encouraged.

This is a local event organised by the local Bishop's Stortford community.

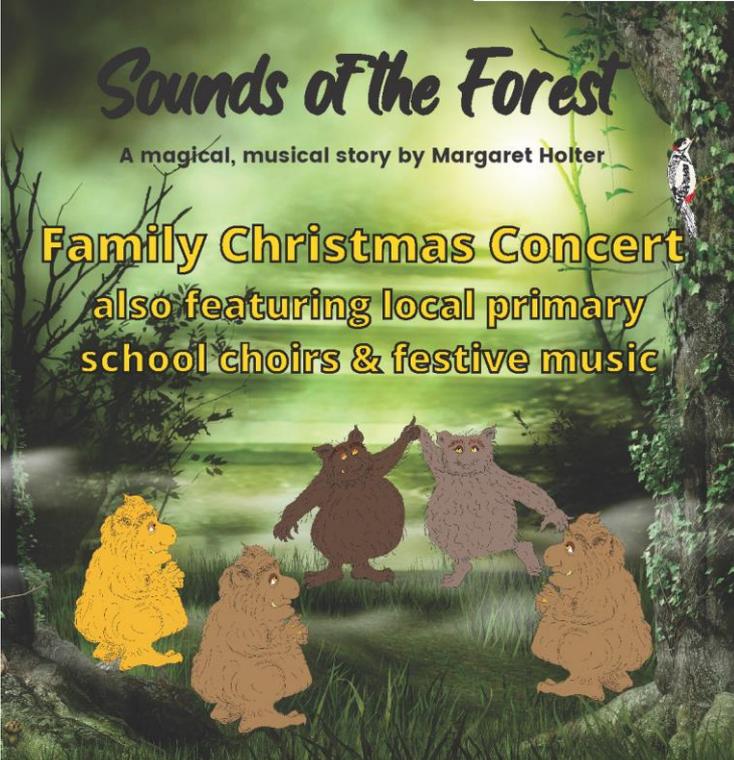


Sounds of the Forest

A magical, musical story by Margaret Holter

Family Christmas Concert

also featuring local primary school choirs & festive music



Conductor: Tom Hammond Leader: Margaret Holter

Sunday 12 December 2021, Drill Hall Ware 3:00pm

Tickets: £14 adults £6 children/students £34 Family Ticket (2 Adults + 2 Children)
Available from: Hertford Tourist Information Centre (01992 584322)
WeGotTickets.com & On the Door from 2:45pm



BISHOP'S STORTFORD COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB

GIRLS' FOOTBALL SCHOOL YEAR 2,3,4,5 & 6

FREE TRAINING FOR 6 WEEKS WITH NO OBLIGATION

FULLY QUALIFIED F.A COACHES

SESSIONS RUN FOR 6 WEEKS 10-11am

5th, 12th & 19th DEC 2021
and
9th, 16th and 23rd Jan 2022

**VENUE: BIRCHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
ASTRO (3G) PITCH
PARSONAGE LANE,
BISHOP'S STORTFORD**

TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL nana.brown@bscfc.co.uk INCLUDING YOUR CHILD'S NAME, SCHOOL AND CURRENT YEAR

BARCLAYS GIRLS' FOOTBALL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS
BY ENGLAND FOOTBALL

PLAYERS OF ALL STANDARDS WELCOME

#LetGirlsPlay

Here's your invitation to book fun filled school holidays!

Hertfordshire's Holiday Activity Programme **HAPPY**

22nd December to 4th January

HAPpy Camps are free and lots of fun!
At camps you can try new sports, eat tasty food, craft, create and meet new friends.

Camps are free to children

- aged 5 to 16,
- attending school in Hertfordshire, and
- in receipt of benefits related free school meals

Get your unique HAPpy Booking Code from your child's school to access any of the camps.

Book online from 6th December

www.sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking

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