Camp Primary and Nursery School St Albans

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Heads' Newsletter

19th December 2025

A Festive End to a Busy Autumn Term! 🎄

The past few weeks have been full of excitement and festive cheer across the school. Our Christmas music concerts were a real highlight, with children showcasing their progress and talent playing piano and flute. Thank you to Mrs Millinger for her hard work supporting the children.

Children in Years 1–6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Odyssey Cinema to watch The Grinch. A Camp School first, it was a huge success as a whole school outing. The staff at the Odyssey commented on how well behaved and polite the children were and that they would be delighted to have them back again.

Meanwhile, our youngest pupils in Nursery and Reception had great fun back at school with a Christmas party, enjoying games, festive face paint, Christmas craft activities and bouncy castles!

On Tuesday afternoon children from our lunchtime dance club performed a routine they'd been working on this term. The performance was brilliant and enjoyed by everyone, including their buddies! A huge thanks to Philippa Busby, one of our parents, who volunteers her time to run this club every Tuesday lunchtime.

The whole school, as well as parents from Years 5 & 6, enjoyed an end of term Christmas singing assembly led by Mrs Du Plessis. It was lovely to share with some of you how much the children and staff enjoy singing together.

It has been a busy and memorable time for everyone as we head towards the Christmas break.

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Christmas lunch

On Thursday, all the children enjoyed Christmas lunch, complete with a cracker and a very special visit from Santa, who delivered a book to every class for them to enjoy and add to their class reading area.

EYFS Nativity Performance 'Christmas Counts'

Last week we were all treated to a fabulous performance by Nursery & Reception. The children did a fabulous job of singing, remembering their lines and dancing beautifully. It was wonderful to see how much they enjoyed performing. The children and EYFS staff team had obviously worked incredibly hard and the end result was really impressive. Well done to all involved and thank you to parents and carers for your help in preparing costumes and helping with learning lines.

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Christingle Assemblies

As part of our Christmas celebrations, the children enjoyed making their own Christingles in school before coming together for a special assembly. This provided an opportunity for them to learn about a Christian tradition in a practical and meaningful way, while reflecting on the message of light and hope at this time of year.

The assembly also encouraged the children to think about those who may be less fortunate than themselves and the importance of supporting our wider community. We were proud to support The Children's Society, a charity that provides vital help to children and young adults. Thanks to generous donations from our families, we raised over £250.

Dates for your diary

JANUARY

INSET School Closed - Mon 5th

INSET School closed - Tues 6th

Term starts - 8:45am Wed 7th

Year 3 Class Assembly - Thur 22nd 9:15am

FEBRUARY

Year 6 Class assembly - Thurs 5th 9:15am

Half term - Mon 16th to Fri 20th

Season's greetings,
Sharon Barton & Rachel Rowe
Head Teachers

Class presents

This year the children have received whole Class presents from the class staff rather than individual gifts. This has meant that the children have been given something more valuable to enjoy in school e.g. a new magnetic marble run for Reception Class. Thank you to the PA for their support in funding the gifts. The children were very excited to open their gifts today and look forward to enjoying them with their friends in the new year.

Mental health support

If you would like support with mental health over the Christmas break, for you or your family, please follow the link below from Herts County Council

https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/health-in-herts/happiness-wellbeing-and-mental-health.aspx

Wraparound care

If you are interested in wraparound care for your child please get in touch on wraparound@camp.herts.sch.uk

There are spaces available in breakfast and after school club for children from Nursery to Year 6.