



# St Chad's Church in Wales VA Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we eagerly anticipate the festive Christmas break, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and our dedicated staff for the incredible efforts made throughout this term.

Reflecting on 2024, I feel truly honoured to continue leading our wonderful school and to welcome new children and families into our St Chad's community.

The strength of our relationship has shone through, particularly in the valuable feedback we've received from our questionnaire and our Come and Explore days. It's truly inspiring, and I'm enthusiastic about fostering this spirit of collaboration as we step into the new year.

I would like to congratulate the amazing staff here at St. Chad's. Your dedication to providing the children with a good education is truly commendable. It is lovely to see Mr Edwards become a wonderful addition to our team and I am sure he has enjoyed his first term with us!

It's inspiring to see how you all put the children's needs first in everything you do. As we approach the festive season, I hope you all enjoy a wonderfully restful Christmas. You've certainly earned this break, so make the most of it and recharge for the exciting term ahead. Thank you for all you do—you really make a difference!



The Christmas festivities throughout the month have brought an abundance of joy to our school community! We've enjoyed charming theatre trips to see the pantomime "Mother Goose" and the enchanting tale of "The Owl Who Came for Christmas." Our Christmas Fayre was a real highlight, showcasing the enterprising spirit of Class 3 and 4 as they created their own festive stalls, raising an impressive amount for the School Council to decide how to allocate in the New Year.

As always, our traditional Christmas tree walk was a heart-warming experience. It was lovely to see the older children lending a hand to the younger ones, truly embodying the caring spirit of St Chad's. A huge thank you to Lady Hanmer and her family for the generous donation of our beautiful Christmas tree, and we all enjoyed a special moment greeting Father Christmas and his cheerful elf on our way back to the village!



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To top it off, our Christmas Carol Church Service really got us into the festive spirit. The Church is such a cherished place for us, and celebrating Christmas through carols and performances made for a truly magical occasion. A big thank you to Mrs Birch for playing the organ and bringing our carols to life!



This year, we've proudly continued our new tradition of performing our Christmas plays in church, and I'm certain you'll agree that the atmosphere truly enhanced the experience. Our Nativity, 'Not Such a Silent Night', was wonderfully brought to life by our Foundation Phase classes, and I was thrilled to see Lucy the Lamb reunited with her

mummy just in time to witness the birth of Baby Jesus. Their angelic singing, especially in Welsh, added a delightful charm to the performance.

Class 3 and 4's rendition of 'Tinsel and Tea Towels' was equally fitting and seamlessly lined up with the festive spirit leading to Christmas in St Chad's. Both plays beautifully reminded us of the true essence of the season. A deepest thanks to all for your support in helping the children learn their lines and for providing such imaginative costumes. A massive shout-out to the staff whose dedication made these performances truly special!

Our fabulous Christmas dinner was a hit, that the children thoroughly enjoyed! A huge thank you to Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Kemp for their efforts. We also had a delightful visit from Father Christmas on the same day, who brought special gifts for every child—thanks to his hardworking elves for helping with the wrapping!

Thank you to our amazing school governors. Their voluntary efforts are invaluable in helping our school thrive and create a fantastic learning environment for our children.



A big shout-out to our amazing children, who light up our school with positivity, laughter, and love! I hope this Christmas brings you all lovely presents and plenty of quality time spent with your families and friends. Enjoy the festive season, and remember how much joy you bring to our school every day!

This year, we sadly lost a beloved member of our team, Mrs Owens. She brought so much passion to our school. Our thoughts are with her family during this difficult time. Her laughter and kindness will always be remembered, and she is dearly missed by everyone who had the privilege to know her.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I want to wish you a truly magical Christmas filled with cherished moments alongside your family, friends, and loved ones. May the New Year bring you joy and success! We're excited to welcome you back on Tuesday, 7th January 2025, along with our new Early Education children. Enjoy the festive season!

Thank you for your ongoing support,  
Kind regards

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