

Alverstoke Church of England Junior School

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Core Christian Value:

Grace—Giving to others

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This Week:

What an incredibly busy and festive week we've had!

The children performed with great talent and confidence at the Carol service on Tuesday. We were incredibly proud of them. Despite the wet weather, St Mary's Church was absolutely packed and our collection raised an amazing £381.50 for Starfish Ward at Queen Alexander Hospital. Thank you to all of you who came along to support.

On Wednesday some of our brass players played a range of Christmas songs to the school as part of our annual 'Sing Along With Jock'. Many of our parent helpers attended, after enjoying a mince pie and coffee reception, and enjoyed participating with the whole school in an incredibly lively (and very loud!) singalong!

The friends of Alverstoke drew the raffle for our Christmas hampers. If you were one of the lucky winners than we have contacted you via a text message. Thank you for supporting us with this event by donating gifts and buying tickets. The raffle raised a staggering £650.00 for school funds.

Family members of our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a 'fine dining' experience on Thursday evening this week, as part of their learning about Christmas traditions around the world. Guests were served a three course dinner, which had been prepared by the children throughout the day, and was inspired by traditional Christmas cuisines. Our talented musicians and singers also performed some festive pieces to accompany a delicious meal.

The finale of the week was our Christmas lunch. What a turn out! Our school kitchen staff (and Mr Cutter!) served almost 600 lunches. It was an absolute delight to see children enjoying a Christmas lunch with their families. The festive outfits looked superb as well. We were pleased to also welcome the Mayor of Gosport, who thoroughly enjoyed spending time with us.



Miss Gardner:

Miss Gardner is getting married over the Christmas holiday! We wish her and her husband to be every happiness on their wedding day. Some of our choir will be singing at the wedding and we know they will do Miss Gardner proud. When Miss Gardner returns in January she will be known as Mrs Watts and her class will be known as 5W.

Starfish Ward:

Miss Ballard and Mrs Proost visited the Starfish Ward at Queen Alexandra Hospital this morning to distribute the many gifts that had been donated and purchased from our carol service collection. It was an absolute delight to be able to bring smiles to the faces of the many children (and their families) who will spend the Christmas period in hospital. Thank you all for your generosity and kindness—the perfect embodiment of our school's core Christian value of grace.



Merry Christmas!

This is our last newsletter of the year. We would like to wish all of our families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. See you in 2019 for what promises to be another very exciting year at Alverstoke CE Junior School!



Dates For Your Diary

January	
7	Children return to school
8	School nurse to year 6
9	Year 5 to Science Museum

Training Days: Friday 15th February 2019 and Thursday 2nd May 2019