

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful and enjoyable week at the end of a long Autumn Term. The week started with our Carol concert. School traditionally is welcomed by St John's Church, Hartford, for the concert. Unfortunately, the weather was against us. I did not feel it was very fair to expect pupils to walk the 1.5 mile in the cold and rain, arrive wet, enjoy a Carole Service then return back in the same inclement weather. It was a last-minute call to change the venue to school, rather than cancel the event. Thank you to those of you who managed to receive the message from school and attend. My thanks to Demitri and members of St John's Church for attending and help school to celebrate Christmas. My thanks also to our wonderful readers and to Mr Duncalf for pulling the concert together.

Hot on the heels of the concert was a whole school Christmas lunch. Such is the growing nature of school we now have to hold Christmas lunch over 2 days- during that time Jenni and her team of 2 made 160 meals!! As a thank you, pupils presented gifts of gratitude for the meals received.

We stuck to the timetable on Thursday, then held class events on Friday. This included a charity 'Elf Run Event'. Pupils walk around our cycle track 5 times (1 mile) in order to raise funds for St. Luke's Hospice, Winsford. Fancy dress is optional- but many chose this option and had great fun completing their laps. Stef, who organized the event, is busily counting the total raised, which currently stands at over £700. All funds will go direct to St. Luke's.

Over the Christmas period children may spend more time on their devices. Some may be lucky enough to receive new devices and gadgets for Christmas. Attached with this letter is some advice to consider in order that young people use these devices safely and are not at risk. I hope you find it informative.

Hello from Residential,

What a lovely way to end the term with trips out to the Cinema, Bowling or takeaway. As usual all the young people were a credit to yourself and the school.

I would like to thank all the parents for the lovely cards and gifts, myself and the staff really appreciate it.

*Residential will be back open on **Tuesday the 6th of January 2026.***

Have a lovely Christmas!

Charlene and the Residential Team

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School will close for the Christmas break on **Friday 19th December 2025** and re-open for pupils on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**. **Monday 5th January 2026** is a staff training day the focus of which is on 'Zones of Regulation', Safeguarding and Behaviour support.

During the break school will be closed. Should you have any significant concerns about a child the **Cheshire i-ART** (Integrated Access and Referral Team) is the main point of contact in [Cheshire West and Chester](#) for concerns about child welfare, abuse, or neglect, handling referrals during office hours (Mon-Thurs 8:30-5, Fri 8:30-4:30) via **0300 123 7047 (option 1)**.

For urgent out-of-hours help, contact the **Emergency Duty Team (EDT)** at **01244 977277**, or call **Police (101/999)** if immediate danger.

The teams above work to safeguard children by coordinating responses to abuse and harm within the community.

I want to finish by thanking all the pupils, staff and families for their support, hard work and close support working- it makes a huge difference to the outcomes for young people.

I hope everyone is able to take time out over the Festive and New Year period to rest and relax as we move into 2026, with confidence, pride and excitement of the opportunities that are to come.

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Yours sincerely,

Mr McCann
Head Teacher



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