

December 2024

STOKE HILL INFANT AND NURSERY



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DATES

5th December
Carol singers to the
Old Rectory

6th December
Swift Cake Sale

11th and 12th
December
Yr 1 Show

12th December
Festive/winter
Jumper Day

13th December
Yr 1+2 visit to the
Phoenix Show

13th December
Beech Cake Sale

16th December
EYFS Sing and Sparkle

18th December
Christmas Dinner
RockSteady Concert

Thursday 19th
December
Last Day of Term

Tuesday 7th
January
Term starts

Dear Parents and Carers

The snow certainly gave us all a shock last week! Thank you for your understanding in the last minute closure of the school—what a beautiful menace!

I hope you saw my email last week about things to bear in mind if staying on site at the end of the school day. It's so important that we keep the school and our community safe at all times—thank you for your understanding.

December is always an exciting month in school—please make sure you're up to date with all the different events happening over the next 2 and a half weeks—they are detailed in the dates box and on page 2 .

Please also look out for extra information on Tapestry and SchoolGateway.

Thank you to everyone for making the autumn term such a good one. I hope you all have a lovely winter break, however you will spend it and look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 7th January.

Claire McKimm
Head of School



Stars of the week



The following children have been their class's reader, role model or learner of the week during the last month:

Readers of the week: David, Arzo, Joseph, Pietro (Bee), Dougie, Isla, Matthew, Sudais (Dragonfly), Nina, Avah, Elijah, Grace (Ladybird), Oliver, Willow, Isla, Gracie (Beech), Archie, Amelia, Evie, Oliver (Oak), Ricky, Leena, Yiya, Julia (Willow), Oona, Lucia, Ellie, Scarlett (Chaffinch), Elliott, Sebastian, Sylvie, Ada (Swift), Ben P, Benjamin H, Frankie, Avara (Woodpecker)

Role models of the week: Arlo, Erin, Olive, Lyla (Bee), Ed, Lakely, Mae, Sylvie (Dragonfly), Amelie, Una, Vihaan, Thea (Ladybird), Emery, Martha, Zoja, Aurelia (Beech), Joy, Alfie, Arlah, Alex (Oak), Henrik, Reiza, Jacob, Callum, (Willow), Boran, Eva, Quin, Sophia (Chaffinch), Amelia, Sandra, Martha Nuala (Swift), Eva, Roy-Nihal, Elina Ariadne (Woodpecker)

Learners of the week: Riley, Bella, Oliver, Steven, (Bee), Cody, Joel, Muaz, Tsanda, (Dragonfly), Harrison, Harlan, Elsie, Finley, (Ladybird), Evie, Ollie, Gracie, Rory, (Beech), Percy, Mateus, Hazel, Izzy, (Oak), Theo, Doris, Sophie, Barnaby, (Willow), Theo, Rithvi, Aron, Jake, (Chaffinch), Eddie, Faithful, Ben, Nyah (Swift), Arthur, Zayan, Charlie, Etienne (Woodpecker)

December at Stoke Hill

As we approach the last couple of weeks of the term there are a number of exciting events lined up so please keep a look out for any additional communication.

Year 1 show

EYFS Sing and Sparkle

Year 1 + 2 trip to the Phoenix

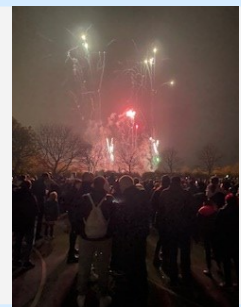
December 12th - Festive Jumper Day - children can wear festive jumpers on this day if they wish

December 18th - Federation Christmas Lunch (festive jumpers can be worn)

December 19th - Last Day of Term

Fireworks event goes off with a bang!

What a fantastic night the 1200 strong crowd were treated to earlier this month with the PTFA Fireworks event at the Junior School. Thanks to over 100 volunteers and brilliant organisation from the PTFA, an amazing £4300 was raised which goes straight back into both schools to benefit the children.



Winter Fair

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or attended Friday's winter fair. It was a lovely event and we look forward to hearing how much it raised for the PTFA.



Mental Health at Stoke Hill—new mental health mascot

Demi in Year 5 is the proud winner of our recent competition to design and make a mental health mascot fit for The Stoke Hill Federation. Her fabulous design of Oreo the Cat was a favourite with all the children. The Junior School Mental Health Ambassadors and Demi were delighted to spend the afternoon at Build a Bear making mascots for all year groups to have. Oreo the cat will act as a physical reminder for all of us about the importance of mental health and wellbeing. Oreo the cat is curious, caring, calm, inquisitive, strong and a good thinker. All qualities we hope will help us to better understand our mental health and well-being.



School Office Notice

Are you getting a new mobile device over the holidays?
Are you moving house?
Are you starting a new job?

Please make sure that we have the most up to date contact details for your child in case we need to contact you if they are ill or have been hurt at school.



Road Safety competition

For Road Safety Week, School Council held a competition to design a poster to go around our school site, reminding children to cross the road safely and grown ups to park safely and considerately. There were lots of wonderful entries and last week our local PCSO, Paul Fudge, helped School Council to pick three winners. The winning posters will be displayed around school to remind everyone to be safe and considerate. Well done to Emily, Ezra and Luke!



EYFS garden developments

If you have been through the Reception outdoor area recently, you will have seen the ongoing development of the space. At half term we had three new paths installed in different textures and, since then, our wonderful site team have built a fence, a gate, paved a circular patio, added gravel and wood chip...and we've even taken delivery of a boat! The project has so far been funded by a grant from the Hele's Trust and we're also grateful to Bernaville Nurseries for a donation of £50 worth of plants and to the PTFA for further funds.

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COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS TRAIL



9 clues around the city!

Solve the Christmas word and receive an exclusive Exeter sticker sheet!

WIN!

One of five
£100 Exeter
Independent
Gift Cards up
for grabs!

🎄 ✨ Experience the Magic of Christmas in Exeter! ✨ 🎄

This Christmas, enjoy a free, family-friendly trail across Exeter city centre until 27 December.

☀️ Explore 9 clue locations across the city

📖 Unscramble the Christmas word

🎁 Complete the trail to claim an exclusive sticker sheet and enter a competition to win one of five £100 Exeter Independent Gift Cards! 🎅🎄

Grab a trail leaflet or follow along online—just make a note of the letters on your phone as you explore. Trail leaflets are available at Visit Exeter information points:

- 🦄 RAMM Museum Garden Entrance
- 📖 Exeter Library Foyer
- 🎫 Exeter Ticket Office
- 🛍️ John Lewis, 4th Floor

🎄 Don't miss out on the festive fun! For more details, visit www.visitexeter.com/xmastrail.

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JOIN US FOR THE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS TRAIL!



Explore the city



Visit the 9 puzzle locations



Collect the letters that spell out a Christmas word!



CLUE LOCATIONS

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| 1 Central Station
Located in the planter as you exit the station.
/// folds.groom.common | 5 Princesshay
Located on the back of their Golden Sleigh under the glass canopy within the mall.
/// tend.pretty.neat | 8 South Street
Located to the left of the Premier Store on the window of Exeter Cathedral School.
/// slide.junior.alive |
| 2 Exeter Phoenix
Located on the railings outside the main entrance.
/// list.enable.fleet | 6 Guildhall Shopping Centre
Look down! Located on the floor outside Sainsbury's and Primark.
/// patio.purple.slice | 9 Magdalen Road
Located in the planter outside Fika Salon
/// firmly.pepper.blend |
| 3 John Lewis
Window display to the left of the entrance.
/// rewarding.round.noble | 7 Thomas Moore
Located in their windows or if shopping in store look out in the Lego area.
/// arts.cover.soap |  |
| 4 Howden Insurance
Displayed in their window.
/// happen.magic.pure | | |

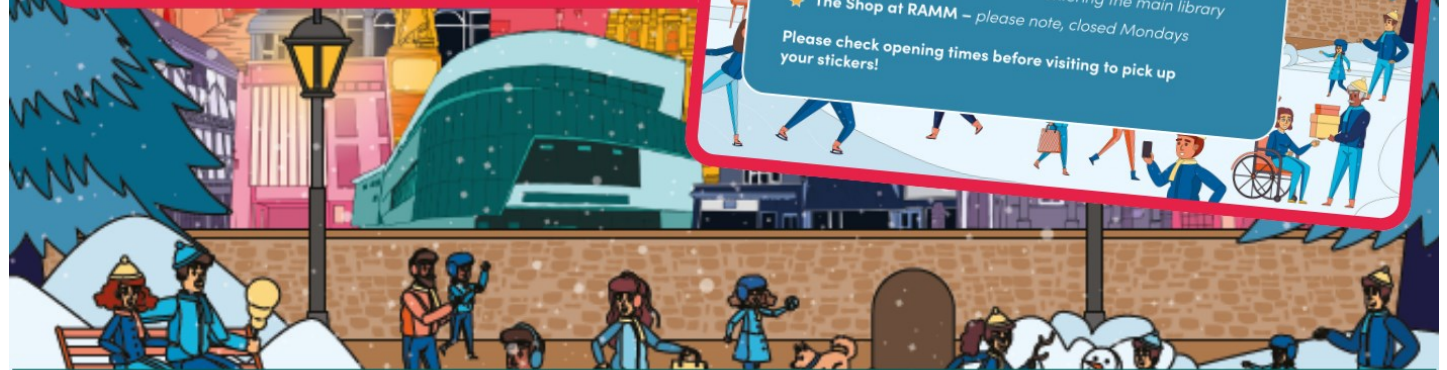
FINISH STATIONS

Once you have finished the trail and worked out the Christmas word, visit a Finish Station to collect your exclusive Exeter stickers!

- ★ **Jelly Charity Shop** – please note, closed Mondays
- ★ **John Lewis** – Jewellery Counter on the ground floor
- ★ **Exeter Library** – The Help Point entering the main library
- ★ **The Shop at RAMM** – please note, closed Mondays

Please check opening times before visiting to pick up your stickers!

Enter our competition once you have the Christmas word: visitexeter.com/xmastrail



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