

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to the final weekly bulletin of the term. Wow - what a week it has been with children taking part in a wide variety of Christmas events alongside their usual curriculum.

The week started in Monday's whole school worship, with our guest speaker Mr Grant Spratley from Verwood Road Chapel. His message was clear and important as he shared the Christian Christmas story. He likened the festive season without the Christmas message to a birthday party without the birthday person - a lovely way for us all to reflect on the holiday time as it approaches.

Tuesday saw our carol services at St Michael and All Angels Church. It was a wonderful day, building on Grant's message on Monday and was uplifting and high quality in equal measure. A huge thank you to all the musicians, speakers, choir and technical support children along with the adults who produced the service for all their hard work and commitment to this over this term.



Wednesday was our Christmas lunch. 280 children took part in this celebration - enjoying the fantastic work of our kitchen staff who provide hot meals all year round.

Today pupils in Watson House and those in classes 5FW, 6JB, 7JJ and 8NS came to school in mufti. Watson House were this term's overall House winners for collecting the most candle credits and the tutor groups were top in Accelerated Reader:

## **Y8 ACCELERATED READER - DASHBOARD**

**8NS: 14/16 points**

## **Y7 ACCELERATED READER - DASHBOARD**

**7JJ: 16/16 points**

## **Y6 ACCELERATED READER - DASHBOARD**

**6JB: 16/16 points**

## **Y5 ACCELERATED READER - DASHBOARD**

**5FW: 15/16 points**



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Also this week saw the sharing of this half-term's house competition results. Each class had a lunch break each to take part in a variety of sporting activities to earn points for their house which will be added to the sports day points in the summer. We had fantastic participation with most children being involved. Congratulations to the winners of each year group (5CS, 6DG, 7JJ & 8NS) who have won a mufti day - the date of which will be confirmed in the new year.

This afternoon we bade farewell to Mrs Weir and Mrs Rham who are taking up new challenges in the new year. Mrs Weir will still be on the same campus having accepted the role of deputy head at Verwood First School and Mrs Rham is moving to a more sports focus career. We thank them both hugely for the fantastic work they have done at Emmanuel and wish them the best of luck in their new roles.

Following the tragic events at a lake in Solihull this week, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service would encourage you to talk to your children about their safety around ice and water during this cold weather. Please use this link [Winter Water Safety \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com/onenote/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000?app=onenote&ui=en-US&rs=en-GB&ad=GB&ui=en-US&rs=en-GB&ad=GB) to look at the advice and discuss their safety with them, according to their age and independence. Stay off the ice and if someone is in trouble call 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service.

All that is left is to wish you a very merry Christmas and remind you that school reopens to children on Wednesday 4th January.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker





Some of the pupils' completed Textiles work from this term. Clockwise from top left Year 5 Bag, Year 6 Pencil Cases, Year 7 Cushions and Year 8 Hats.