

**Dear Families,**

On Wednesday, we enjoyed our fantastic **Christmas concert at St Mary's**. Thank you to all who were able to join us; I am sure that you enjoyed the brilliant performances from the children as much as I did. I am always so impressed by the talent that our children who as well as the enjoyment that they get from sharing these performances with you.

Yesterday, we had our Christmas fair and raised over £1150 which is absolutely fantastic. Thank you for your support with this. The money that we raise is used to help pay for a variety of things including coaches for trips, resources, activities for the children and other events in school which allows us to keep the cost of these activities as low as we can for all of our families.

The past couple of weeks have seen even more sporting successes for our teams. Last week, our two netball teams, Longlands A and Longlands B, were involved in a thrilling match against each other after they both reached the final with Longlands A becoming winners and Longlands B taking second place at the North Shropshire Schools' Competition. Jake said, "Today was fun and everyone played really well." Yesterday, our hockey teams also competed at the North Shropshire Schools' Competition and our Key Stage 1 and Key stage 2 teams both came away as winners. Congratulations to all of the children in these teams and a huge thank you to Miss Holding who makes it all happen! I would also like to give a mention to our Under 11 Girls' Football team who narrowly missed out on representing North Shropshire in the Shropshire Schools' League. They have performed brilliantly throughout!

There is another chance to share your wonderful singing as part of the **Carols in the Community** led by Market Drayton Methodist Church. This will take place at **5pm today** at Fairfield's Park by the Zone. So please come along for the refreshments and singing.

I am thrilled to announce Longlands Primary School's **participation** in an overseas project **alongside Freehold Borough School in New Jersey, USA**. This collaborative initiative, supported by the Marches Academy Trust, is set to engage our pupils in a series of joint supported projects. These include dynamic live Zoom class discussions, sporting competitions, and inspiring art activities.

Shropshire Local Authority have asked us to share the message below about **Applications to Reception class 2024**.

The deadline for applications for your child(ren) to start school in Reception in September 2024 closes on **Monday 15 January 2024**. Please ensure that you make an application online via the Shropshire Council's portal - [Synergy - Homepage \(shropshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.shropshire.gov.uk). **Please note that if you do not make an online application, your child will not be allocated a school place.**

If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact the School Admissions Team via email [school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk)

Next week, we have our last week at school before the Christmas holidays. Our Christmas lunch is on Thursday and this is also our Christmas jumper day. You will have received information about both of these events so please check your emails and see-saw messages.

The dates for the Spring Term events are also being sent out today so please look out for these.

*Lisa Millington*  
**Headteacher**



## This week at Longlands



### Happy birthday to:

Alfie  
Jaelyn

Saplings  
Oak

Nikolov  
Wyatt

Beech  
Willow

Olivia  
Oak

## UPCOMING EVENTS



December	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Class Christmas parties
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Break up for Christmas
January	
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas HAF Active Holidays sessions
8 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 swimming
11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception and Year 6 height, weight check and Reception healthy teeth talk
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Read the Game
15 <sup>th</sup>	Application for Reception places 24/25 closes
16 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Vision screening
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 swimming
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Library visit
18 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball competition (The team will receive a letter)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Kwik Cricket Festival (The team will receive a letter)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2 swimming
25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Read the Game
26 <sup>th</sup>	Maple Class/Year 2 parent session 1.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 swimming

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Acorns	Hunter P
Saplings	Harper Stanley
Fir	William Wyatt
Willow	Rayah Lettie
Maple	Tegan
Rowan	Betty-Jo
Elm	Leyland
Beech	
Oak	

