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Newsletter 13 – 6th December 2024

Class News

Nursery	- have had lots of fun making their Christmas crafts this week
YR	- have been learning to re-tell the Christmas story
Y1	- have loved making our sock puppets this week!
Y2	- really enjoyed making their own London landmarks out of clay
Y3	- loved watching Treehouse Theatre pantomime!
Y4	- loved conducting a science investigation with chocolate exploring changing states of matter
Y5	- have enjoyed lots of art this week!
Y6	- have been learning about copyright and how to access 'creative commons' images in their computing lessons

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the school cross country team, an incredible team performance, well done!

A big well done to the school choir 'Treblemakers' who performed at the school Christmas fair and at St Ives Care Home.

Thank you to SISA for an incredible Christmas Fair. It was very well attended and had a wonderful feel to the evening. A huge amount of time and effort goes into making these events so successful, thank you!

Keep a look out for articles about St Ives in various newspapers over the next few weeks! St Ives Primary School has won 'Primary School of the Year in the South West 2025' in this year's Times Sunday Times Parent Power schools guide. Congratulations to children, staff and parents....Teamwork makes the dream work!

Christmas dates & updates

As we go into probably the busiest weeks of the school year, I thought it prevalent to list the many activities and events;

December

9 th	Rocksteady concert 10.00am
12 th	Christmas lunch
	Christmas Jumper Day – Jumpers only please (normal uniform still applies)
17 th	KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
18 th	KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am
	KS2 Christmas Performances @ Verwood Hub 4.00pm & 6.45pm
19 th	School Carol Service at All Saints Church 1.30pm (<i>normal uniform for all year groups – further info to follow</i>)
20 th	Last day of term 1:15pm finish



Tickets for Christmas Performances

Tickets will be available to book at www.bookwhen.com/stivesprimary from 10.00am on Monday 2nd December.

KS1 – please note, you are entitled to 2 tickets per family (over 2 sessions) initially, with a possibility of more once the first round of tickets is over.

KS2 – 'What A Knight' will take place over two performances at the Merryfield Theatre at the Verwood Hub on 18th December at 4pm (Matinee) and 6.45pm. Tickets are available for £7 a ticket (this goes some way to covering the costs) and there is no restriction on the number of tickets you can buy. Members of the public will not be attending.

Once we have confirmed all bookings, tickets will be sent home via book bags. Entry is by ticket only so you must bring your ticket with you – **No ticket no entry!**

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school on Thursday 12th December. Join millions of people across the UK and raise money for 'Save the Children'. Please donate £1 to wear your Christmas jumper. Normal uniform applies minus jumper or cardigan!

School Carol Service

The whole school will be walking up to All Saints Church on Thursday 19th December at 1.30pm to take part in our school carol service. You are welcome to join us to sing a few carols!

Online Safety

According to findings from the NHS, 1 in 5 children in England suffer from a probable mental health issue, with 420,000 treated for such problems every month. With such high numbers of young people in need of mental health support, it's perhaps unsurprising that plenty of them have turned to using apps intended to help them through these kinds of challenges.

Unfortunately, there are plenty of risks associated with these services, from data collection to a potentially unhelpful, impersonal experience. It can be difficult to know how to keep young users safe as they navigate these services, but this week's guide provides expert advice on how to do exactly that, while also breaking down the specific safety concerns of mental health and wellbeing apps.

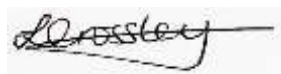
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Yours sincerely,



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