

## Nativities, Christmas Lunch and Snow!

As we come to the end of our term, the children have been learning about different aspects of Christmas and the Nativity story.

The children have been immersing themselves in their questions and discovering the learning together. Also, we have really enjoyed watching the Nativity shows over the last 2 weeks and the brilliant performances given by Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on our school stage.

On Monday, despite the slight disruption, we enjoyed being outside in the snow and taking advantage of the school fields we have here.

From everyone at St Wilfrid's, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023!

**December  
2022**



## Christmas Decoration Winners

Thank you to all who entered our Annual Christmas Tree Decoration Competition. The school tree looked fabulous again this year. Our winners were Imogen (Year 1) and Oscar (Year 1) from the Infants and Sasha (Year 3) and Arlo (Year 3) from the Juniors.





## Our value this half term

Each half term we focus on one of our values, which is embedded into our learning to help the children understand and appreciate their environment, the wider world and to help them be the best they can be. This term our value is

## Hope.

We live with **HOPE**. We have the courage to meet the opportunities and challenges of the future, secure in God's love for us.



*'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him'*

*Romans 15:13*



## Reverse Advent Calendar

Once again, our Reverse Advent Calendar has been a great success and our school community has collected a large amount of items to share with the Haywards Heath Foodbank. Thank you everyone for your support and we continue to have a Foodbank drop off which is located in the foyer for all year round.





## PE and Sport at St Wilfrid's

### St Wilfrid's Sports Crew

Meet your new Sports Crew members! Recently, after impressing with their outstanding applications, 9 children from year 5 attended their Sports Crew training at Warden Park. They planned and created a range of multi-skill activities and challenges and then had the chance to deliver these to other children from schools in the local area. Their next steps are now to work with the current year 6 Sports Crew members to deliver a range of different multi-skill challenges across our school. They all showed excellent leadership skills during their training, and we look forward to seeing what they do next!

### Sportshall Athletics

On the 24<sup>th</sup> November, some of our year 6's attended the Mid Sussex Active sportshall athletics competition, where they took part in a range of track, throwing and jumping events. All children worked very hard, showing great resilience, courage and determination in all the activities they competed in, and ended up placing as runners up! We are very proud of what our athletes achieved being up against 7 other schools.

### Gymnastics Competition

Over the last four weeks, eight children have been working very hard to prepare for a gymnastics competition. They had to learn a body management routine comprising of some challenging balances and transitions, a floor routine including some very tricky movements (lots of which involved being in mid-air!) and had to learn how to complete a vault jump. They sacrificed early mornings to come in and train at school and also put in lots of hours practising and rehearsing at home. As a result of their hard work and determination, they placed 5<sup>th</sup> in a competition against lots of schools from across Mid-Sussex! We look forward to seeing what our gymnasts will achieve next.



## Football Tournaments



On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, the girls' football team travelled to St. Paul's to take part in the Mid-Sussex football finals as one of the top two teams from Haywards Heath. They played against the five other qualifiers from across Mid-Sussex, who were all competing for a place in the Sussex finals. After narrowly losing the first game 1-0 to Copthorne, the girls fought back to beat St. Lawrence 2-1 and Bolnore 2-0 in their next games. The next two games saw them lose 2-0 to a very strong Windmills side and they ended the morning with a 0-0 draw against St. Mary's. All the girls played magnificently against some very strong opposition and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Mid-Sussex overall, narrowly missing out on a bronze medal! This was a fantastic achievement and all the girls showed great teamwork and determination throughout the morning.

In November, ten year six boys took part in a Haywards Heath football tournament. The boys started well against a strong Holy Trinity side and came away with a 1-1 draw. They then beat a tough Northlands Wood side before facing Blackthorns in their final game. Results in the group meant all teams were pretty even and the boys needed a win to secure qualification to the semi-finals. After scoring an early goal, they never looked back and won the game 2-0 meaning they topped the group. This set up a semi-final against Bolnore Village who had come top joint of their group. In a tough game, the boys unfortunately were not able to overcome the eventual winners of the tournament and lost 2-0. This set up a third/fourth tie against St. Joseph's who had topped the other group alongside Bolnore. Unfortunately, again, the boys were not able to overcome such strong opposition and lost 1-0. However, fourth is a fantastic achievement and one we are very proud of. All the boys showed a range of sporting values throughout the afternoon and represented the school excellently. The squad for this tournament was: Charlie B, Noah W, Layton S, Bertie S, Bertie P, Dexter W, Samuel D-P, Ollie L, Jackson D and Matias C. Thank you to all the parents/carers that transported the boys to and from this event.

## Cross Country

On a freezing cold and muddy Saturday morning, some of our year 6's took part in a cross-country race at Warden Park against several other local schools. Well done to all runners for showing excellent resilience by pushing themselves to reach the finish line and for sacrificing an early Saturday morning that could have been spent in bed! A special well done to Freya Perry, who came 7<sup>th</sup> out of 77 girls, and Noah Whitley, who came 10<sup>th</sup> out of 91 boys. Both Freya and Noah will be taking part in the next round of cross-country in the new year and we wish them the best of luck.





## 'Spotlight on Music'

As well as the brilliant singing in our recent nativities, our choir, led by Mrs MacTaggart and Mrs Staplehurst have been performing this month. Firstly, we enjoyed their singing at the recent Christmas Fair and on Sunday, a brave few, battled through the snow to sing at the Ascension Church Carol Service.

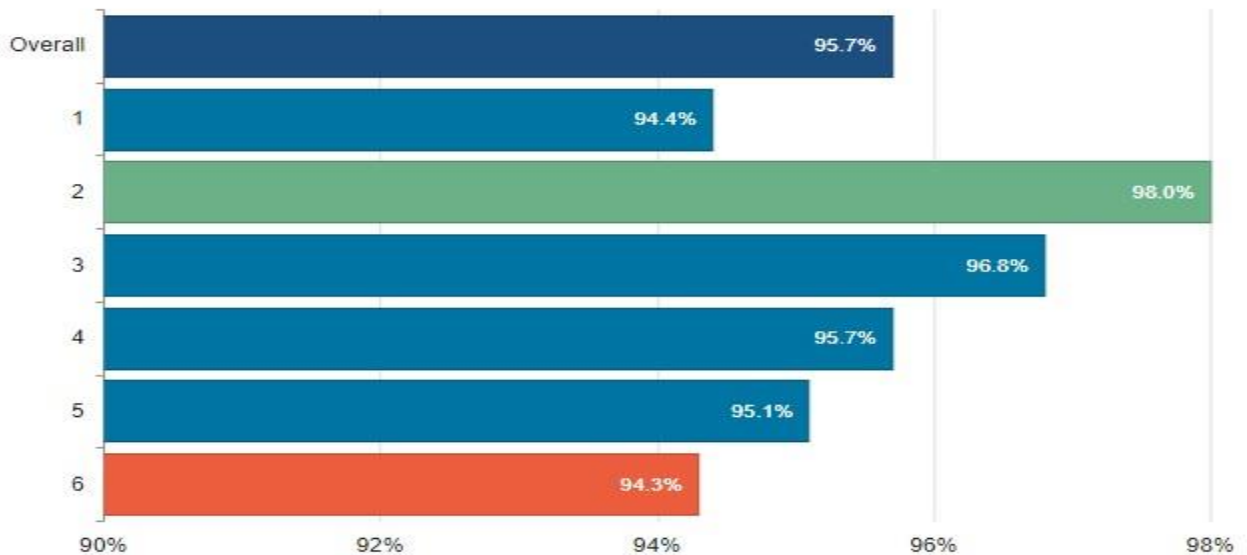
This week, our different classes will be sharing their music learning from this term with their buddy classes. We hope to continue having these regular showcases so the children can 'perform' to each other.

## Attendance Update

In October, we shared with you all about attendance at our school and it's importance for all children. The chart below shows the attendance overall for this half term and we can see a slight increase from the first half term. We look forward to further improvements as the year progresses.



Overall



## Important dates

See our website [calendar](#)

