

# The Meppershall Magazine

"God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God lives in them." (1 John 4:16)

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw to the end of term we have much to be thankful for. With this in mind I would like to start with a few thank yous.

To start the festive season we were gifted a beautiful Christmas tree from Henlow Church of England Academy.

During December our newly appointed MAPTA have been super busy raising funds for the school. It all started with The Shefford Christmas light switch chocolate tombola followed by organising a Santa shop so that pupils could buy a bauble.

We were first this year to light the village advent window. Thank you to Mrs Allen who created the window so that we could take part in this church project.

The next thank you is to all the staff of the school who have given above and beyond this term. We had a magical Christmas Candlelight Service at St Mary's with our year three and four children. Each class performed so well accompanied by Mrs Allen on the piano and Mrs Earp who played her flute alongside Tabitha Abbatt

Our Reception and Key Stage One performed a tremendous performance this year and had an amazing turn out of parents coming to see the show.

The children also performed Christmas carols to a full packed audience on two days to grandparents. Thank you for your generous donations which will help the school buy some school essentials.

Finally, as we end the term today with our Christmas lunch, on behalf of the staff we would like to thank all of you for your continued support of the school. For buying raffle tickets, supporting MAPTA events, coordinating costumes for your children and for your many kind words and thoughtfulness.

We wish you all a healthy and happy Christmas and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 6th January.

# Information

## Messages

A huge Thank you to all the volunteers who made the garden room a reality

MAPTA for raising £5,000 for the Garden Room to be purchased.

Mr Farren for spending a whole weekend putting the foundations in.

Mr Annison, Mr Barker, Mr Langridge, Mr Sawyer for erecting the Garden room in 1 day!

The electrics will be installed in the New Year to have a functioning room for the children to enjoy in 2026!



## Messages

The school are low on spare socks, tights and tracksuit bottoms, if you are having a clear out over Christmas then any donations of these items would be gratefully received.

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This Term Meppershall Academy have raised:

£126.35 for Children In Need

£102.27 for The Royal British Legion

£ 66.32 for Save the Children

THANK YOU

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Chess club with Mrs Hendley has been a real hit with the children! It has been wonderful watching them learn the names of each piece and how they move. We would also like to say another thank you to Mr Julian for his generous donation of the chess sets.



Congratulations to Kyriacos, the overall winner of the Meppershall Christmas Card Competition.

What a beautiful design!



## Staffing

We are lucky enough to have some amazing new teaching staff join us this year. Louise Wisson and Michaela Rios have joined us in Acorns. Jean Gregory has joined us to teach in Birches and Elms and Milly Power has joined us to teach Birches.

Jade Cann has joined us as our After School Club Coordinator.

We have also had Lisa Bland join us from The Meppershall Pre School site to help support our Acorns Class.



# Acorns



## This half term we have...

Joined in with Crazy Hair day!





# Elms



## This half term we have...

Elms Class have been busy making Honey Biscuits as their DT project this term. The children worked in small groups to measure, mix and prepare the dough before shaping their own biscuit and decorating it with a range of toppings. The biscuits smelled delicious and the whole class decided they were perfect!



# Willows



## This half term we have...

Willows have done a fantastic job in our Nativity this year! Well done Willows! We hope parents enjoyed the show.





# Birches



## This half term we have...

Birches has a whole day celebrating the end of our Ancient Egypt topic in History.

We were lucky enough to have Hitchin Museum come in and work with us for the morning to help us bring Ancient Egypt to Life!

We also did some Egyptian dancing and made each other into mummies using toilet Paper!





# Oaks



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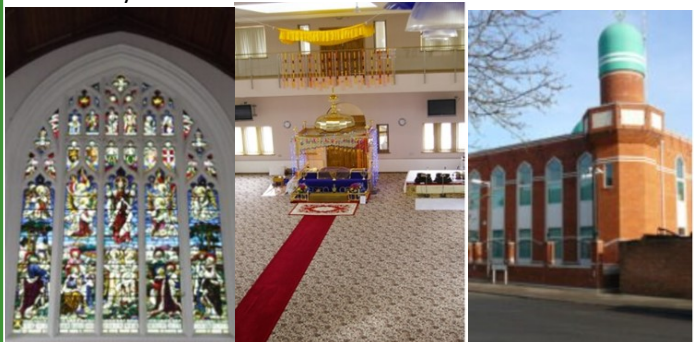
Oaks class visited St. John's church in Bedford to see a live re-telling of the Nativity story. Different parts of the story were acted out by members of Impact (Bedford Area schools Christian Support Trust) around the church and church yard on a very chilly December morning! The children were able to quiz the cast at the end of the performance and asked some really tricky questions wondering why the characters acted in the way they did.



Year 4 Sports Leaders received their training in September and now take it in turns to provide activities and games for the younger children at lunchtime.



Birches and Oaks had a really successful visit to Bedford on the Queen's Park Faith Tour. Each place of worship was so welcoming and encouraged the children to explore and ask questions which really helped to enhance their understanding of other faiths in our community.



Year 4 had a great time developing their Basketball skills when they visited Pix Brook Academy in October.





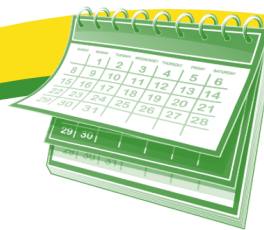


Year 4 had an amazing Roman Workshop delivered by North Herts Museum. They had the opportunity to carry out an archaeological dig and hold real Roman artefacts which helped us all learn about life in Roman times. The morning finished with a mock battle where the children learned about the formation of the Roman army.

As part of our Christmas activities Oaks class visited the Sugar Loaf to sing carols to the residents of the Care Home who were having their Christmas Dinner celebrations. A good time was had by all.



# Dates to Remember



## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday 6th January	Return to School for Spring Term 1	
Thursday 15th January	Closing date for CBC applications	Reception 2026
Wednesday 21st	Young Voices	Choir at the O2
Monday 9th Feb-	Parents Evening	3.45pm—6.30pm
Thursday 12th	Parents Evening	3.45pm—6.30pm
16th—20th Feb-	Half Term	
Monday 23rd February	Return to School for Spring Term 2	
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	
12th —17th	Book Fair	In the School Hall
Friday 20th	Red Nose Day	
30th March—	Easter Break	



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## Upcoming Events at St Mary's Church Meppershall

Date	Event	Additional Information
Sunday 21st December	Service of Carols by Candlelight	Starts at 6.30pm
Wednesday 24th December	Christingle	Starts at 3.00pm
Wednesday 24th	Midnight Communion	Starts at 10.30pm
Thursday 25th	Carols at Christmas	Starts at 10.30am

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6)