



December has flown by in a wonderful flurry of experiences for the children. Over the past few weeks, we have enjoyed an incredible range of festive activities, including: Christmas performances and our nativity; the choir singing on the High Street and in local care homes; a Year 5 and Year 6 swimming gala; Christmas lunches; a lantern competition and, of course, our magical Winter Wonderland. Each of these experiences requires a significant amount of time, planning and organisation from our staff, in addition to their already busy day-to-day roles. I hope you will join me in thanking and congratulating our team, who consistently go above and beyond to provide such memorable opportunities for the children. Please scroll down for some photos.

If you work in a school, or know someone who does, you will understand the current climate and the immense pressures schools are facing due to underfunding and limited staffing. We are extremely fortunate at Wildmoor Heath to have such a dedicated and committed team, who always place children at the heart of everything they do and continually strive to do better for them. It takes a special kind of person to work in a school - someone who always puts children before themselves. However, we are all human and, on occasion, mistakes can happen.

Whilst we always welcome feedback and encourage parents to let us know if there is something we could improve or have missed, I must ask that all communication with staff is kind - one of our school rules. The happiness of both children and staff is a priority at Wildmoor Heath, with wellbeing being one of our Curriculum Enrichment areas that makes our school unique. Our Senior Leadership Team is committed to supporting staff and ensuring they feel valued in such a very demanding working environment. We would be incredibly grateful for your continued positive support and would also really appreciate any positive comments about the school or our staff. If you would like to spread a little Christmas cheer, please click **here**: <https://forms.gle/Hod7Cc2i3gtShaEUA>

Thank you, as always, for your amazing support of our wonderful school. We wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 6th January.

Mrs Vincent





Mrs Penstone and our amazing choir



Christmas Lunches



Nativity



Christmas DT Projects





Winter Wonderland



Christmas Performances





WINNERS



Well done to Oscar
in Year 5 for
choosing the correct
name for the
reindeer - Toffee!

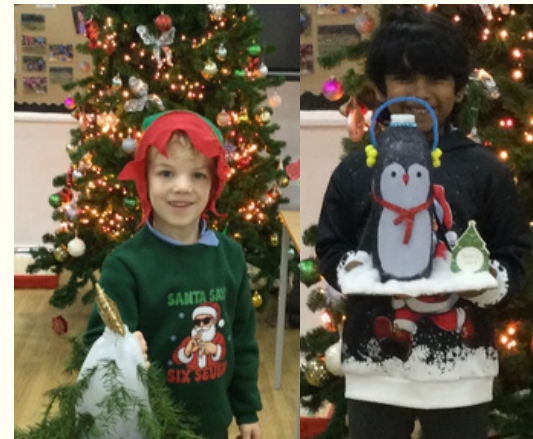
Well done to Oliver in
Year 3 for naming
the elf correctly -
Ozzy!



Thank you for everyone
who entered an entry for
the lantern competition.



The winners are...



Henry, Adhiv, Mabel and
Mr Jackson!





THANK YOU

Thank you to all the stall holders for supporting our Winter Wonderland event:

- *Two Sisters*
- *Sweet Tiger*
- *The Outdoor Project*
- *Swish and Flick Makeup Face painting*
- *Our amazing PTA!*



Daniel Woodhouse for lending us stage lights for our Christmas performances.



Lara Symes for donating office chairs for our staff room.



A massive thank you to Olive and Cerien Fletcher for making and then running the 'Guess the name of the reindeer' stall for the whole session.



All the staff and their families who helped with Winter Wonderland. Special thanks to Mrs Guy for the overall organisation and preparation.

Penny Brewer for the donation of mince pies for our nativity.



Santa and the Grinch for joining us for Winter Wonderland.





We are sadly saying farewell to some of our wonderful team members. Please join me in wishing them every success and happiness in their next adventures.



We are extremely grateful for the dedication, expertise and care that **Mrs MacManus** has shown throughout her six years at Wildmoor Heath. She has made a significant and lasting contribution to the life of our school - supporting staff, championing pupils and helping to shape the high standards of teaching and learning that define our community. She will be greatly missed by colleagues, pupils and families.

During her long career at Wildmoor Heath, **Mrs Attfield** has supported multiple Headteachers, embraced significant changes and contributed immensely to the smooth running and continual improvement of the school. Her professionalism, kindness and commitment have touched many lives. While we will miss her greatly, we are delighted that she now has the opportunity to enjoy a well-earned retirement - travelling and spending more time with her husband.



Mrs Rich is a highly valued member of our school community and we are deeply grateful for the care, energy and dedication she has shown to all the children during her time at Wildmoor Heath. Her enthusiasm for teaching - and particularly for sport - has enriched school life and created many memorable experiences for pupils. She will be greatly missed by pupils and staff.

