



# The Clock



From **Mrs Piper-Hadfield**

**Time for the latest news:**

*A huge thank you to our fabulous FPTA for organising yet another successful Christmas Fair last week. We are very lucky for a small school to have such an active FPTA, who host such large-scale events that bring in a lot of money for our children. I do not know the grand total yet but I...*

**Time to Celebrate...**



**Mrs Piper-Hadfield's  
sparklers this week are:**

**Elley YR** for helpfulness –  
nominated by Sophia R

**Phoebe Y2** for participation –  
nominated by Mrs Whitney

**Inaya Y3** for kindness –  
nominated by Mrs Shaw

**Photo: Collaborative  
artwork for church**



...am sure it is very impressive. As well as thanking every FPTA member that was involved, I also want to thank staff and everyone who attended – the school was full of current families, past students and our neighbours in the village. You know it's Christmas when the Longford fair has taken place!

### Church School

We have welcomed a few visitors into school over the past week:

Mrs Hawksworth and Mrs Johnson visited across three days, spending time with each child to create a banner depicting the Christmas story, ready to display in St Chad's church. All children have contributed to this and it will be on display in church now - it's a great piece of collaborative artwork!

Thank you to both Enid and Myra for working with our children on this.

We also welcomed two new faces into Longford. Going forward, Revd Stella Greenwood will be delivering a special collective worship once a month. For the first one, the children had lots of fun re-enacting a twist on the Christmas story – we were all particularly impressed by the impromptu acting of some of the Woodpeckers! We're definitely in for a treat when the children perform their Christmas plays for you!



A reminder that our Christingle Service is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2.30pm and we look forward to welcoming you all, to celebrate the end of a very busy and successful term!

### Village Carol Service

The Longford village carol service takes places on Sunday at 6.30pm. This is normally a very popular event and (so long as we have enough, numbers wise), the children will be singing again this year. Three children have also volunteered to do readings – it will be lovely to see the children playing such an active role in the service.

### LLO'S Christmas Party

We have our next Longford Little Ones session next Friday (15<sup>th</sup>). This will be a Christmas party (and there may even be a special guest!) so please spread the message to anyone you know who is looking for their child to join us in September 2024.

The rest of the school will have their Christmas party on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**, which is when they have their Christmas lunch.

On this day, we also invite everyone to wear a **Christmas jumper**. The more festive, the better! Normal school uniform for the rest of the outfit please (PE kit won't be required).

### **Next week:**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>
				Longford Little Ones (Christmas Party) – 1.15pm
Yoga Club (Mrs Bates)	Baking Club (Mrs Bailey)	Creative Club (Miss Beresford)	Primary Stars Club	Games Club (Miss Beresford)



Important dates for this half term and Spring 1:

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Village Church Service at St Chad's, 6.30pm  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Longford Little Ones (Christmas Party), 1.15pm  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole-school theatre trip  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas plays at Wyaston (1pm & 6pm)  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Church Service at St Chad's, 2.30pm & last day of term

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (25<sup>th</sup> Dec – 5<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** - School reopens  
**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** - Response Marking Morning  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Day  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Longford Little Ones

**HALF TERM (19<sup>th</sup> Feb – 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb)**

