

End of Year Chaplaincy Update

As we come to the end of this year, I would like to take this opportunity to share how truly delighted we have been with the work of our chaplaincy team and to reflect on what has been a very rewarding term.

I have had the privilege of working alongside our chaplains, who have done wonderful work in both Exeter House and St Osmund's Primary School. With a team of seven chaplains, we concluded this year's work with St Osmund's this Thursday. Throughout the morning, we spent time visiting different year groups, and it was especially encouraging to be a visible and familiar presence for the Year 6 pupils from our feeder school. We hope this will help make their transition much easier when some of them join us next year.

It was also incredibly touching to receive a beautiful card from Exeter House, signed by pupils and staff we have been working with. This thoughtful gesture, along with a lovely present, felt like a perfect and heartfelt way to bring our school year to a close, and we are deeply grateful for their kindness.



This term, Key Stage 3 have been working hard on homework projects linked with the topics they have been learning. They have produced some stunning pieces of work which were displayed one lunchtime for all pupils to come and enjoy.

A number of their projects were chosen for Headmaster's Awards, some of which will be displayed in our trophy cabinet in the canteen: well done to Isabella H, Eleni K, Johan S, Toby L, Jack S, Emmy P, Leo M, Jenelle B, Piper TR, and Leo K! See the next pages for photos.

We are thankful for all the dedication and enthusiasm shown by our chaplains this year, and we are excited to continue and develop our work further. Looking forward, we will be aiming to introduce new activities and to expand our outreach within the community, including, we hope, working with Milford Nursing Home.

I would also like to mention the wonderful rehearsals that have taken place with our readers, choir and musicians. It has been a joy to see everyone making a committed effort to perform to the very best of their ability. Their hard work and growing confidence shone through at Thursday's Carol Service, which was a truly special occasion for both the school and the parish.

On behalf of the entire chaplaincy team, I would like to wish you all a truly blessed conclusion to Advent and a beautiful Christmas spent with family and friends. We look forward to meeting again in the New Year, refreshed and ready to continue our work together, building on all the successes we have shared since September. We also hope to welcome even more new members to our chaplaincy meetings on Tuesday lunchtimes in the Chapel.

Thank you for your continued support, and may this Christmas season bring you peace, joy, and hope.

With every blessing,
Otto Blaho-Schlogl
School Chaplain

Christmas Carol Service at St Osmund's Church



RE Advent Projects Exhibition



Foodbank Visit



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Christmas Dinner



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Pastoral Support

Finding Calm in the Christmas Rush

The festive season sparkles with joy, but it can also feel overwhelming - packed schedules, financial pressures, and the expectation to make everything perfect. It's okay to pause. Give yourself permission to slow down, sip a warm drink, and enjoy the twinkle of the lights. Focus on what truly matters. Laughter, connection, and moments of gratitude. Remember, the best gift you can give yourself and others is peace of mind.

Top Tips for a Stress-Free Christmas:

- 🎄 **Plan ahead** – Make a simple list and prioritize what really matters.
- 🎄 **Set realistic expectations** – It doesn't have to be perfect to be special.
- 🎄 **Take breaks** – Step outside, breathe deeply, or enjoy a quiet moment.
- 🎄 **Stay connected** – Share how you feel with friends or family.
- 🎄 **Practice gratitude** – Focus on small joys like festive lights or a cozy evening.

This Christmas, let's embrace simplicity, kindness, and a little extra joy, because the magic of the season is found in the small, meaningful moments.

Safeguarding Update

We understand that the festive season can bring added pressures for families. For some, this time of year may be particularly challenging, and we want to remind you that support is available.

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the Christmas break, please use the following contacts:

- **School Safeguarding Email:** safeguarding@sjcs.org.uk
- **Integrated Front Door:** 0300 456 0108
- **Out of Hours Service:** 0300 456 0100
- **Emergency:** Contact the Police on 999

Your child's safety and wellbeing remain our priority. If you are worried about a child, please do not hesitate to reach out using the details above.

Careers Update

This week's newsletter is the final one before Christmas and includes all sorts of useful information, including:

- A careers quiz to find out where your aspirations could take you
- More opportunities for virtual work experience, apprenticeships, useful webinars and Q&As, and lots more

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