# DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

# 'That they may have life in all its fullness'

#### Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of a long and very busy term, it's been lovely to see the school filled with festive cheer and excitement. The children have enjoyed a wide range of Christmas activities, and the past few weeks have been full of energy, creativity and festive cheer!

#### Santa Dash

At the beginning of the week, the children took part in our annual Santa Dash. Mrs Dunlop from JFAN came in to lead the sessions, and the children threw themselves into the fun with great enthusiasm. They enjoyed running and dancing along to a range of Christmas songs, and the atmosphere was full of excitement and lots of laughter.

# **KS1 Nativity**

Well done to all the KS1 children for their fantastic performance in the *Jesus' Christmas Party*. The singing, dancing, and acting were a joy to watch—plus we may have spotted a few future rock stars! It's been wonderful to see how much confidence the children have gained in recent weeks, and their excitement in front of a full audience made the show even more special.





# **Elfridges**

Elfridges was a big hit once again this year. The children thoroughly enjoyed choosing their gifts for Christmas, and there was plenty of excitement as they prepared their surprises to take home. I am always impressed by the fantastic range of gifts available- a big thank you to FODS for organising everything so brilliantly; it remains one of the true highlights of the year.

# **Christmas Fayre**

Our fabulous FODS team hosted the Christmas Fayre last Saturday, which was a huge success. A massive amount of work goes in to organizing these events, for which we are incredibly grateful. Along with the raffle, they raised a fabulous £750.

#### **Christmas Dinner**

Yesterday, the children came together for their annual school Christmas dinner. This year's celebration was especially memorable as it was the last Christmas dinner prepared by our wonderful catering manager, Mrs Andrew. The children will miss you lots—especially your famous chocolate brownies! We are so grateful for all your hard work and dedication in providing such lovely meals for our school community. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Paola O'Donnell next term as our new catering manager. The first two weeks of term will be a reduced menu whilst Mrs O'Donnell is finding her feet. Also, there will not be any Key Stage 2 packed lunches available during that period. The menus are attached along with this newsletter.





# Collective Worship focus

In Collective Worship this week Miss Douglas focused on 'The Birth of Jesus' (Luke 1:26–38). The story is about trust, faith, and obedience. Mary shows that even when something seems impossible or surprising, trusting God can lead to wonderful things. It also marks the beginning of the story of Jesus, who Christians believe came to bring hope and salvation to the world.



#### **Key Dates for this Term**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December- Church Service 9:20am Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January- First day of Spring 1. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February- End of Spring 1.

Thank you to our pupils, families, and staff for your enthusiasm and support throughout a very long and busy term. We wish everyone a restful break and a very Merry Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Bailey

Headteacher