

CHRISTMAS NEWS

Christmas is a magical time in school and the children have been learning about the meaning of the festival and celebrating advent with a variety of activities and experiences.

The children performed “The Innkeeper's Breakfast” so well at the Chapel: great narration, loud acting voices and superb singing, including an incredible solo from Edith. Well done to everyone who participated and huge thanks to Mrs Manders and her team for making everything appear so effortless!



The Junior children had a fabulous time performing “*How Christmas Came to Be*” and raised the village hall roof with their singing. There are so many talented performers, super narrators and those children who worked behind the scenes supporting with continuity and music. Well done to you all and thanks to the team supporting Mrs Clifford with the Grainthorpe show.

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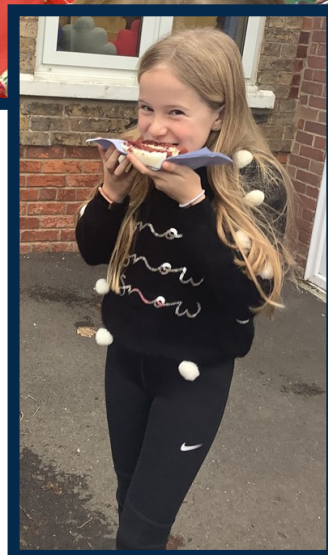
The School Council decorated our Federation tree at the St James's Church Tree Festival in Louth. I do believe our decorations were the best!

The Christmas theme continued with the Jumper Day which coincided with our Christmas dinner and a surprise visit from Santa on his tractor at both schools.



Grainthorpe held a Christmas Bake-Off and the 12 entries were an incredible range of puddings, wreaths and snow scenes - as well as a cheesecake which so impressed our governors who judged the cakes by taste and appearance. Well done to all the entrants and a special congratulations to Emily, Poppy and Zoe who were the winner and runners-up, respectively.

The best thing was the cakes were eaten by the children after the competition. That cake does look good! Thanks to the PTFA for suggesting the Bake-Off. We will make this an annual event!



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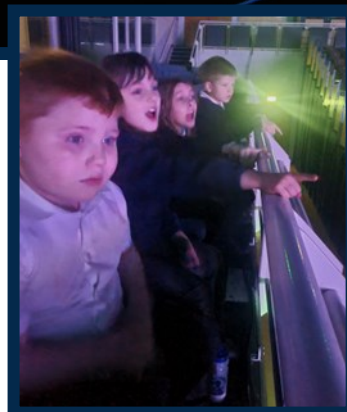


It was lovely to see so many children at St Mary's Church in Marshchapel for the Carol Concert last week. The school group sang beautifully and really got into their stride. Thank you for supporting this event and sharing the celebration.

We hope next year to expand our repertoire and hopefully include some instruments too!

The choir was getting read to start in this photograph.

The children had an amazing time at the "Jack and the Beanstalk" panto on Wednesday and despite the late return to school (so sorry for those left waiting in the rain), the children had an amazing time - as did the staff! Thank you to the PTFA for organising this and sharing the cost.





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Marshchapel Infant and Grainthorpe Junior Schools



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 3, 2024

03.01.24 Children back to school on Wednesday

10.01.24 Year 4 group start swimming

12.01.24 Nutcracker performance for Years 2, 3 and 4 in Lincoln. Please return your permission slips, if you haven't already.

January 2024 - NSPCC workshops - Staying Safe.

23.02.24 Year 3/4 Bikeability - please return your registration forms.

Don't forget Breakfast Club is at Grainthorpe from 07:30 every day, starting 3rd January 2024.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR COMMUNITY

If you have a safeguarding issue to discuss over the Christmas period, you can contact Children's Services directly on 01522 782111.

NURSERY into RECEPTION 2024 and YEAR 2 into YEAR 3 JUNIORS

Children in nursery who will be full-time school age from September 2024 - please apply for your school place now!

Year 2 children must apply for a junior school place; it isn't an automatic move.

We are happy to help with your application. Just ask in the office. Thank you!

Deadlines for applications are 15th January 2024. Why not get your application completed before Christmas?

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, 2024!

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the break with your amazing children!