



# The Chorus Schools Federation

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## This Week

The children have been busy making Christmas cards and this week some of the children delivered them to the village shop. These will be distributed to villagers and customers to bring some festive cheer.



## Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day!

What a wonderful Christmas Lunch we had on Wednesday. Everyone looked very festive wearing their Christmas jumpers! The dinner was absolutely delicious. A huge thankyou to Mrs Elliston for all her hard work.





## Head Teacher Awards! Well done to .....

**Rhys** in Kite Class for constructing a very persuasive letter to The Grinch and an amazing drawing of him too.

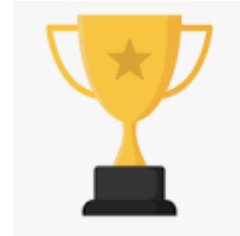
Also this week the cups were awarded as follows:

The Sports Cup was awarded to **Eliza** in Swifts

The Kindness Cup was awarded to **Millie** in Kites

The Effort Cup was awarded to **Sylvia** in Wrens

Well done to you all!



## Swimming for Kites Class – Starting Monday 12th January

Swimming lessons for Kites will start on Monday 12th January, and will run every Monday until the 23rd March. A reminder that children must bring in their swimming kit, **including a swim hat**.

## Essex Libraries Winter Reading Challenge

Children across Essex are being challenged to read and get creative at their local library this winter! Children can choose from twelve fun activities to complete. For each one, they will get a sticker. Complete six, and they'll receive a certificate and enter their prize draw for the chance to win some incredible goodies! Find out more about how to take part in this free activity at your local library.

## Coming up.....

- Monday 5th January 2026 – Back to School
- Thursday 8th January - Swifts forest school
- Friday 9th January - Kites forest school
- Monday 12th January - **Kites** Swimming Starts

## News from Wethersfield Church:

**Sunday 21 December** - 11am, Wethersfield CRIB Service. An opportunity to join in the re-telling of the Christmas story

**Throughout December** - Christmas Tree Festival.

Visit Wethersfield Church any time, any day and look at all the lovely decorated trees including one decorated by some Wethersfield School pupils and if you can pop a gift or Christmas treat in Santa's Sack.

All donations will go to the local Salvation Army for their Christmas distribution to families in need

And finally, details of ADVENT and CHRISTMAS services taking place across the benefice are below.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS



WETHERSFIELD  
CHURCH

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
until  
1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

Church open  
daily 9-4  
for viewing at  
your leisure

FREE ENTRY



## SANTA'S SACK

will be back in Wethersfield Church  
again this year,  
waiting to be filled with your gifts.

Santa will be collecting gifts for  
Braintree Salvation Army's  
Christmas distribution to needy  
families in the district,  
throughout December

Help us fill his sack.

Toys, gifts and Christmas treats  
all gratefully received.

Please bring something to pop in Santa's sack.

THANK YOU



# JOY

## Christmas Services 2025

### Saturday 6 December

3pm RBL District Carol Service - Finchingfield

### Sunday 14 December

9.30am Children's Carol Service - Finchingfield

6pm Service of Lessons and Carols - Wethersfield

### Sunday 21 December

11am Crib Service - Wethersfield

3pm Joint Churches Carol Service - Great Bardfield

6pm Service of Lessons and Carols - Cornish Hall End

### Christmas Eve

3pm Crib Service - Finchingfield

3pm Christingle Service - Great Bardfield

5pm Carols by Candlelight - Shalford

9pm 'Early' Midnight Mass - Little Bardfield

11.30pm Midnight Mass - Wethersfield

### Christmas Day

9am Family Communion Service - Cornish Hall End

9.30am Family Communion Service - Shalford

10.30am Family Communion Service - Great Bardfield

11am Family Communion Service - Finchingfield

### Sunday 28 December

2.30pm Carols in the Cowshed - Boydells Dairy Farm



Pant Valley  
Churches



## School Dinner Menu

Week beginning Monday 5th January 2026 , will be week 1 menu: Please note change to the Monday – which will be Hot Dogs/ Quorn Hot dogs.

WETHERSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Monday**

**Hot Dogs**  
Served with wedges and salad

**Quorn Hot Dogs**  
Served with wedges and salad

**Tuesday**

**All Day Breakfast**  
Scrambled eggs, hash brown, beans, sausage

**Veggie Breakfast**  
Scrambled eggs, Hash brown, beans, ~~quorn~~ sausage

**Wednesday**

**Mac and Cheese**  
Served with garlic bread and salad

**Selection of Baguettes also available**

**Thursday**

**Creamy Chicken Curry**  
served with rice and naan bread

**Creamy Sweet Potato Curry**  
served with rice and naan bread

**Friday**

**Fish Fillet**  
served with chips and peas

**Veggie Nuggets**  
served with chips and peas

**Also available everyday**  
**Jacket Potatoes ( with cheese, beans or tuna filling) . Wraps ( with cheese, ham or tuna)**

**Week 1**

**Menu**

**Fresh**  
All our food is cooked fresh each day

Available everyday  
**A healthy salad bar, fresh fruit and yoghurt, water**

**Checked**  
We always use reputable suppliers and where possible use local produce



Yours faithfully,



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