



# Twineham CofE School

*Nurture Togetherness Resilience Creativity*



19th December Autumn Term 2024

## Diary Dates (newly added dates in red)

20th December—Theatre company to perform 'Cinderella' (Our Christmas present to the children)

20th December—Last day of term

7th January—First day of term

30th June—Year 6 leavers service at Christs Hospital 1.30pm

INSET DAYS— 6th January, 2nd June



### A message from Mrs Davy

It has been a fabulous end to the term with our children taking part in well-rehearsed and professionally executed performances. Last week, we experienced two wonderful performances of "Shine Star" with beautiful dancing and singing. On Tuesday afternoon we watched Oakwood perform their songs in a presentation with energy and drama which left audience members in happy, sentimental tears! Christmas is a really special place in a church school and we were delighted that so many families could join us for our Christingle service.

Small schools are challenging with the lack of staff available to do the same jobs that are also required in a large school; we have received some lovely messages in cards and we are grateful that the extra mile everyone goes is appreciated. Thank you so much for all the generous gifts of tea, coffee, biscuits and chocolates for the staffroom.

Thank you for your continued support and please spread the word about Twineham. New entrants for September 2025 have until 15th January to make their choices.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

## Children and young people who read in their free time said it helps them:

**56.6%**

to relax

**41.0%**

feel happy

**50.9%**

learn new things

**32.8%**

understand the  
views of others...

**32.8%**

...and about  
other cultures

**26.0%**

to be confident

### School Clubs/Sports

Twineham has always been a musical school and currently our numbers attending lessons are dwindling. Both Laura for Piano and James for Guitar have spaces to teach at Twineham school, please see below contact details.

James—[www.jcguitar.co.uk](http://www.jcguitar.co.uk) 07824637422

Laura—[pianowithlaura@outlook.com](mailto:pianowithlaura@outlook.com)

Some of our year 5/6 children represented Twineham in a Basketball tournament and not only did they play amazingly but they came 3rd!!

### Chartwells

Thursday 16th January is the Chartwells "American Allstars" Lunch. Burger & Chips, Mac & Cheese, and our New Celebration Cake.

Meals must be booked no later than Thursday 2nd January, don't delay, you can book today.

Please also remember to book your child's meals for when we return on the 7th Jan.

### FOTS

Thank you the fabulous FOTs team who put on a spectacular "Fun run" through a candy cane forest, a snowy tunnel and a battle with a snowman!

The children had a brilliant time!

### Safety

Please do not park in the school staff car park.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

### SEND

Please see attached poster from

Mrs Fitzgerald.

### Christingle

Twineham children had a lovely Christingle service and some of Oakwood class shared the prayers they wrote. We wanted to share these with you all:

Dear God Please help the people on earth by giving them food. Jesus please help everyone in the world for example how you gave everyone bread and wine. Thank you for giving your life to us when you died on the cross. Thank you for giving love and kindness on earth. Amen—Jayden

Dear God We thank you for the Christingle. The orange reminds us of the world God made. We hope that everyone on this world has a house to live in and food to eat. Amen—Matilda

Dear God Thank you for the world you have blessed upon us. Thank you for bringing the light that guides us. Thank you for giving your life for us. Please give us light in these dark times. Make us remember that Christmas is not about the presents but for remembering your birth and death. Amen—Rhys

Dear God As I hold this Christingle today, I pray for people that are less fortunate than me like people in Syria. May you lead us in the dark times that lay ahead. Amen Boden

Dear God Please let your light shine in the darkness and fill the world with peace and Christmas cheer. Amen—James Botha

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## Worship Spot

*AN INVITATION TO CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE VILLAGES OF ALBOURNE, SAYERS COMMON AND TWINEHAM*

Sunday 15 December

A service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Bartholomew, Albourne at 6pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Friday 20 December

Carol Service at Christ Church, Sayers Common at 6pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Tuesday 24 December – Christmas Eve  
Crib and Carol Service 4pm at St Peter, Twineham (we hope to be joined by Dorcas, the donkey and some sheep)  
Midnight Mass at **8pm** at St Bartholomew, Albourne

Wednesday 25 December – Christmas Day  
Parish Eucharist for Christmas Day at Christ Church, Sayers Common at 10am

Reverend Rachel Cornish

## PE

In line with most other schools and after much discussion with the staff and Mrs Stafford and due to our small number of girls, we have decided that from January we would like Willow and Oakwood class to come to school in their PE kits on PE days.

Please could PE kits be as close to school PE kits as possible so the children continue to look smart. Children will be outside so warm joggers/ leggings and a sensible hoodie/fleece would be most suitable. These need to be black / navy with no logos if possible. Football kit is not suitable. Normal trainers should be worn (no plimsolls).

Buttercups need to continue to come to school on PE days in school uniform as part of the EYFS curriculum and Development Matters is for children to learn skills of self care.

## Every child is a gift and every child is gifted

### This Week's Celebrations...



On Thursdays, we celebrate children who have been doing some great learning, showing amazing behaviour for learning or living out our school values. We are now thinking about our value of creativity. Here are our latest celebrations :

*Buttercups: Richard for playing nicely, Lara for being confident in the Christmas show & Joshua for his maths counting.*

*Willow: Isla G & Arthur for maths, Tyreek, Jasper, Reggie & Lenny for a great effort in the Christmas show & Isla G & Timmy James for writing.*

*Oakwood: George & Tobias for super independent application of skills, Alfie for his progress in writing & Matilda for showing maths in different ways & the whole class for an amazing Christmas performance.*



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