



HUNTLEY NEWS Christmas 2025

Our School Vision

Nurtured individuals, learning together with God's love, living life to the full.

Christmas 2025

Thank you to Cecilia and Violet for putting these reports together – great work!

Class Stream and River visit to Leaf Creative.

We were kindly invited to Leaf Creative to listen to the story of 'Wonky – the very special Christmas tree' read by the author Tilly Tingle.



Experience Christmas A huge thank you to Rev Lara and all the other volunteers who helped make Experience Christmas so special.

During Experience Christmas, we learnt about the Christmas story in detail. There were six stations around the church. One station focussed on the journey of Mary, Joseph and the donkey had to make. At another station we learnt about the traditions of Christmas. We also learnt about Mary's life before Jesus, the part the shepherds played and we smelt frankincense and myrrh. – Cecelia



Severn Trent Assembly

Severn Trent delivered a worship for us all about toilets and what items are safe or not to put down the toilet. We learnt that some things clog up the sewerage works or become pollution in the sea. There was a quiz and we had to decide what went where. We also learnt about saving water when we wash our hands or have a shower for example. We are now all very well-educated! – Violet



Snickers Spot

Following the sad passing away of Class Ocean's pet guinea pig Snickers, the class have created stones to remember their memories with him. We painted stones to put in a special spot outside and



planted flowers. In the summer we are going to plant lettuce- his favourite!

Santa's Dash

This year we once again joined thousands of other children across the county and took part in 'Santa's Dash' We all had great fun and smiles filled the playground as the Christmas music blasted! -Violet





Class Stream were busy making their own Christmas stockings. Don't they look great!



Class Estuary's elves

This year, the cheeky Class Estuary elves have been up to so much mischief! On the first, they made a grand entrance and because they were travelling so fast, they smashed into the interactive whiteboard. Class Estuary were without a board for the day while we got it fixed. Our finance governor Mrs Rich was not very happy when she visited that day!



Then the trouble continued. They made a snow slide across the classroom, mummified themselves like the Ancient Egyptians the class were finding out about and took up sunbathing in Stig's tank. Every day there was something else!



School Christmas plays

This year we decided to try out having two plays. One for years Reception, 1 2 and 3 which was called Baarmy Bethlehem and rest of the school had a play called I'm Gonna Shine. It was great fun and we enjoyed watching each other's- they were both amazing. I t was fun having Laura in who is a musical theatre coach to teach us the dance moves and show us how to project ourselves clearly.

Cecelia



A massive thank you to our PTFA and other volunteers who helped with the raffle and refreshments. This is always a great fundraiser and much appreciated! Thank you for your support. Also, thank you to Mr Mirfin who, as always, kindly donated a special handmade reindeer for us to raffle. All the proceeds go towards Forest school resources. This year we updated our waterproof kit. This year we were very grateful to Mrs Cryans who donated a beautiful sequin art picture, which must have taken ages to make. This was also a raffle prize this year won by Ida.

Winning Christmas Card Design

A massive congratulation to Willoughby whose Christmas card design was chosen from all the entries in the Forest of Dean schools to become the Christmas card sent out by our local MP Matt Bishop. Mr Bishop came into school for a visit and to congratulate Willoughby personally and show us the finished card.



Carol Singing

At the end of November, we were asked to sing at the May Hill Christmas Fayre. It was lovely to see so many children from across the school and the children sang some of the songs from their Christmas plays.



Christingle

Rev Lara came to lead our beautiful Christingle service. Lots of lovely families came to join us and the year sixes led part of the service. We read prayers and a Christingle poem. The Year sixes and their buddies worked together to make their Christingles. - Violet



Special Visitor!

What a lucky school we are. On party day, Father Christmas came to see us all. What a magical experience for all the children in Huntley!- Violet

Pantomime

On the last week of term, the whole school went to Cheltenham Everyman theatre to watch the pantomime Robin Hood and his Merry Men. Everyone enjoyed their pots of ice cream too! – Cecilia



Party Day

We all had lots of fun on party day – playing lots of games and eating our lovely Christmas dinner together!





Making reindeer in Class Stream.

Mr and Mrs Mirfin kindly came into class Stream and helped all the children make their own special wooden reindeer.

Mr Mirfin has been making these with the children for many years now and we really appreciate all the time and preparation he puts into it so that the children can have such a lovely keepsake. Every Christmas I get out my children's reindeers that they made in Reception (my son is now 18!)

