



Weekly Newsletter

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Merry Christmas!



What a wonderful end to term 2. We've been blessed with so many magical moments that truly capture the spirit of our school community.

Otter and Squirrel classes were amazing at today's Christmas Carol Concert in the church. The songs were ambitious and the children rose to the challenge. Many thanks to Trish Rees-Jones for supporting us with the musical arrangements this year.

Our youngest children delighted us with their joyful Nativity performances last week, showcasing remarkable confidence and enthusiasm.

Our whole school trip to the Tobacco Factory theatre to watch Rapunzel was also a success with our children demonstrating excellent behaviour and engagement throughout.

As you know, we love and value history at East Harptree and it was great to see Squirrel class transported us back in time with their immersive Stone Age Day. A fantastic day of rich learning and great costumes!

I must extend heartfelt thanks to Vicky Walker, Sam Watson, Alison Scott and all our brilliant PTA for all their incredible fundraising efforts including the wonderful Christmas Market a few weeks ago. Their support makes such a difference to our school community.

I want to thank all our children, staff, parents and governors for their tremendous efforts this term.

Best wishes for a very happy Christmas.

Ian Harvey
Headteacher

Please remember, we return on Monday 6th January 2026. Please note our two LSP training days next term: Friday 16th January and Friday 13th February 2026.



Squirrels Monday Treat to The Combe

Squirrel Class proudly earned their 50 marbles and celebrated with a well-deserved morning treat at The Combe. Although it was a very wet trip, it was great fun! The children had a fantastic time gathering sticks, ready to use in creating their Christmas decorations.



Stone Age Day

Squirrel Class had an amazing Stone Age Day and it was SO much fun! We were visited by Flint the Caveman, who taught us all about the different periods of the Stone Age. The children took part in games and a quiz, enjoyed dressing up and drama activities, and explored fascinating artefacts – including the skulls of Homo erectus and Neanderthal humans! Oh, and we defeated a mammoth (as you do...)!

The children did a fantastic job getting into character and looked brilliant in their costumes. A huge thank you to all the grown-ups who put in so much effort with the dressing up – it really made the day extra special.



RAPUNZEL PANTO

The whole school enjoyed a wonderful afternoon watching the panto at the Tobacco Factory. The performance was outstanding, and the children were a absolute credit to the school.

Harley shared that the most magical part of the performance was the music and dancing, and that it also made him laugh!

CAROL SERVICE

What a spectacular carol service by KS2!



Essential Dates

5th January 2026 - Term 3
Friday 16th January 2026 - Inset Day
Friday 13th February - Inset Day
Monday 16th February - Half Term
Monday 23rd February - Term 4
Tuesday 17th March - KS1 Community Farm Visit
Friday 3rd April - Bank Holiday
Monday 6th April - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th April - Easter School Holiday
Monday 20th April - Term 5
Monday 25th May - Bank Holiday
Monday 1st June - Term 6
Monday 1st June - Inset Day

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Join us
this
Christmas

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER
CAROL SERVICE AT EAST HARPTREE CHURCH AT 6.30PM
(PRECEDED BY MUSIC FROM SOMERSET RUSSETS AT 6PM)

CHRISTMAS EVE
COME TO THE CRIB AT EAST HARPTREE CHURCH AT 2.30PM
(A SHORT SERVICE FOR SMALL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES)

CRIB SERVICE AT HINTON BLEWETT CHURCH AT 6PM

HOLY COMMUNION AT EAST HARPTREE CHURCH AT 10PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
A SHORT CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS IN EAST HARPTREE CHURCH AT 10AM
A GOOD CHANCE TO SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS AND SING SOME CAROLS
ABSOLUTELY ALL THE FAMILY IS WELCOME

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER
7.00pm Goodwill to All Concert
St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER
6.00pm Cards under the Tree
Ring Hill, Hinton Blewett

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER
5.00pm Holly Jolly Christmas Concert
St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER
6.00pm 9 Lessons Carol Service
St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin

SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER
6.00pm Carol Service
St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER
4.00pm Christingle Service
St Laurence, East Harptree

TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER
6.00pm Carol Service
St Bartholomew, Ubley

SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER; CHRISTMAS EVE
3.30pm Crib Service
St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin

SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER; CHRISTMAS DAY
8.30am Christmas Communion
St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin

MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER
10.00am Christmas Celebration
St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin

TUESDAY 27TH DECEMBER
11.00am Midnight Communion
St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin

WEDNESDAY 28TH DECEMBER
3.30pm New Year Concert
St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

From the church of Chew Valley South
Blagdon, Charterhouse, Chelwood, Hinton Blewett,
Ubley and West Harptree

We hope you will join us for our special Christmas services.
You will be so very welcome.

And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth,
and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7



WISHING YOUR HOUSEHOLD A VERY
HAPPY CHRISTMAS!