

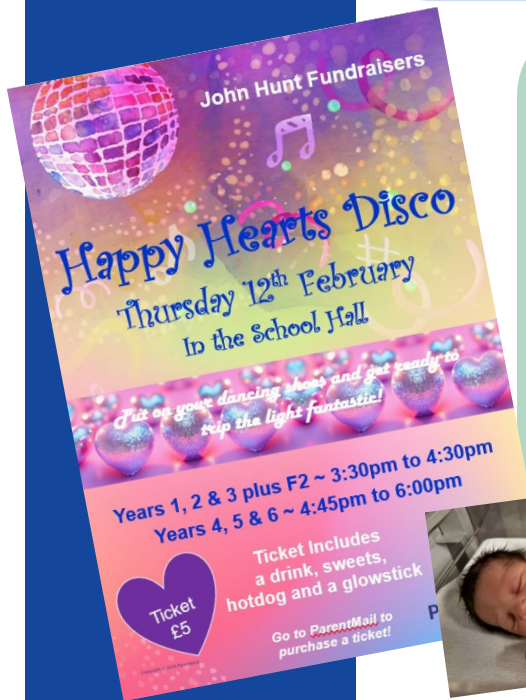


# Winter 25/26 Newsletter

## A Wonderful Start to the New Year!

What a wonderful run up to the Christmas Holidays! We had a very busy December at John Hunt with Carol Concerts and Nativity Shows, a Christmas Fete and Bingo Night, Christmas Lunch and Church Services.

Here's a quick look at of all the fabulous festive celebrations and what's planned for the rest of this term.



### HUGE CONGRATULATIONS!

We had some lovely news at the beginning of January with the arrival of a little bundle of joy!

Congratulations to Miss Travers and her family!



### Once upon a time...

This term we are so fortunate to have Nicky Rafferty, a local storyteller, visiting the school and delivering workshops with our Key Stage 1 and Foundation children. Nicky is visiting us for 6 weeks to tell the children stories and help them use their imagination to create their own stories, develop their speaking and listening skills and help to encourage and foster a greater enjoyment for stories and reading.

The children have loved their first few sessions with Nicky and we cannot wait to see the positive impact this will have on them! We hope some of the children in Key Stage 1 will be able to work with Nicky to create and perform stories to their parents at the end of our project so keep a look out!



This month Year 6 have started The DAaRT Primary Programme.

This programme is designed to equip young people with the knowledge and skills they need to transition from primary to secondary school. It helps them develop the social and emotional skills required to overcome challenges.

Their age-appropriate materials are shaped by feedback from customers, partners, and those with real-life experience. The Year 6 Graduation will be held on the 21st April.



### Dates for your Diary

#### February

- 9th Children's Mental Health Week
- 10th Young Voices
- 12th Happy Hearts Disco
- 13th End of Term 3
- 23rd Term 4 Begins

#### March

- 3rd KS1 Workshop: Knights & Castles
- 5th World Book Day
- 9th Book Look Week
- 18th Year 5 Rand Farm Trip
- 23rd Bikeability Week

- 27th Easter Bonnet Parade
- 27th Easter Egg Competition
- 27th Last Day of Term





# Fabulous Festive Season

## The Festivities Began

Newark's Christmas Tree Festival for 2025, hosted by St Mary Magdalene Church, took place in The Buttermarket, featuring community-decorated trees. Our theme was 'Christmas Around the World' and children designed some fantastic decorations celebrating Australia, Finland, Germany, Japan, Mexico and of course the UK!



On the 1st of December children were welcomed into the school by some special visitors!

A sea of Christmas Jumpers created by the whole school could be seen as

parents and children waited to enter John Hunt. Inside, class doors were given a fantastic festive make-over; all the children were ready for the magic of Christmas!



## He's behind you!

KS2 enjoyed a tale as old as time at the Palace Theatre! With oodles of panto fun and plenty of laughs, the performance of Beauty and the Beast left the children howling with delight especially when the Dame took a shine to our very own Mr Mac! Key Stage 1 and EYFS didn't miss out on the panto fun ~ they thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Chaplins Visiting Pantomime who transformed the hall into old London town. Packed with comedy, excitement and adventure, the children cheered their hero Dick Whittington and booed the evil Captain Blood. They roared with laughter at the antics of Idle Jack, Sarah the Cook and Dick's crazy cat Elvis.



## KS1 Carol Concerts

Thank you so much to all of the families that attended our KS1 Carol Concert! The children had a great time singing and performing for you all and we were amazed at how packed the hall was for both performances. We were so proud of all of the children, they worked hard to remember all of the words and even some actions for the songs and another big shout out to the children that were brave enough to stand on stage. The performance got us all in the Christmas Spirit!



This is just a snap shot of all the festivities. The whole school also enjoyed Christmas Parties, Christmas Dinner cooked by the wonderful Megan, Caroline and Jane and came together for our lovely Christmas Service at St. Giles with Revd Louise.



## A King is Born

Well done to everyone that took part in our Christmas Nativity and for a fantastic performance of A King is Born. Everyone did so well remembering their lines and singing our songs. We are so proud of all of your hard work and dedication.

