

Christmas 2026 at Archibald

ARCHIBALD FIRST SCHOOL

As we begin the second part of the Autumn term, we are already beginning to think about our December celebrations...



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Nursery Christmas Songs Under the Christmas Tree

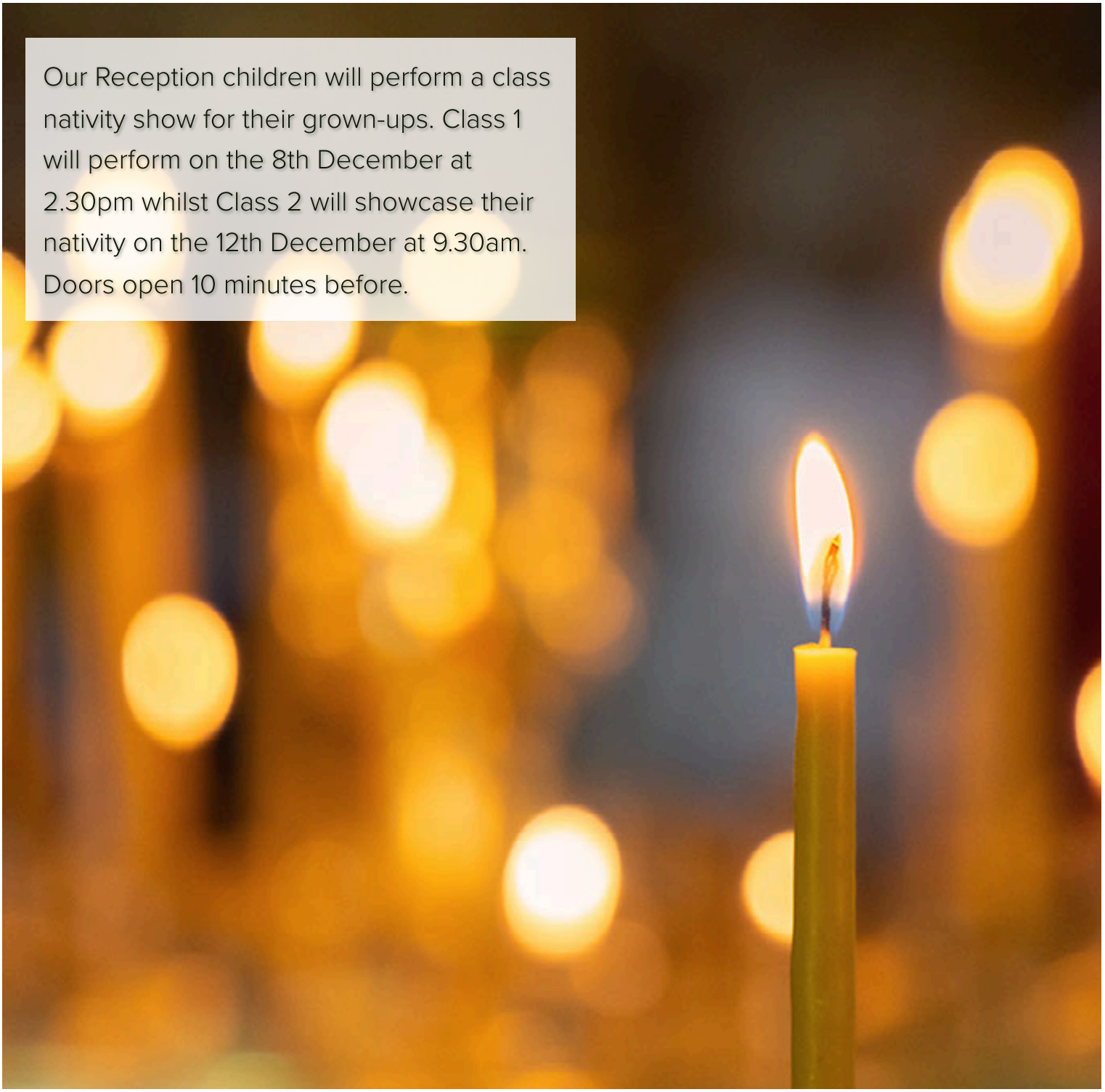
Our Nursery children will sing Christmas songs under our Christmas tree in the small hall.

- 09 Nursery 1 Christmas Songs 11am
- 10 Nursery 2 Christmas Songs 2.30pm

Families of children in Nursery 3 (full timers) can select up to 2 tickets for 1 of the Nursery shows only.



Reception Nativity



Our Reception children will perform a class nativity show for their grown-ups. Class 1 will perform on the 8th December at 2.30pm whilst Class 2 will showcase their nativity on the 12th December at 9.30am. Doors open 10 minutes before.



Year 1 to Year 4 Christmas Concerts

Our children in Years 1 to 4 will perform Christmas Concerts.

- 07 Year 3 Christmas Concert 9.30am
- 07 Year 4 Christmas Concert 2.15pm
- 09 Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.30am
- 09 Year 2 Christmas Concert 2.15pm

Christmas Swap Shop



We are sure that many of you have Christmas jumpers, t-shirts, pjs, and outfits etc. that you and your children have grown out of last year. School is hosting a 'Christmas Swap Shop' where we will put out any items of Christmas clothing you may have to share that need a new owner for the festive period 2026. Please bring these in clean, washed and in good condition before the 25th. We will then put these out for you to select from as of the 25th November. They will be placed on the rail in the yard.

Christmas Gifts

At this time of year families can feel an extra pressure to buy adults in school a Christmas gift.

The cost of living is already making day to day life more difficult for so many of us and we all know that the festive season can be a very expensive time.

Your generosity is always appreciated by all the staff in school, however, we worry this adds another strain on our families. Class collections also add pressure to others and can be costly when you have more than one child.

Therefore, we are strongly encouraging parents not to buy gifts for the staff for Christmas.

The pennies saved can go in a pot for a hot chocolate treat over the winter break.





Christmas Cards

Did you know that approximately 1 billion Christmas cards are thrown away every year. It would take the equivalent of 33 million trees to make that amount of card?

As we try to do our bit for the environment, please do not send cards into school or give them to children to distribute.

Instead, why not make a donation to a local charity as a replacement for purchasing the cards.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

The School Council would like to invite all children to dress up in a Christmas jumper, favourite Christmas outfit or Christmas fancy dress for our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 9th December! This is not a fundraiser, just a School Council fun day for all children and staff.

For those children who usually have a packed lunch, please see the Letter regarding Christmas Lunch on the Whole School Letters page of the website.





Christmas Parties (including arrangements for party snacks)

Please see below the dates of the Christmas Parties being held in school. These will be held during the school day and children will have their school lunch as normal. Children will play party games and have party snacks to enjoy.

Children are invited to come into school wearing their party clothes all day. Party clothes are anything that your child feels comfortable in. Some children may still wish to wear their uniform. Please remember that the same outfit can be worn for all these events so that your child gets lots of wear out of things! There is no need to buy anything extra or new.

To ensure that we are not sending food in from home, to reduce waste and to cater for known food allergies, we are asking families to pay a donation for each child of £2 on ParentPay, so that we can purchase the Christmas party afternoon treats. Please pay your £2 donation by Monday 30th November -Thank you.

- Monday 14th December - Years 3 & 4
- Tuesday 15th December - Years 1 & 2

- Wednesday 16th December – Nursery and Reception pm. Nursery 1 children are invited to return to school for 1.15pm

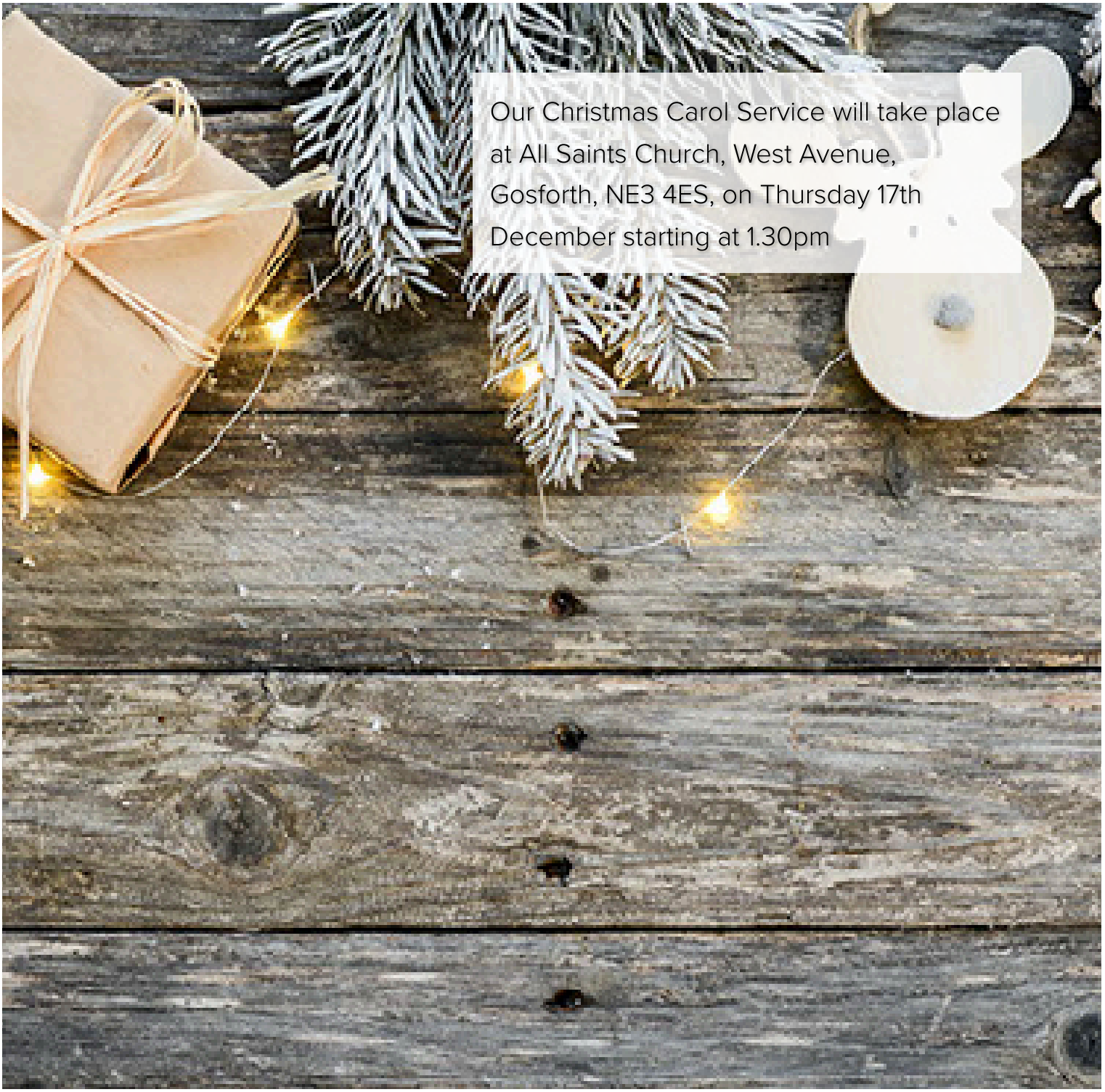




Christmas Crafts

The last week of school will involve crafts such as card and calendar making.

Christmas Carol Service - All Saints Church


Our Christmas Carol Service will take place at All Saints Church, West Avenue, Gosforth, NE3 4ES, on Thursday 17th December starting at 1.30pm

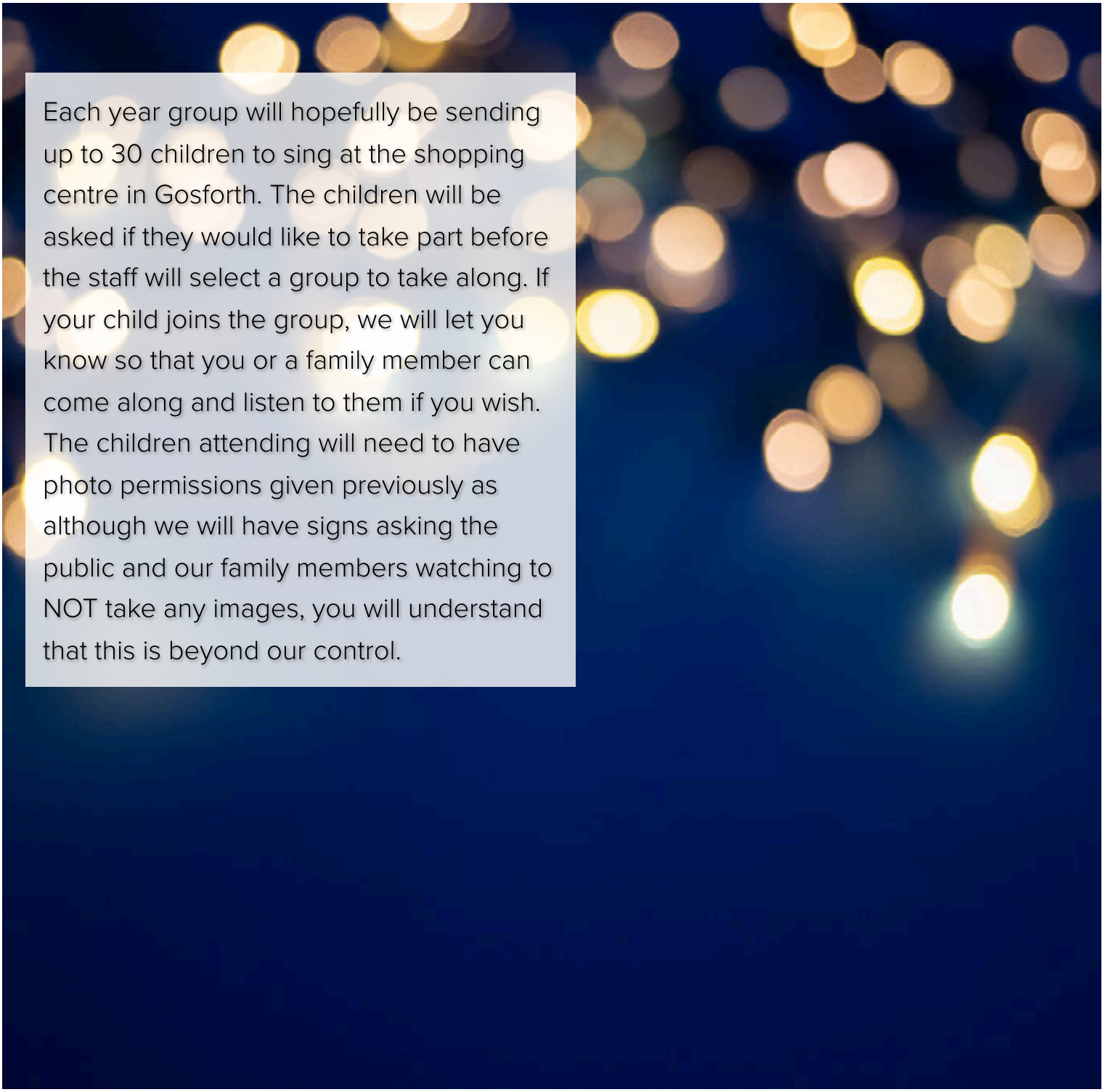
Throughout the church service there will be thanksgiving and lots of festive singing. It would be lovely to see you all there and seats will be available from 1.20pm, however, please note that there will be pews reserved for the children and staff so there may be standing room only once all seats are taken.

There will be a cash collection for those who wish to make a donation, in aid of St Oswald's Hospice.

If you wish to take your child/ren home after the service, you will need to sign them out from the class teacher at the end of the service; any children not collected from the church will return to school with the staff and should be collected at the normal time of 3.15pm.

If you do not wish your child to participate in the church service for religious reasons only, please let us know as we will ask them to be special helpers in Nursery for the hour, as the rest of school community will be at All Saints. Please email the school office by Monday 14th December to notify us. *Children **cannot** be collected to take home.*

Singing at Gosforth Shopping Centre - TBC



Each year group will hopefully be sending up to 30 children to sing at the shopping centre in Gosforth. The children will be asked if they would like to take part before the staff will select a group to take along. If your child joins the group, we will let you know so that you or a family member can come along and listen to them if you wish. The children attending will need to have photo permissions given previously as although we will have signs asking the public and our family members watching to NOT take any images, you will understand that this is beyond our control.



PTFA Christmas Fayre for the Children

Our PTFA will be hosting a Christmas Fayre for the children in school. More information to follow from the PTFA...

Tuesday 1st December: 13 Nursery Children, Classes 3, 4, 5, 6...

Thursday 3rd December: 13 Nursery Children, Classes 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 and 10

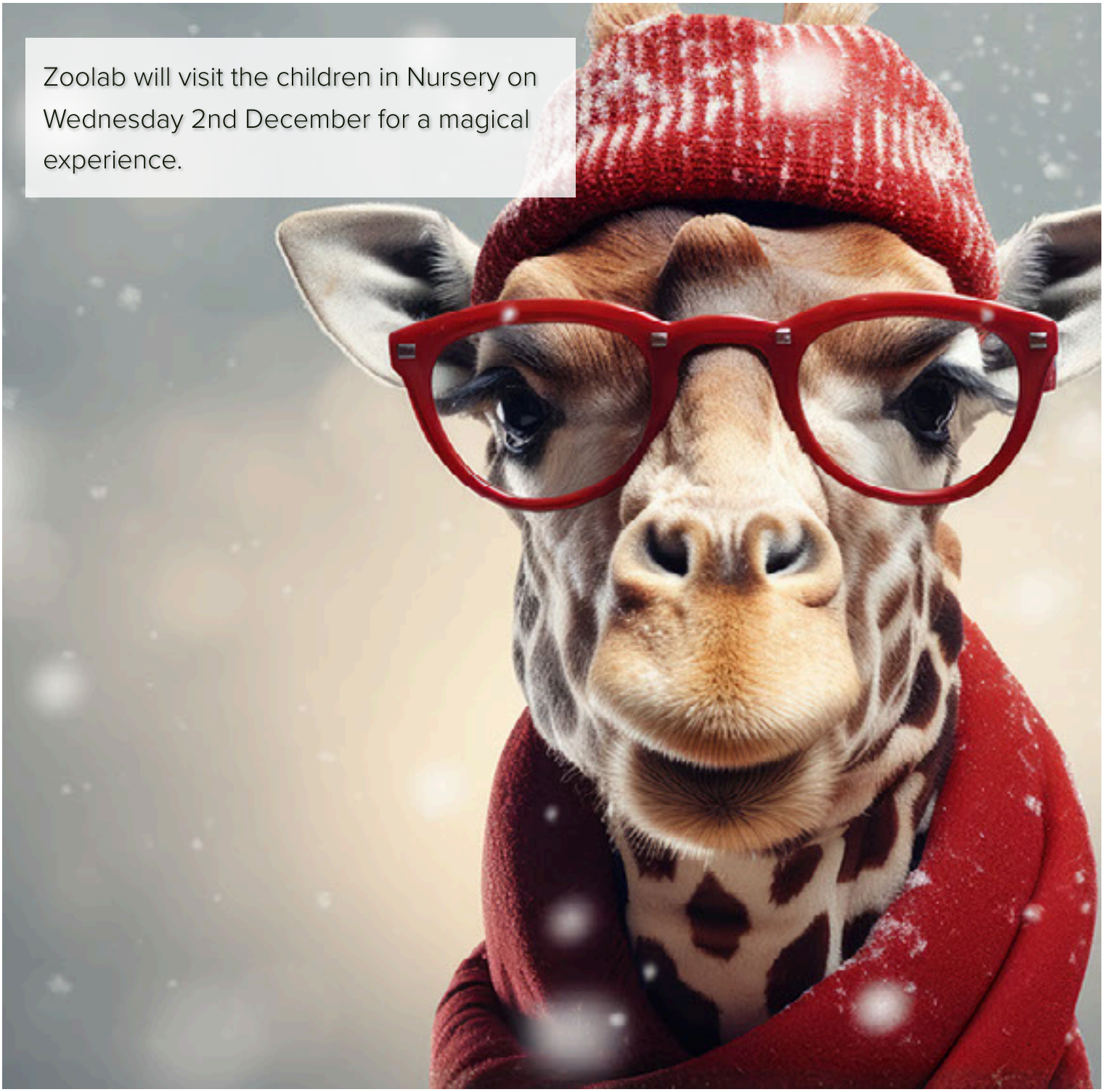
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Christmas Movies



Years 1 to 4 are looking forward to watching a Christmas Movie at the Tyneside Cinema. Years 3 and 4 will visit on the morning of the 2nd December whilst Years 1 and 2 will visit on the 3rd.

Nursery - Zoolab


Zoolab will visit the children in Nursery on Wednesday 2nd December for a magical experience.

Reception - Northern Stage

Our Reception children will be visiting Northern Stage to watch 'The Christmas Sorting Office' on 26th November.

