



# Minet Junior School Newsletter

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We are delighted to express our heartfelt thanks for the incredible support you showed for our Winter Emporium. It went fantastically well, and the responses from the children were truly wonderful. The children enjoyed choosing gifts for you, their loved ones, careers, friends and teachers. Their excitement and pride in giving were a joy to witness, and your encouragement made the event even more special.

We are pleased to share that we raised £390, which will go directly to the wellbeing of our pupils at Minet Junior School. Your generosity will help fund activities and initiatives that support the social and emotional wellbeing of our children.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make Minet Junior School a caring and vibrant community.



On Thursday 11th December, the children and staff came to school dressed in their Christmas jumpers. Thank you for your support, the school raised £157 for the charity Save the Children.



**Upcoming Dates**  
**19th December–**  
**END OF TERM–**  
**School closes at 1:30pm**  
**5th January–**  
**Children RETURN**

Our FAB FOUR for  
Autumn:

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| 1. 4I  | 98.31% | 2. 5Ri | 97.11% |
| 3. 4MD | 96.99% | 4. 5D  | 96.69% |

**Great attendance!**



On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, the choir were invited to sing a selection of Christmas Songs at Triscott House residential home. The residents and their Carers really enjoyed the performance and have asked us to return next year.



We're excited to share the highlights from our Winter Raffle, which brought so much joy to our students.

There were 14 hampers up for grabs alongside two photo shoot vouchers. Many lucky children were selected as prize winners and each winning child received a different, carefully curated hamper, filled with thoughtful goodies and essentials. The atmosphere during the ticket draw was delightful, and seeing proud winners was lovely. Our thanks go to everyone who donated prizes, volunteered their time, and purchased raffle tickets. Your generosity helped us create a memorable event for the whole school.

Congratulations to all the winners, and a big thank you to our wonderful school community for making this year's Winter Raffle another great success. We look forward to more fundraising and fun events in the months ahead!





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We're delighted to share that a wonderful charity (Biker group) has generously donated a collection of toys to our school. These thoughtful gifts will be distributed with care to children who are going through challenging times, coping with loss, or simply could use a little extra comfort.

### How the toys will be chosen

**Individual needs:** Toy selections will be tailored to each child's situation, age, and interests to ensure the gift is meaningful and appropriate.

**Sensitivity and care:** Our Thrive team will take time to understand each child's current circumstances so the toy brings reassurance and a sense of safety. And we hope to promote a positive impact. We aim to provide items that encourage play, creativity, and emotional well-being, helping children feel valued and supported.

### What this means for our community

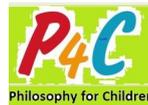
A small, thoughtful gift can offer a moment of relief and a smile during difficult days and we are so grateful to the charity for their generosity and shared commitment to supporting children in our school.



On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, a number of parents attended a Wellbeing coffee morning held by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). Parents were told about the MHST approach to mental health and informed of the interventions they deliver. They learnt about the work the service delivers to primary schools and the parent workshops that are offered. As a result of this, quite a few parents signed up for support. If you would like support for your child, please contact Mrs Taylor, who can make a referral for you.



Congratulations to 4S and 5Ri for winning the class door competition.



## 'What does kindness look like?'

Please discuss this question with your child. They can then share their family's ideas with the class. There are no right or wrong answers.

This winter, a charity called Small Acts of Kindness has sourced, packed and distributed over 10,000 'Warm in Winter' gift bags across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. Each bag includes things to keep people warm, like blankets, socks and hot drinks. The project aims to bring comfort to elderly and vulnerable people in the colder months. It shows that small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about the campaign.
- Can you think of a time someone was kind to you? How did it make you feel?
- Do you believe helping others can make us feel happier too? Why?
- What are some small acts of kindness we can do at home, at school, or in our community?



## The Night Before Christmas



### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

4.00pm

A Children's story service giving an "Account of a Visit from Saint Nicholas"

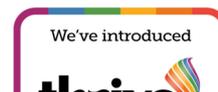
All Welcome!

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