

4<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Christmas Celebrations

### Wear something Christmassy day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

To help us all get into the Christmas spirit and bring a little magic, the last morning of term is a non-uniform day where everyone is invited to wear a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy! We would encourage students to make, upcycle or recycle rather than buying anything new for the day.

*Our idea of a Wear something Christmassy day can be as simple as a bow in your hair. We believe that in being creative with pre-owned items, we can aim towards a more sustainable festive season. Merry Christmas everyone!* The Sixth Form Environmental Committee

Last year St John's raised an incredible £1526 simply by wearing a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy – money that is making a real difference to the lives of those supported by our charities. A reminder of our student chosen charities are as follows:

- Jade House – Downs Syndrome Association
- Ruby House – Diabetes UK
- Amber House – Alzheimer's Support and Alzheimer's Society
- Sapphire House – Macmillan Cancer Support and Gold Geese
- Topaz House – Brighter Futures

It is requested that donations of £1.00 or more are made via ParentPay to keep the amount of cash coming into St John's to a minimum. All donations are subject to a 1.36% fee by ParentPay to cover the card transactions fees they incur, so very slightly less than the money you donate will be paid to charity. St John's does not make any further deductions from the donated funds. The item will be available for payment on ParentPay from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December and will be titled Wear something Christmassy - 19.12.25.

### Festive Fun

Our Heads of House, along with Mr Nicholls, Mrs Williams and Mrs Haig-Williams, are busily sprinkling a little Christmas magic over the final weeks of term!

Starting the week of 8<sup>th</sup> December, students and staff will have the chance to share some seasonal cheer by **purchasing candy canes** - each complete with a handwritten message to their chosen recipient - to be delivered by our very own Student Principal and Vice Principals in the last week of term. Candy canes can be purchased in the atrium for just **10p** in cash, making them a sweet and simple way to brighten someone's day.

Also, during the week of 8<sup>th</sup> December, all tutor groups are invited to take part in our **competition** making **Christmas cards** to distribute to local care homes in Marlborough. Over the past few years St John's students have made and distributed hundreds of cards, helping to spread Christmas cheer in the community. This year there will also be a chance to win some prizes!

The festive excitement continues with an "**Elf Ticket Hunt**" on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Students can search high and low for a lucky elf ticket to win a special prize (please note: each student may collect only one ticket).

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, the Theatre will be filled with cheer at lunchtime as students take to the stage for **Christmas Karaoke**. Throughout the entire week, there will also be plenty of Christmas riddle challenges as well as **staff carol singing** to keep everyone smiling and in the festive spirit.

We hope these activities bring a sense of joy and festive spirit to our school community as we approach the end of term.

Kind regards

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**Mrs C Williams and Mrs R Haig-Williams**  
**Assistant Vice Principals; Lower School and Sixth Form**