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"To learn, to love, to live as a community of God with Christ as our teacher."

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It certainly has been an eventful week and now we are finally nearing the end of term. I had actually started this letter last Friday but then, there have been a few unexpected surprises since then, namely in the form of a snow day and an Ofsted call!!

To say it has been a challenging week for the staff would be somewhat of an understatement! We won't receive the Ofsted report until mid January but I just wanted to say how very proud I was of the children. They behaved so well and spoke so confidently to the inspector. They are superstars!! I also wanted to thank you all for the overwhelmingly positive responses on Parent View (Please see the link [Parent View](#)) and for your ongoing support of the school. I would like to thank my governors who work with me in running this school and making it great! They give up their own time to volunteer for this role and for that, I am grateful. Hopefully, we have all the sickness and snow out of the way and we can all enjoy Christmas - happy and healthy.

There have been so many things that the children can be proud of this term. All of them have worked incredibly hard and are making good progress. As well as working hard in their phonics, the children have thoroughly enjoyed using the new library. I am delighted to see classes going upstairs and growing that love of reading in such a wonderful space. Thank you once again to the PTA and all of the parents who have contributed to it in any way. We also have had several successful PTA events this term to raise funds for the school, so thank you for all your support.

Reflecting on the term, we started the new academic year with a lovely celebration to commemorate 60 years of St Adrian's. We also had a wonderful children's procession to celebrate 60 years of St Bartholomew's. The children led the service beautifully and sang so well. It was so lovely for the school, parish and home to come together and to forge those links.

The children have been incredibly busy with Advent Carol services at St Albans Cathedral and Westminster Cathedral and we had our very first dressing of the tree to commence our Advent preparation here in school. The EYFS performance was delightful and I look forward to Monday and Tuesday for the KS2 and KS1 performances respectively.



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We have had trips to Celtic Harmony and St Albans Cathedral. We've played in football and netball matches. We've helped raise money for Children in Need and collected generous amounts of food for The Vineyard Church. The children have been busy with all of their duties in school such as prefects, eco warriors, house captains, school council and the Chaplaincy Team. The enrichment activities have continued and Mrs Hayes and our Green Shoots Gardening club came runners up in St Albans District in Bloom. We've even had a visit from an award winning science author, Isabel Thomas, to open our library who has inspired our children to read and to write. We have also had our great World Cup Bonanza, led by Year 5 and Mr Creaton. I wonder which class will have the winning team! Watch this space.

All in all, as you can see, it has been a very busy term and with Ofsted to finish it all off, I know I am most certainly ready for a rest. Last, but by absolutely no means least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the AMAZING staff in St Adrian's for their unwavering commitment and hard work throughout this term. They truly are a tremendous bunch who pull together as a team and support and help one another! I could not do this job without you. You are diamonds, the lot of you!

As we near the end of term and draw closer to Christmas, we think of how we can prepare our souls and be ready to welcome Jesus into our hearts. We must remember to take some time in the craziness of the run up, to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. I know we will all look forward to spending time with loved ones, thinking back on this year, with hopes and prayers for a fruitful, peaceful and happy new year. I wish you and your families all a very happy and holy Christmas.

God Bless,

Mrs Porter
Headteacher