



20th December 2024

A Message from Miss Olver

Writing my message today has given me a real opportunity to reflect back over the past year—my first year as a headteacher and my first year at East Meon. What a fantastic year it has been. Some of my favourite memories include Grounds Day, Year 6 Leavers Service, the KS2 performance of Pirates of the Currybean, the Nativity, Residential and Sports Day.

I feel incredibly lucky to be the headteacher of such an amazing school—a school where everyone is kind, caring and works as a team. I have been showing lots of prospective parents around over the past few months in preparation for starting in Reception in September 2025, and as I walk around the school I am so proud of our lovely pupils, staff and school community.

I want to thank everyone—pupils, staff, families, volunteers and our wider school community for all of your help and support over the past year. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone again in January.

Dates for your Diary:

Mon 23rd Dec—Fri 3rd Jan—Christmas Holidays

Mon 6th Jan—INSET Day

Tues 7th Jan—First Day Back

FEMS Update

FEMS have been busy counting up all the money raised at their recent events and the final figures have now been announced:

Christmas Shop and Wrap raised £111.98.

Christmas Fayre raised £631.12

Nativity Refreshments raised £35.62

These funds will enable FEMS to support more activities and resources for our school.



On Wednesday 18th December, FEMS organised for a West End Theatre Group to come and perform a pantomime for the whole school. It was funny and silly with an important message: the grumpy man (Mr Scrooge) became nice and kind because the Christmas Spirit helped him.

A huge thank you to all of FEMS for organising such fantastic events.

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Christmas at School

Christmas has definitely arrived at East Meon this week! Across the school, there have been numerous Christmas activities taking place... paper chains, Christmas decoration making and lots of carol singing.

Voyagers have particularly enjoyed working on their sewing skills in Design and Technology making felt Christmas decorations to hang on their trees.

On Thursday, it was lovely to see everyone proudly wearing their Christmas jumpers and raising money for Save the Children. Roxie and Sarah cooked a delicious Christmas lunch which was enjoyed by everyone.



Forest School Update

A huge well done to Mrs Perkins who has now officially finished all of her Forest School qualification! The course is a very long and intense one so a huge congratulations to her from all of the team for completing this so successfully!

Year 3 and Year 4 have now completed their Forest School sessions for the year. This week they continued making Christmas decorations, enjoyed working through their obstacle course and cooked a vegetable stew. The children peeled and chopped their favourite vegetables and lit the fire. To finish, there was a treat of popcorn whilst the children reflected on their Forest School experience.

Next half term it is Year 1s turn to try out Forest School. Letters have gone home this week, please make sure they are returned before the sessions start.



Christmas Toy Collection

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us and Father Tony with the Christmas Toy Collection. We were able to send off a huge amount of gifts this week which we are sure will make a big difference this Christmas.

School Council have been instrumental in encouraging children to get involved with this project. They decided that everyone deserved a treat as a well done for such a fabulous collective effort, so on Friday, everyone enjoyed a hot chocolate and a biscuit in class with a Christmas movie.

