

ST AGNES NEWS

Autumn 2 2025



It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Written by: Mrs Higgins

What an eventful end to 2025! Every year group has been so busy; sports events, Christmas movie nights, Santa's Grotto, the Christmas Fayre, pantomime, a sponsored run, Santa dash, sending Christmas cards, carolling at the local nursing homes, concerts and nativity productions! We hope you enjoy this issue of the newspaper that includes special features from Year 6 journalists also! Have a wonderful break, a fantastic Christmas and a very happy New Year! We will see you back at school in January 😊



Why did Santa Claus get a parking ticket on Christmas Eve?
He left his sleigh in a no-parking zone!

Why did Santa go to music school?
To improve his 'wrap' skills!

What do Elves learn in School?
The "elf"-abet!

What does Santa use to measure?
Santa-meters!



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CHRISTMAS MOVIES



Written by: Nick Nikolov

You have to watch these Movies 🎬

Some of the top Christmas movies for kids include classics like:

A Charlie Brown Christmas, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and The Polar Express, alongside modern favorites such as Elf, Arthur Christmas, and Klaus. Other popular choices are Home Alone, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, The Muppet Christmas Carol, The Snowman 🧊 🧊 🧊

- A Charlie Brown Christmas A classic for a reason, this special is beloved for its simple message.
- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer This stop-motion special is a perennial holiday favorite for many families.
- The Snowman A beautiful and short animated film that tells a magical story of a boy and his snowman coming to life.
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas! (1966): The original animated special from Dr. Seuss is a must-watch for its iconic Grinch and Whos.
- Mickey's Christmas Carol A Disney-animated, musical retelling of the classic Dickens story.
- Elf Will Ferrell stars as Buddy, a human raised as an elf, who travels to New York to find his father.
- Arthur Christmas A clever animated movie that shows how Santa's operation works, and what happens when one present gets missed.
- Home Alone A young boy is accidentally left behind and must defend his home from two burglars.
- Klaus An origin story for Santa Claus that received widespread acclaim for its animation and story.
- Jingle Jangle A Christmas Journey: A musical and visually stunning movie about a toymaker and his granddaughter.
- The Polar Express A magical train ride to the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

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Mary's Meals Sponsored Run

Written by: Haben Abraham

Thank you so much for participating in our sponsored run, as all the money we have raised will be given to a charity called Mary meals. This year we have raised £4,393. Just £19.50 can feed a child for a whole year. We have fed 229 children around the world (Haiti, Ecuador, Lebanon, Benin, Liberia, South Sudan, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Syria, India, Yemen, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi.) This year was not as we expected as we have raised far more than we have imagined.

THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS!



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CAROLING WITH THE CHOIR

Written by: Amelia Dollan

On Thursday the 4th of December the choir went to Lansdowne Care Home as well as on the Friday 5th Dec to Candlewood Care Home

They sang: Once in royal David's city, silent night, away in a manger, infant holy, jingle bells, Rudolph the red nosed reindeer and we wish you a merry Christmas!

All of the residents there were super kind and very thankful for the wonderful music!

Thank you to all of the choir who participated in making the residents smile.



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FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Written by: Mason Morales

Miss Jones' favourite gift as a child was.....a K'nex set

But she loves BOOKS as an adult!

Miss Duggan's favourite gift for Christmas gift was.... A DICTIONARY!

Maureen's favourite gift was....a black beauty book!

Miss McNulty's favourite Christmas gift was... Taylor Swift tickets!!



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CHRISTMAS BAKES

Written by: Mathilde Grundeler

As the holiday season wraps the world in twinkling lights and cosy cheer, nothing captures the spirit of Christmas quite like the scent of fresh-baked treats wafting through the kitchen. From spiced cookies to snowy sugar-dusted delights, baking becomes more than a tradition—it's a way to share love, laughter, and a little magic. Whether you're crafting edible gifts or gathering with loved ones around the oven, these festive recipes bring warmth to winter days and sparkle to your celebration .

Instructions:

Gingerbread Cookies:

Ingredients:

3 cups all-purpose flour

¾ cup brown sugar

¾ cup unsalted butter (softened)

1 egg

1 tsp baking soda

1 tbsp ground ginger

1 tsp cinnamon

½ tsp ground cloves

½ tsp salt

1. In a large bowl, cream butter and brown sugar until fluffy. Add egg, mix well.

2. In another bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, salt, and spices.

3. Gradually add dry ingredients to the wet mixture. Mix until dough forms.

4. Chill dough for 1 hour. Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C).

5. Roll out dough to ¼ inch thick. Cut into shapes (stars, gingerbread people, etc.).

6. Bake on a parchment-lined tray for 8–10 minutes. Cool completely.

7. Decorate with royal icing, sprinkles, or candy buttons!



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Cosy things to do in the winter

By Manuela, Olivia and Fatima. 6P

Merry Christmas!

Have you ever felt like you had nothing to do in winter? We have many ideas for you on how to get cosy while having fun! Since winter is coming up, this is especially important for you!

One of these ideas is to wear your favourite pyjamas grab some popcorn and hot chocolate watch a jolly Christmas movie with friends and family!

Another idea is to bake cookies. When you do this not only do you enjoy them but the whole family can enjoy them too! Also this is a great way for relieving anxiety and stress. While you bake the cookies, you can also do other fun things while waiting, such as crotchet or watching your comfort show.

One of our favourite things to do in the winter is to build a cosy fort in our houses! There's many ways to build a fort, such as putting 2 chairs together, laying blankets over them and decorating them however you like on the inside. Then you can read a book or watch a Christmas movie with some popcorn inside!

The Nativity story is a foundational Christmas narrative that tells us about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. One peaceful day an angel appeared to Mary, his name was the Angel Gabriel who appeared from heaven. He told Mary that she would have a baby named Jesus who is the Son Of God. The Angel Gabriel said that Mary will have to travel with Joseph to Bethlehem and in Bethlehem Mary will give birth to Jesus, the Son Of God. Mary went on a donkey while Joseph walked when they arrived Jesus was born in a manger at a cattle stall. Later three people arrived they were the Three Kings! The Three Kings gave Jesus gold, frankincense and myrrh. Now all around the world they do a Nativity which is this story and people are very good at acting it.

By Juan-David and Menelik. 6P

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Bonfire Night 5th November

By Nol and Zachary, 6P



Bonfire night is a day of celebration on the 5th of November. A man called Guy Fawkes tried to assassinate King James I and blow up the Houses of Parliament. He used gunpowder to try do this but Guy ended up creating one of the biggest celebrations in the UK. The plot was foiled by guards who found Guy Fawkes with 36 barrels of gunpowder hidden beneath the House of Lords but after he got busted people made that exact day he tried to assassinate the king into a celebration. Celebrations include bonfires, fireworks, and sparklers. The plot was foiled by guards who found Guy Fawkes with 36 barrels of gunpowder hidden beneath the House of Lords but after he got busted people made that exact day he tried to assassinate the king into a celebration. Up until 1959, it was illegal in Britain to not celebrate Bonfire Night. Traditionally, it's a community event, with people gathering to watch the dazzling displays and enjoy seasonal treats like toffee apples and hot chocolate. While its origins are rooted in a historical event, Bonfire Night has evolved into a celebration of fire and community spirit. In conclusion, while the event recalls a significant moment in British history, it has transformed into a festive occasion that brings people together in celebration and reflection. Bonfire Night is a special celebration where people gather around glowing fires and enjoy dazzling fireworks lighting up the sky. It feels magical because it brings communities together to share warmth, excitement, and traditions.



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Fun Places To Go In The Winter

By Tricia and Hannah 6P

As we are approaching the winter season, you may be wondering about what places to go for the holidays. Well, you've come to the right place; here you'll find many exciting sites to go to!

One of the most visited locations is Winter Wonderland. Winter Wonderland is a Christmas event held in London's Hyde Park. This event includes a variety of activities such as rollercoaster rides, circus shows, ice skating, Christmas markets, Santa's Grotto and more! This event has been hosted annually since 2007.

Another wonderful wintry place to go is Kew Gardens to experience Christmas at Kew. Christmas at Kew in London is a magical experience as it is a mile-long illuminated train through the botanic gardens. At Christmas at Kew there is an amazing light production which will blow your mind!

Finally, embrace the Christmas season by visiting Leicester Square's Christmas market! This Christmas market is one of a kind that offers a range of seasonal treats, delectable food, delicious drinks and gifts. Leicester Square's Christmas market is arranged between November and January and exhibits a fun, festive atmosphere!



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