

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 Week 5

Friday 5th December 2025

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On Tuesday evening, our **school choir** proudly represented Denton at the **One Voice** event, performing in front of a packed audience at the iconic Brighton Dome. The children have been practising diligently after school since September, and it was truly inspiring to see their hard work and commitment shine on such a big stage. A huge thank you to Mrs Tsapparelli for preparing the choir so brilliantly, and to Miss Davis and Miss Lawrence for their invaluable support throughout the evening.

Later in the week, our **Reception and Nursery** children kicked off the Christmas performance season in style with a heartwarming nativity play. The hall was full, and the children were absolutely amazing. Their confidence and enthusiasm brought festive cheer to everyone watching.

All children entered a competition to design the official Christmas card for our local MP, James MacCleary. Our school council shortlisted the year group winners (see below). Mr MacCleary then chose **Gracie's design as the overall winner** and he came to meet her on Thursday to say congratulations.

Year 1 – Grayson Gilbert & Isla Pierce

Year 2 – Henry Addyman & Nellie Fowler

Year 3 – Murphy Axson & Teddy Snow

Year 4 – Albi Medina McMurray & Athena Sterritt

Year 5 – Amy Lawrence & Arthur Hamilton

Year 6 – Gracie Doyle & Molly Dicks

Friday was a day to remember as Santa himself — yes, **THE Santa** — paid a special visit to Denton! Every child had the chance to meet him and receive a little gift. A **big thank you to FADS** for making this magical moment happen and for arranging his visit during such a busy time of year.

What a fantastic week it has been! We hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our upcoming Christmas performances next week.

Finally...see at the back of the newsletter for a chance to [WIN tickets to watch Brighton & Hove Albion](#). Have a super weekend!



Our attendance for **this week:**

Whole school: 95.0%

Reception: 90.1%

Year 1: 97.0%

Year 2: 97.8%

Year 3: 90.6%

Year 4: 97.5%

Year 5: 96.8%

Year 6: 94.9%



Attendance Matters



Christmas Jumper Day (+ school uniform) – Friday, 12th December

We are excited to invite all children to take part in Christmas Jumper Day! On this day, pupils are invited to wear their usual school uniform along with a festive Christmas jumper. If they would rather just wear their school uniform that's absolutely fine.

In return, we kindly ask for a £1 donation, which will go directly to St Wilfrid's Hospice, supporting the incredible work they do in our community.

If you don't have a jumper yet, don't worry! FADS still have plenty of Christmas jumpers available from the Christmas Fair, so please get in touch if you'd like one. Please reach out to them on fads@denton.e-sussex.sch.uk if they can support with one.



St Wilfrid's Hospice



Key Dates

Term 2

Monday 8th December – A Trip to Pantoland (funded by FADS)

Wednesday 10th December – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance @ school (9:45am & 2:15pm)

Wednesday 10th December – DEADLINE for ordering a Christmas lunch on ParentPay

Thursday 11th December – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance @ St. Leonards Church (9:45am & 2:15pm)

Friday 12th December – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance @ St. Leonards Church (9:45am & 2:15pm)

Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation for St Wilfred's Hospice)

Wednesday 17th December – Cup Assembly @ 9:00am

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch (*all orders made by 10th December*)

Term Dates (2025 – 2026)

Term 2: Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December

Christmas Holidays: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

Term 3: Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February

February half term: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Term 4: Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

Term 5: Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May

May half term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Term 6: Monday 1st June – Friday 22nd July

Please note not all INSET days have been set



FADS

Christmas Tree

Decoration Competition



Create a decoration for
Denton's Christmas tree
and you could win a cash prize!



£2 per entry

Enter as many times as you like

All decorations will be hung on the Denton
school Christmas tree

Cash prize for
EYFS/KS1 WINNER and KS2 WINNER

Entries to the school office

The more entries, the bigger the prize!





CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Wednesday 3rd December
9:30am
EYFS nativity
School hall

Wednesday 10th December
9:45am & 2:15pm
Year 1 & 2 performance
School hall

Thursday 11th December
9:45am & 2:15pm
Year 3 & 4 performance
St Leonards Church

Friday 12th December
9:45am & 2:15pm
Year 5 & 6 performance
St Leonards Church

WIN BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION TICKETS!

As part of our partnership with the Brighton in the Community Foundation, we are thrilled to offer a fantastic prize: 2 x Home General Admission tickets to see Brighton & Hove Albion vs AFC Bournemouth on Monday 19th January 2026, kick-off at 8:00pm.

We are running an online raffle to give everyone the chance to win this amazing experience.

Tickets are just £1 each, and you can buy as many as you like.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 12th December at 9.30am, and the winner will be contacted straight away.

All money raised will go towards supporting Denton School through FADS, helping us fund resources, events and opportunities for our children.

Thank you for taking part and good luck!



[If you would like to enter, use this link which will take you to the Friends & Associates of Denton School events page](#)