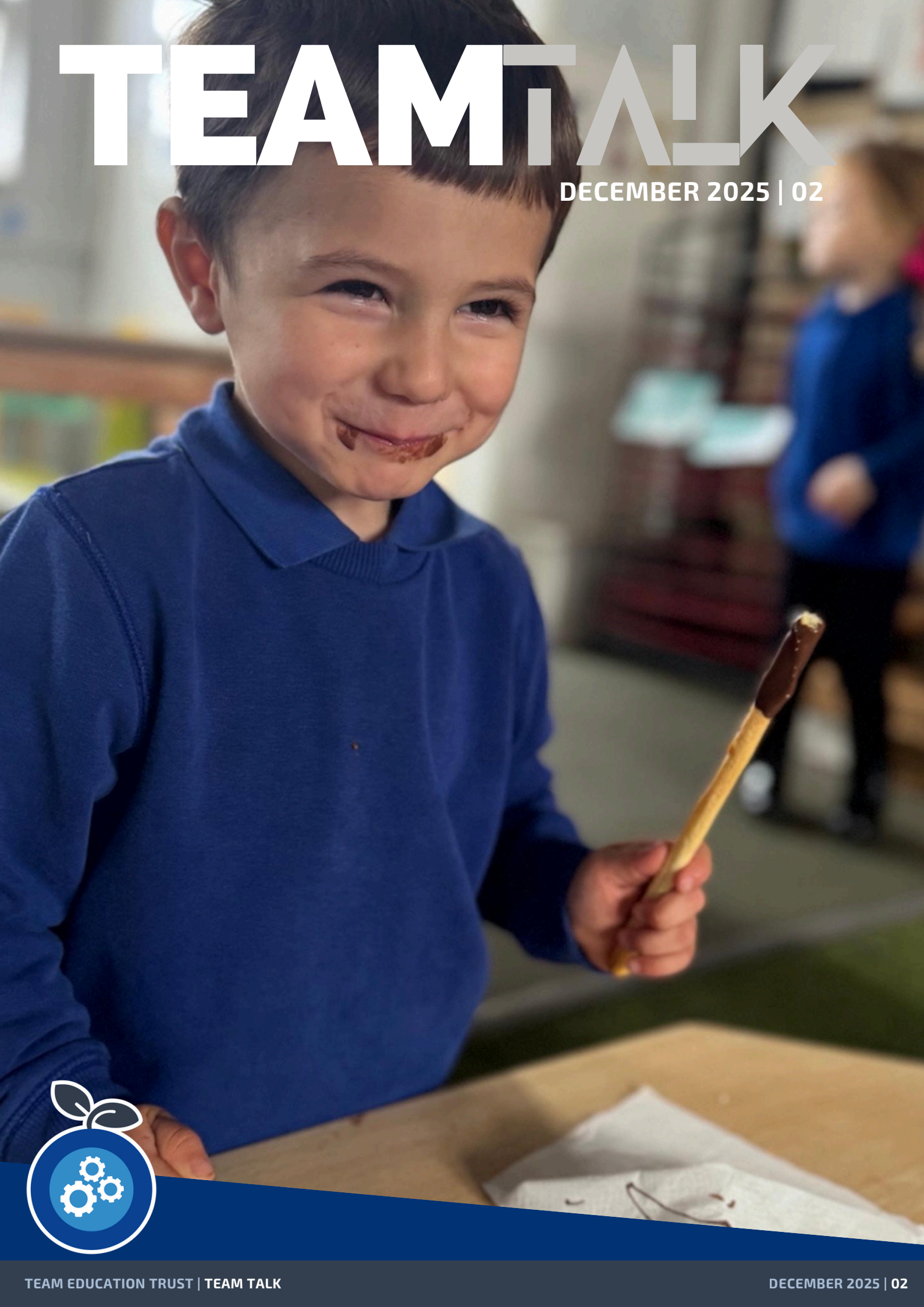


TEAM TALK

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Model Village recently held their very own Harvest Festival, and it was a truly wonderful celebration!

The children brought their very best singing voices to mark the occasion. The hall was filled with cheerful harvest songs, and some classes even treated everyone to a touch of polyphony (singing different lines at the same time!)

The school community showed incredible generosity once again. The many donations received have been shared with BLAST in Shirebrook, who are using them to support their community fridge initiative.

Even better, BLAST has now applied for funding to bring a community fridge right to the school gates! Hopefully this will be successful and will complement Model Village Primary's ongoing partnerships with Aldi and Lidl in supporting the local community.

A huge well done and thank you to everyone at Model Village Primary School for making the Harvest Festival such a joyful celebration of community spirit.



CHESTERFIELD FC FOOTBALL MATCH



On Tuesday 7th October, several students from Chesterfield Class 2 had the exciting opportunity to stay after school and watch the Chesterfield FC vs. Burton Albion match. The evening began with some relaxed social time, where the group chose to play team games such as table football and table tennis. This gave everyone a chance to unwind, have fun together, and build their teamwork skills before heading to the stadium.

Before the match, the students discussed meal options and voted on what they would like to eat. They settled on a crowd-pleasing combination of pizza and jacket potatoes. Working together, the group laid the table, enjoyed their meal, and then took responsibility for cleaning up, showing great cooperation and independence throughout.

When it was time for kick-off, the students took their seats in the stands, sitting together to enjoy the atmosphere of a live football match.

Their enthusiasm was rewarded when Chesterfield secured a 1-0 victory!



BONFIRE NIGHT



Whaley Thorns brought learning to life with their fantastic Bonfire Night celebrations!

Pupils enjoyed a day filled with creativity and fun, making their own Chocolate Sparklers and heading outdoors for some Bouncy Ball Streamer activities, a safe and imaginative way to recreate the excitement of fireworks.

Not only did everyone have a brilliant time, but the event also raised an impressive £183.30 to go towards new school resources.

Well done to all the pupils, staff, and families who made this celebration such a success!



KINDNESS HEARTS

The Chesterfield FC Knit and Natter group asked for the support of our Chesterfield pupils as part of their annual mental health initiative. The group had knitted more than 2,000 hearts and invited our students to attach a positive message to each one before helping to distribute them around the stadium in preparation for match day. With only three days to complete the project, the students worked brilliantly as a team and rose to the challenge.

On the final day, students joined staff from Chesterfield Football Club to place the hearts on seats throughout the stadium for fans to discover. While they were working, the team manager approached the group to share how impressed he was with their efforts. As a thank-you, he arranged for the students to meet several players and have a group photo taken.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



Stubbin Wood Chesterfield recently hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning, bringing together staff, families, and friends for a great cause.

With plenty of homemade cakes, a raffle, and community spirit, they welcomed over 20 visitors and raised an amazing £170 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

A big thank you to everyone who baked, donated, and joined us on the day. Your support makes a real difference. The funds raised will contribute to the essential services Macmillan provides, offering vital support to those affected by cancer. It was a testament to the power of coming together for a cause that touches so many lives.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

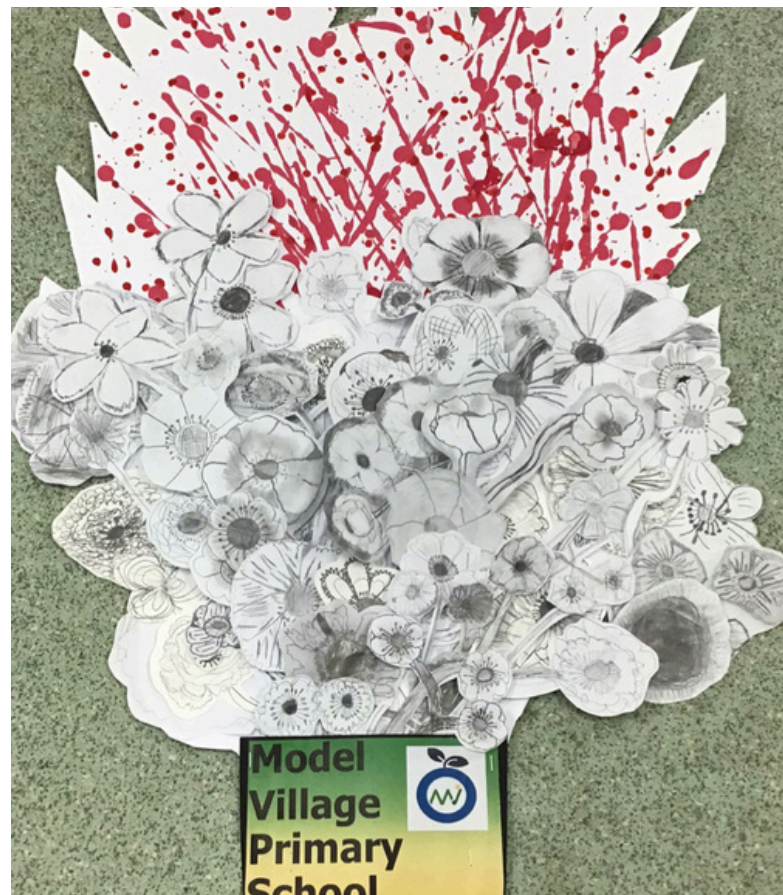
Model Village School came together to mark Remembrance Day through a powerful creative project: the Remembrance Poppy Art Project 2025.

Each class, from the youngest pupils to Year 6, used their observational skills to draw poppies, reflecting on their symbolism of remembrance, resilience and hope. These beautiful pieces were then combined into one large collaborative artwork, a vase filled with poppies which represents unity, gratitude and peace.

The project sought to capture the contrast between the devastation of war and the delicate, enduring beauty of the poppy, reminding us all of the sacrifices made by those who have served and continue to serve.

We're proud that this artwork will be displayed as part of the community Remembrance Service at Shirebrook Leisure Centre, in partnership with the Town Council.

A heartfelt thank you to all the pupils, staff and teachers at Model Village for their creativity, reflection and teamwork in honouring this important day.





CHILDREN IN NEED



We all have the privilege of working with young people every day, each with their own story, their own challenges, and their own potential. Children in Need 2025 is more than a date in the calendar for us. It's a moment to come together as a community of pupils, staff, families, and partners to champion the belief that every child deserves the chance to thrive.

In the days leading up to Children in Need 2025, our schools were filled with a genuine desire to make a difference. Across the trust, schools completed a wide range of activities, including:

- Student-led creative projects
- Sponsored challenges
- Non-uniform days and themed assemblies
- Curriculum activities

We are proud of the creativity and generosity shown across our schools.

To every pupil, parent, colleague, and partner who has contributed in any way thank you. Your support enables Children in Need to fund organisations that offer safety, stability, and hope to vulnerable children across the UK.

TRIP TO THE JUSTICE MUSEUM



On October 23rd, Year 6 from Model Village, visited the Criminal Justice Museum in Nottingham as part of their history unit on Crime and Punishment.

During their visit, they had the opportunity to meet the Georgian Gaoler and the Matron from the Women's prison. They examined various artifacts from the past and concluded their experience with a 'mock' trial involving an eleven-year-old Victorian girl accused of theft - ultimately, the pupils found her 'not guilty.'

The day was both educational and eye-opening, providing the students with a unique insight into the historical justice system. The pupils were captivated by the stories and settings, which brought their curriculum to life in a vivid and engaging manner.



FOREST SCHOOL FUN



Pupils at Whaley Thorns are having a wonderful time during their Forest School sessions led by their qualified Forest School Leader, Mrs. Langrick. From exploring the natural environment to working together on outdoor challenges, the sessions are always full of curiosity, discovery and joy!

Forest School offers so many benefits for children, including:

- Building confidence and independence
- Encouraging teamwork and communication
- Supporting emotional wellbeing and resilience
- Developing problem-solving skills
- Connecting children with nature and nurturing a sense of responsibility for the world around them

It's amazing to see how much they have grown in skills. Thank you Mrs Langrick.



COMMUNITY GARDENING

Model Village pupils have been lending a hand at Glapwell Community Centre, engaging in various gardening activities and planting hedgerows.

The project not only beautified the community space but also fostered a sense of environmental stewardship among the pupils. By planting hedgerows, they contributed to creating habitats for local wildlife, learning firsthand about the intricate balance of ecosystems.

The children fully immersed themselves in the tasks, collaborating effectively while having a blast! Although they ended up quite muddy, the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and the staff praised their teamwork. They truly represented the school with pride.



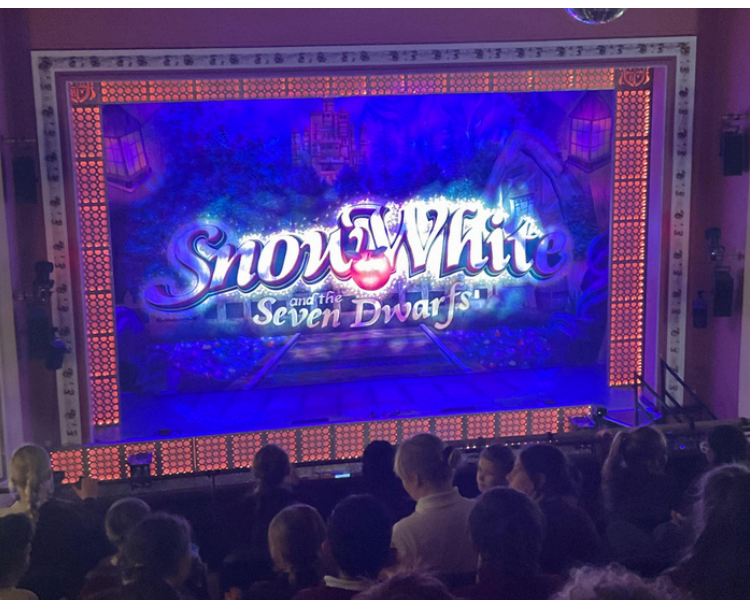
STUBBIN WOOD PANTOMIME TRIP



Thirteen students from Stubbin Wood School in Mansfield, recently enjoyed a wonderful pantomime trip alongside pupils from King Edward School. Together, the two groups attended a matinee performance of Snow White at the Mansfield Palace Theatre.

Our students represented Stubbin Wood School exceptionally. Their outstanding behaviour reflected the core values we strive to demonstrate every day. Both staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the show and valued the opportunity to share this experience.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this visit such a positive and unforgettable experience!



ATTENTION AUTISM

Over the past half term, staff at Stubbin Wood Mansfield have enhanced their practice in Attention Autism following training from Speakeasy. This intervention, created by Gina Davies, aims to develop children's focused attention and communication through four stages:

- Stage 1: The Bucket - Engaging objects capture attention.
- Stage 2: The Attention Builder - Visual activities sustain attention.
- Stage 3: The Interactive Game - Encourages turn-taking and communication.
- Stage 4: The Independent Activity - Promotes independence and skill transfer.

Alongside Attention Autism, the Key Stage 1 class is embracing elements of The Curiosity Approach, creating enriched environments where students are encouraged to explore, investigate and follow their natural interests.

By using real-world objects, open-ended materials and calming, thoughtful spaces, staff are enabling children to develop vital skills such as:

- sustained attention
- independent exploration
- sensory regulation
- problem-solving
- confidence in communication

Staff have shown commitment to improving their delivery, positively impacting students' engagement.





We're delighted to share that this year's Christmas Fayre at Stubbin Wood School was a huge success!

Visitors enjoyed a wide range of stalls, from tombolas and handmade crafts created by our talented pupils, to beautiful festive items from external providers, including Christmas wreaths and gifts.

The highlight of the day was a mischievous visit from The Grinch, bringing plenty of laughs, and of course, the magical opportunity for children to meet Santa and his elves in his cosy Grotto.

A huge thank you to Friends of Stubbin Wood for organising and coordinating such a fantastic event. Your hard work and dedication made the day truly special for our students, families, and wider community.

Thank you to everyone who attended, supported, volunteered, and contributed, we couldn't do it without you.



A VISIT FROM THE LOCAL MP



Last Friday, Whaley Thorns had the pleasure of welcoming Natalie Fleet, MP, to their site.

Natalie spent time explaining her role as a Member of Parliament and sharing valuable insights into the work an MP does both in Westminster and throughout our local community. Her visit helped give everyone a clearer understanding of how the role of an MP supports local people, organisations, and key issues across the area.

She also led an engaging Q&A session, giving the pupils the opportunity to hear directly from her and learn more about the topics that matter most to our community.

A big thank you to Natalie for taking the time to visit and for her continued dedication to supporting our area.



MODEL VILLAGE PANTOMIME TRIP

Model Village went to the pantomime at Mansfield Palace theatre to see Snow White. The trip was filled with excitement and laughter as students and staff alike were captivated by the enchanting performance. The classic tale of Snow White was brought to life with vibrant costumes, lively music, and plenty of humorous moments that had everyone in stitches.

A huge thank you to the Mansfield Palace Theatre for hosting us and to the talented cast and crew for such a memorable performance. We look forward to many more cultural outings that inspire and entertain our community!



NEWMAN PRIMARY CHOIR ON TOUR

SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER



Last week Newman Primary Choir, took their music on tour to a local care home and what a memorable experience it turned out to be.

The young singers have been working hard this term, and today they had the chance to share their voices beyond the school grounds. From the moment they arrived, the residents greeted the children with warmth and excitement.

Music has a special way of bridging generations, and today was a beautiful reminder of how powerful that connection can be. The performance was incredibly well received, and the children left feeling proud, energised, and inspired.

A huge well done to the choir for representing Newman with such confidence, kindness, and joy. And thank you to the care home staff and residents for welcoming everyone so warmly.

Year 4 and Year 6 pupils from Model Village Primary School have been spreading festive cheer throughout the local community by visiting care homes and performing a selection of Christmas songs for the residents. The visits were a wonderful opportunity for pupils to share the spirit of the season while bringing smiles to others.

Year 6 children visited Richmond Care Home, where they confidently performed a range of carols and festive favourites. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the performance, many singing along and showing their appreciation with big smiles.

Meanwhile, Year 4 pupils brought joy and excitement to residents at The Grange care home. Their enthusiastic singing and cheerful attitude helped create a festive atmosphere.

Both visits were a fantastic example of how our pupils show kindness and community spirit. We are extremely proud of the children for representing Model Village so positively and for helping to make Christmas a little more special for others.



SPREADING CHRISTMAS MAGIC



This week, two of our very own elves were hard at work delivering 22 boxes filled with food and Christmas goodies, along with 6 Christmas trees, to families across our school community.

We're incredibly grateful that 20 of these boxes were kindly donated by Chesterfield Football Club, with the remaining 2 boxes generously donated by our staff. A wonderful example of community spirit and teamwork.

These deliveries are about more than just boxes and trees; they're about care, connection, and making sure our families feel supported during the festive season. We're proud of everyone who helped make this happen and brought a little extra joy this Christmas.

Thank you to all involved.



A VERY SPECIAL VISIT

There has been great excitement and lots of festive cheer at Whaley Thorns School as the children enjoyed a very special visit from Santa Claus! The school was filled with smiles, laughter and a real sense of Christmas magic as Santa took time out of his busy schedule to meet the learners.

The children were thrilled to see Santa arrive and listened eagerly as he spoke to them about Christmas. The visit created a wonderful opportunity for the children to practice their listening and speaking skills, as well as build excitement and confidence in a calm, joyful setting.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this visit possible and to Santa for bringing so much joy to the children. It was truly a magical experience and a perfect way to start the festive season!

