

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

*Nurture - Inspire - Grow*

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Dear Families,

The school has been filled with the sweet sound of children singing this week, we all love this crazy time of year in school! The costumes are sorted and the stages are set! We are looking forward to welcoming you to the performances next week! If you are planning on attending the KS2 Nativity, it is set outside on the decking and you will need lots of layers and warm clothes! If you haven't yet secured your seat, please make sure you have booked by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> via iPal. Tickets are free but booking is essential to guarantee a seat.

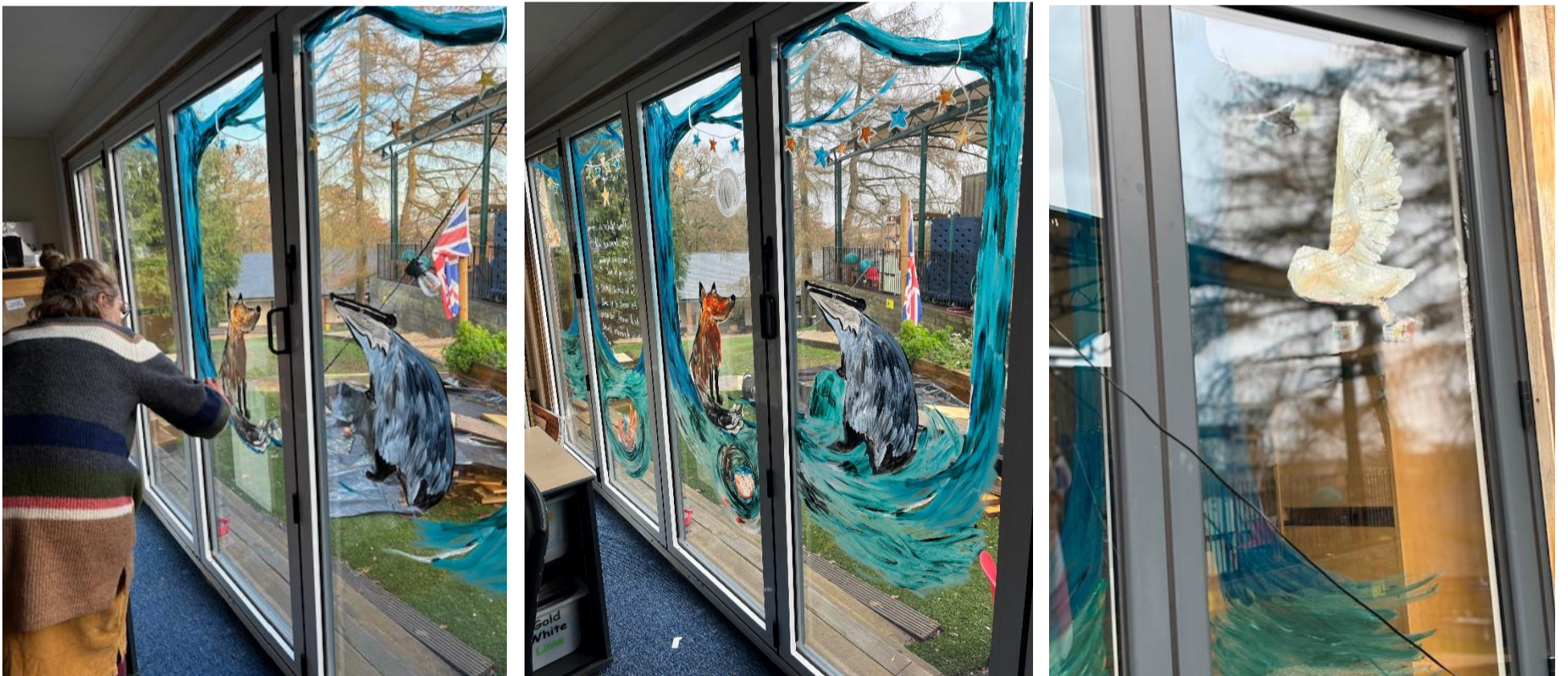
This week in worship we have been thinking about **COURAGE**, the school community were asked to think about what and who they thought of when they heard the word courage. Courage is often about continuing to do what you would normally do even when faced with extraordinary situations. We linked these conversations back to the story from the Bible – David and Goliath. As a school, stones play an important part in helping us live out our vision and values, ask your child if they can tell you why... here are a couple of clues...

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The whole school community took a small stone from worship to give them courage when they were finding things tough, they were also invited to pass on their courage stone to someone who needed it outside of school. If you think you would like a courage stone, please feel free to collect one from me on the playground after school next week.

There has been a transformation in the library this week as the windows have received a seasonal makeover! A huge thank you to the talented Jen! I think next time we will set up a viewing gallery!



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## Weekly Round Up

### Ladybirds

Ladybirds were quite intrigued to watch an original Magic Roundabout Christmas episode. This was used as a basis for our Drawing Club. Our vocabulary that was linked to this was bewildered, cloggy, magic, arrive, groaned, flustered, disguise and pacing. We enjoyed looking at the characters, choosing our own setting, invented a machine to make it snow and designed a new sleigh for Santa to make it go faster. It is lovely to see the confidence in the children wanting to have a go at writing a sentence to explain their code.

We have been very busy with learning our Nativity songs this week and went down to the church to have a practice.

### Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have been writing information leaflets about winter. In their leaflets, the children have included key features including sub-headings, pictures, facts and information. The children enjoyed writing their leaflets using their knowledge from our science topic.

In mathematics, Year 1 and Year 2 have been recapping all of their place value and addition and subtraction skills. The children have also enjoyed using the polydron during their rainbow challenge time to build and make 3D shapes.

In science, the children have finished their topic on seasonal change. Over the past few weeks in forest school, Woodland Class have been investigating how much rainfall we have had. The children collected their results and have put them into a bar graph to see which week had the most rain. We also had another look at the months of the year and ordered them before matching them to their seasons.

### Kestrel

In English this week the children have been using their planning and text maps from last week to write their innovated versions of Trust. We have had some great stories about 'stolen' raffle tickets, money and precious items. It turns out that none of these items were actually stolen and it was a big misunderstanding between the friends.

In mathematics Dolphins have been using their number bonds to 10 to help them with adding three 1-digit numbers and have also been adding to the next 10. Nemos have continued their work on multiplying and dividing by focusing on multiples of 2, 5 and 10, looking at sharing and grouping and also multiplying and dividing by 3. Frogs have been focusing on multiplying a number by 1 and 0, dividing a number by 1 and itself and also multiplying 3 numbers.

In history this week we have been looking at how life changed in the Bronze Age and have been making comparisons to life in the Stone Age. The children made comparisons between different aspects of life, such as: their homes, the food they ate, what they wore and the tools they used.

### Osprey

The festive season has begun in Osprey class, we have decorated parts of the classroom. In our class there is an advent calendar, where every day we pick someone to do an act of kindness, to earn a chocolate. We have also started to practise our nativity.

In English this week we have finished writing a time travel story that we are going to edit and eventually write up into our FAB (finished article books) books. We have enjoyed this because we have been able to think about our own story and setting. The Silver Sword has been particularly thrilling this week because we are further into the story and there is more action. We have also combined our reading with geography by using maps to follow the journey of the characters.

We have learnt a bit more about the key events of WWII in our history lessons, and we placed them onto a timeline.

We did mathematics as a class this week, using our times tables facts and looking at multiplication. Some of us definitely found it easier than before, by using the grid method, as we get to partition the numbers and then are able to multiply smaller numbers.

In swimming this week, we had a choice between doing races or playing water-polo. The majority of the class voted to play water-polo, it was fun and very competitive at the same time.

Music was enjoyable but also difficult because there are lots of notes to play. We have learnt to perform Jingle Bells on the trumpet.

### In other news:

#### Punctuality

There are still a number of families who are arriving after 8.45am on a regular basis, from January anyone who is late will need to be signed in by the adult bringing them to school. Those who are repeatedly late will be invited in to discuss how we can help in the mornings.

Being late for school adds up to lost learning:

- 5 minutes late each day adds up to over 3 days lost each year
- 15minutes late each day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year

#### Tea Towels

We have 7 spare tea towels available on a first come first served basis. If you would like one, please email the school office. They are £5 each.

#### Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets

Hopefully, you received an envelope containing 5 books of raffle tickets. Please buy some for yourself and sell the rest to family and friends, there are some amazing hampers to be won! You have to be in it to win it!

If you work in an office or have loads of people you can sell to, please let us know and we can organise extra books to be sent home.

All tickets sold or unsold **MUST** be returned to school by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. All money and tickets should be returned to the school office.

#### Nativity Performances

EYFS and KS1 will be performing their Nativity on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm at St Nicholas Church, Ibstone. There is enough space in the church for all children to have two grownups come to see the performance. If you think you need more than two spaces, please get in touch via the school office. Younger siblings are welcome, we just ask that you sit near the back and take them out of the performance if they are being too noisy.

KS2 will perform their Nativity on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Please could all children be back onsite by 5.40pm at the latest (via the back gate). The gates will open to the audience just before 6pm. Please bring blankets and warm clothing as we will be performing on the decking. We will be serving mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets are free but in order for us to know how many people to expect, please book your free tickets via iPal, there is a maximum of two tickets per family at the moment.

KS2 will also be performing again via Zoom on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. A Zoom link will be emailed out on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is welcome to this performance and it can be from the warmth of your own home! Please share the link with family and friends.

#### **Thank You!**

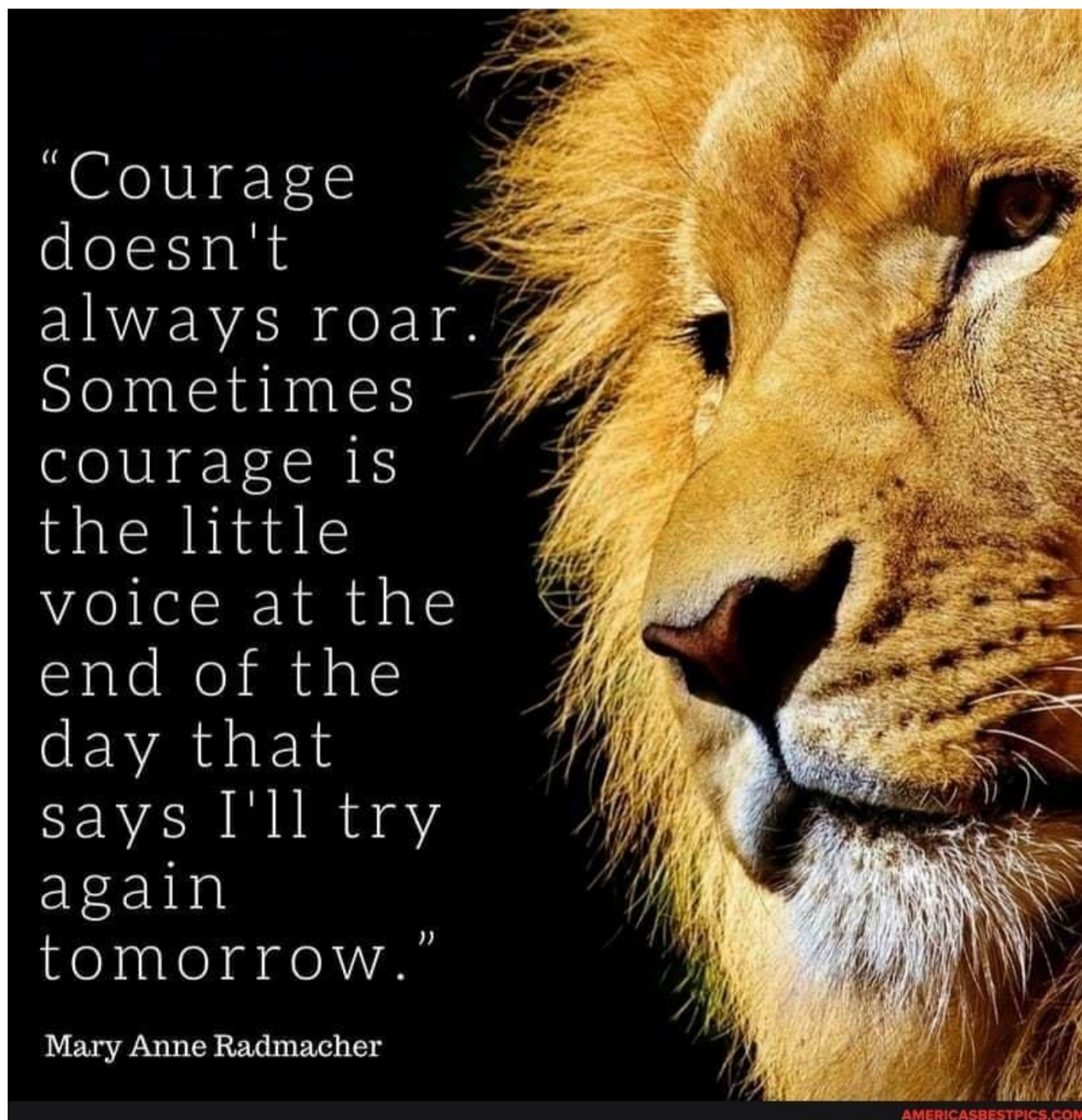
Thank you to those who came along to shop or to help at the Christmas Craft Market last week, we raise over £400 for the school and it was a great evening and wonderful to see the work of such talented local crafters!

Thank you to Alan for giving up his Monday evening to help us raise money for the school by teaching us how to make Christmas Wreaths, it was a lovely evening and lots of fun!

#### **Crib Festival**

There is a Crib Festival in Holy Trinity Church, Lane End this weekend, if you have chance, do pop along and spot your favourite. More details can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Louise Long  
Headteacher



# Headteacher Awards

# Zog the Dog Awards



## Diary Dates

New or amended dates will be shown in **BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>December 2023</b>		
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm – St Nicholas Church	EYFS/ KS1 families
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm	KS2 families
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS / KS1 visit to Norden Farm	EYFS/ KS1 only
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Performance – 2pm – Zoom	Everyone
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last Kites Session	Everyone
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Secrets Room	Everyone
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>EYFS &amp; KS1 Disco 3.15pm-4.15pm</b>	<b>EYFS/ KS1</b>
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS2 Disco 4.30pm – 5.30pm</b>	<b>KS2</b>
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone
<b>January 2024</b>		
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of term	Everyone
<b>February 2024</b>		
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Meetings 3.30pm – 7pm	Everyone
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Meetings	Kestrel Class only
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Start of term	Everyone
<b>March 2024</b>		
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
<b>April 2024</b>		
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Start of term	Everyone
<b>May 2024</b>		
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Proposed Y5 Adventure Week	Y5 only
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATS week	Y6 only
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
<b>June 2024</b>		

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Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of term	Everyone
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Proposed Y6 Adventure Week	Y6 only
<b>July 2024</b>		
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Transition Day	Everyone
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Morning 9am – Ibstone Common	KS2 families
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9am – Ibstone Common	EYFS/ KS1 families
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ibfest – more information to follow	Everyone
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Leavers' Service 9.15am St Nicholas Church	Year 6 families only
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Summer Celebration in the school garden 12.45pm End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone

# Crib Festival 2023

Holy Trinity Lane End



Thursday 7th Dec  
4pm ~ 8pm

Friday 8th Dec  
4pm ~ 8pm

Saturday 9th Dec  
4pm ~ 7pm

Sunday 10th Dec  
10am *Jump for Joy*  
*Crib Family Service*  
11am ~ 7pm

Other times by appointment




Always set out different every year!



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# CHRISTMAS

## at St Nicholas' Church, Ibstone



### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

**17th December**  
**5pm**

followed by mulled wine &  
mince pies



### CHRISTMAS DAY

**25th December**  
**10am**

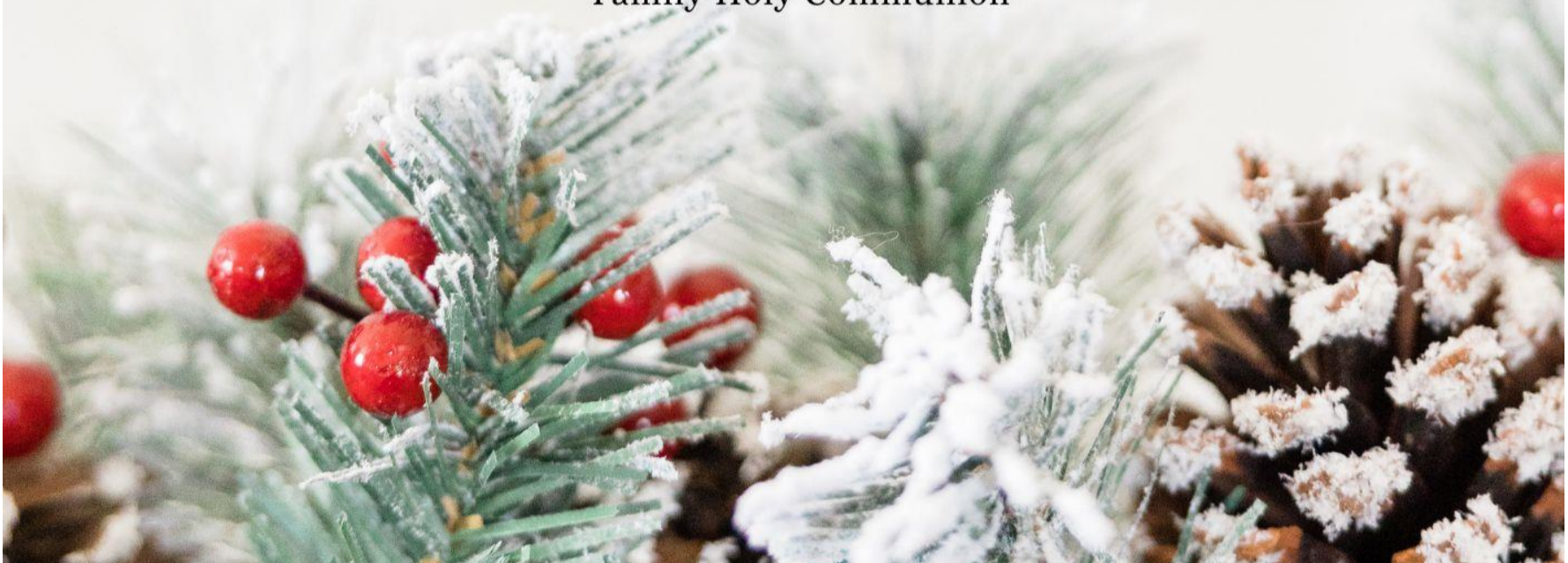
Family Holy Communion



### UNITED BENEFICE SERVICES

**31st December**  
**9.30am / 11am**

St Peter & St Paul,  
Stokenchurch



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