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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers,

Nativity, Carol Service, Party Time and Frosty Friday Fun

On Monday and Tuesday this week our Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils performed their Christmas Nativity and I'm sure you will all agree that the children sang and performed their parts wonderfully. Thank you to parents and family members who came along to enjoy this special time.

Wednesday morning's carol service at the Holy Cross Church was magical, the singing and service were really special, and the children were a great credit to Crookhill. Thank you to staff and children for working so hard and making these special Christmas events so memorable, they are always a wonderful start to the festive holiday. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons were filled with dancing, party games and buffet teas. There was a feast each afternoon and a huge thank you to parents for providing such a lovely spread for the children. Once again, we had a very welcome visit from the Gateshead Music Service Wednesday afternoon. The team were dressed in their best Christmas jumpers and performed a wonderful Christmas workshop. The children joined in with musical instruments and sang along to all of the festive favourites. They were particularly entertained by Santa Ethan and Rudi the Grinch from Year 6 and a splendid rendition of 'Here it is, Merry Christmas' performed by the staff and a fun afternoon was had by all!

House Team Champions

The Team awarded with the most house points this term was Runhead and the team celebrated with sweet treats and a treasure hunt.

The children with the highest house points were presented with a prize during today's assembly for their hard work, well done to everyone.

Class	Pupils
Year 1	Jack T and Daisy R-T
Year 2	Nate S and Scarlett Mc
Year 3	Elia H and Aurelia B
Year 4	Emilia W and Kaycee N
Year 5	Megan J and Daniel B
Year 6	Danny T and David F

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Movie Night Prize Winners

We had names out of a hat for a few Movie Night goers, Henry D, Zoe M, Isabelle K, William A and Mollie H were the lucky winners.

Liz Twist Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Millie F in Year 3 who was a runner up in Liz Twist's Christmas card competition. Millie's design was a cosy fireplace, all set for Christmas with the family's stockings hanging ready for Santa. The theme was 'Home' and Millie's drawing captured this beautifully. Well done Millie.

Spreading Christmas Joy

Mrs Kelly, Mrs O'Shaughnessy and our group of Crookhill singers went along to Ryton Towers Care Home this morning. All dressed in festive headgear, the children sang to their delighted audience who rewarded them with chocolate coins. We hope the children enjoyed their morning as much as the residents and staff!

Sad Farewells

Today we said goodbye to three members of the Crookhill Team. Mrs Debbie Bee has been a cleaner at Crookhill for many years, she will be a huge miss and I'm sure you'll all join us in wishing her a long and happy retirement. Miss Gray, our apprentice teaching assistant is also leaving us today. Miss Gray enjoyed the Year 6 residential trip so much that she has accepted a new role as a Group Leader at the activity centre. Our very best wishes go with Miss Gray for an exciting new adventure, we will all miss her so much and we look forward to meeting up with her at the next Year 6 trip!

Our lunchtime supervisory assistant Mrs Humble has decided to go back to teaching, she has been a great favourite of the children as well as staff, we wish her well for the future.

The autumn term has been a very busy one. The children's good behaviour and their superb enthusiasm for learning continues, as does the highly positive relationships within school and with our school community. Thank you to all of our families for your continued support and for all of the lovely messages we have received from parents and carers this year. Working in partnership with our families is key to ensuring Crookhill Primary School continues to be a happy and successful school where the children thrive. Thank you so much.

On behalf of all Crookhill staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2025.

Kristine McCormack
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