

Christmas Tree Festival 2025

We are delighted to have once again taken part in St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival in Chinnor, which ran from Saturday 6th December to Sunday 14th December, open daily from 2–5pm. This much-loved community event is always a highlight of the festive season, and we were proud to contribute a tree that reflected both the spirit of Christmas and our school values.

Our Theme: *Santa's Little Helper*

The theme for the festival in 2025 was Christmas, and our tree, titled "*Santa's Little Helper*", focused on kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness. Every child created their own festive helper, each representing a personal commitment to helping others during the Christmas season.

As part of the project, pupils shared thoughtful ideas about how they planned to help at home, at school and within the wider community. This encouraged meaningful reflection on what Christmas involves and the role each individual can play in making it a special time for others.

Values and Personal Development

This activity supported pupils' personal development by encouraging them to think deeply about:

- Giving as well as receiving
- Acts of kindness and compassion
- Responsibility towards others
- How values can be shown through actions

Pupils explored the idea that Christmas gifts do not always need to be physical items, and that small acts of kindness, time and thoughtfulness can mean just as much. This reflection helped children develop empathy and a strong sense of community.

A Celebration of Kindness and Community

Our Christmas tree became a celebration not just of the festive season, but of the values we seek to nurture every day. It was a wonderful way to share pupils' ideas and creativity with the wider community and take part in a local tradition.

We are very proud of the care and thought that went into this project and invite everyone to pop along to the festival and see our beautiful tree. It truly captured the spirit of Christmas and the kindness at the heart of our school.

