

## Choir Performance at the Christmas Tree Festival 2023

Last Sunday, our fabulous school choir performed at the Christmas Tree Festival, delighting the audience with a beautiful and joyful selection of Christmas carols, songs and poems. The children sang with confidence, warmth and expression, making it a truly memorable performance and one of which we were immensely proud.

### A Community Celebration

Taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival provided pupils with a valuable opportunity to perform as part of a much-loved local community event. Singing in a public setting helped pupils experience music as something that brings people together, strengthens community links and spreads joy beyond the school gates.

The performance contributed positively to the atmosphere of the festival and allowed pupils to see first-hand how their talents and efforts can enrich the lives of others.

### Personal Development Through Music

Participating in this event strongly supported pupils' personal development, enabling them to:

- build confidence performing in front of a live audience
- develop perseverance and commitment through rehearsals
- work collaboratively as part of a choir
- show courage, self-belief and pride in their achievement
- experience the sense of accomplishment that comes from shared success

Through music, pupils developed resilience, self-expression and social confidence, all of which support their wider learning and development.

### Cultural Capital and Wider Experience

Performing at the Christmas Tree Festival enriched pupils' cultural capital, offering them:

- experience of performing in a formal, real-world community setting
- exposure to cultural traditions linked to Christmas music and poetry
- opportunities to engage with audiences of different ages and backgrounds
- an understanding of the role of music and the arts in community life

These experiences help broaden pupils' horizons and ensure they benefit from high-quality opportunities that extend beyond the classroom.

### With Thanks

A heartfelt thank you goes to Mrs Atkins for her dedication and hard work in preparing the choir for this special event. We are also extremely grateful to Mrs Hall for conducting the performance so skilfully on the day.

Thank you as well to the children and their families for giving up their time to rehearse, attend and support the event. Their commitment played a vital role in making the performance such a success.

### A Performance to Be Proud Of

The Choir's performance at the Tree Festival 2023 was a wonderful celebration of music, community and teamwork. The children represented the school with confidence, enthusiasm and maturity, and we are incredibly proud of everyone involved.

