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Christmas at Maltby Learning Trust

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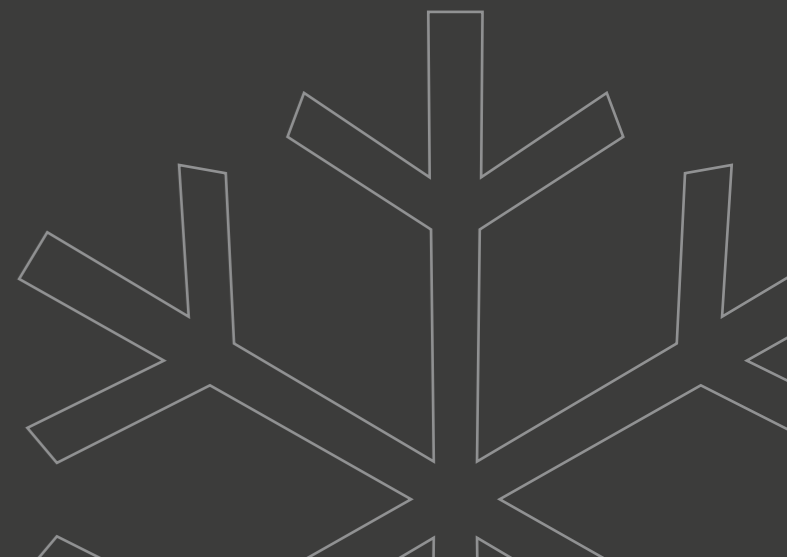
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Our Vision

Delivering exceptional learning experiences that enable all young people to thrive in a competitive world and lead successful and fulfilling lives.

We aim for all students to gain an array of positive school memories which last a lifetime. Memories that are created by students, staff and our community being fully invested in forging exceptional relationships based on trust, care, high expectations and a passion for genuinely making a difference.

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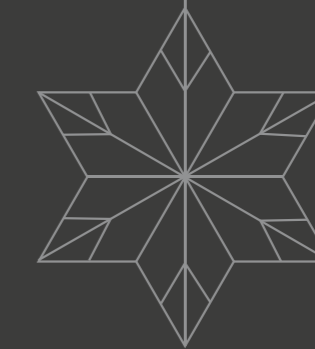
Christmas Experience

The festive season is a time of great joy and celebration, and at Maltby Learning Trust, we believe that coming together as a community is an essential part of the Christmas experience.

As a family of learners, we value the tradition of gathering together to mark this special occasion. It provides us with a unique opportunity to create lasting memories by spending quality time with one another.

During this time, we engage in meaningful conversations, share laughter through jokes, and uplift the spirit of the day with joyous singing. Whether we are enjoying a festive meal, participating in a holiday-themed activity,

or simply spending time together; the magic of this experience serves as a heartfelt reminder that the essence of the Christmas period lies in the simple joys of spending time with friends and family.



Tradition

We believe that the magic of Christmas goes beyond decorations and gifts. It's about creating meaningful traditions that our students will cherish for years to come. Throughout December, we embrace the joy and wonder of the season with activities that celebrate the true spirit of Christmas.

By creating opportunities to participate in these meaningful customs, we aim to instil a sense of belonging and appreciation for the beauty of the season. Our hope is that these traditions will become part of their own holiday celebrations, carrying forward the magic of Christmas into their lives and the lives of those around them.

A visit to the local church

As part of our cherished Christmas traditions, our students have the wonderful opportunity to immerse themselves in the heart of our community by visiting the local church. There, they are captivated by timeless stories that bring to life the true meaning and magic of Christmas. United in song, they raise their voices in carols, filling the sacred space with warmth, joy, and the spirit of the season. This experience not only deepens their connection to the community but also fosters a sense of wonder and togetherness, making the holiday season truly special.

Singing Carols

Singing carols is a treasured part of our school's Christmas traditions, bringing the joy of the season to life both within our school and throughout the community. Whether gathered in classrooms, hallways, or local venues, our students unite their voices in festive harmony, sharing the magic of Christmas through song. These moments of music not only brighten spirits but also strengthen the bond between our school and the community, spreading warmth, joy, and the true essence of the holiday season to all who hear.





Charity

The holiday season is a time to celebrate joy, generosity, and togetherness, and at Maltby Learning Trust, we are delighted to uphold these values through a range of charitable initiatives.

These efforts go beyond simple acts of kindness; they serve as meaningful lessons in empathy, compassion, and the strength of collective action. Through their participation, our students gain a deeper understanding of the importance of looking beyond themselves and making a positive impact on others' lives.

Hampers

Every year at Christmas time, students across the Trust design and make hampers to be donated to members of our local community. Staff and students work really hard to design creative and thoughtful hampers. Examples in the past have included hampers in the shape of snowmen, Santa's sledge, and baubles – just to name a few. This year, we have delivered over 80 hampers, which were gratefully received by vulnerable members of the community, such as elderly people on their own and care home residents.

Santa Dash

This Fun Run event is an amazing way to give back to the community and support local charities. Not only do children have a great time participating in the run, but they also contribute to a worthy cause. The Santa Dash is a sponsored event, so you can raise money for charity while enjoying a fun and active day out.

Food Bank

In addition to the gifts, we have also run the Food Bank drive throughout December, and we cannot wait to deliver the brilliant donations in the final week before Christmas. Our contributions really will make all the difference.

Shoe Box Appeal

We are committed to making a positive impact on our communities, and each year, we take part in our very own Shoe Box Appeal. This thoughtful campaign is designed to give back to those in our community who could use a little extra support during the festive season.



Community

The festive season is a time for bringing people together, and in our schools, it serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of community. It's a time when students, families, and the wider community come together to celebrate shared values of kindness, connection, and togetherness.

By fostering a spirit of unity during this special time of year, we help our students understand the true meaning of the season—one rooted in generosity, gratitude, and the joy of giving. These moments of connection strengthen the bonds between our schools and the communities we serve, creating a sense of belonging that extends far beyond the classroom.

The festive season in our schools is more than a celebration; it's an opportunity to nurture relationships, inspire empathy, and remind everyone of the profound impact of coming together as a community.

Christmas Fayre

With Santa's visit, reindeer, and the lively presence of Olaf and the mischievous elf, our Christmas Fayre becomes a magical experience for all. It encapsulates the essence of togetherness and the joy that comes with the holiday season, setting a joyful tone for the upcoming Christmas celebrations.

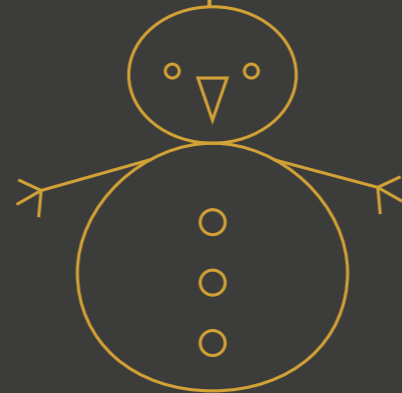
Breakfast With Santa

We extend an invitation to preschool children from the local community to join us for a special event. They get to have breakfast with Santa, participate in various Christmas-themed activities, take photos with Santa, and sing some Christmas songs with our children.

Local Pensioners Afternoon Tea

Connecting with the elderly during the festive season is a meaningful tradition in our schools, as it fosters a sense of intergenerational connection and mutual respect. During this special time of year, bringing together students and elderly community members for a festive afternoon tea offers a chance to bridge the generation gap, creating a space where stories, wisdom, and experiences can be shared.

For our students, it's an opportunity to learn the value of compassion, empathy, and the importance of honouring those who have paved the way before them. For the elderly, it provides a moment of joy, companionship, and a reminder that they are valued members of our community.







Family

The joys of tradition: Celebrating family and festivity.

The festive season is the perfect time to reflect on the traditions that bring meaning, connection, and joy to our lives. At Maltby Learning Trust, we embrace the values of learning and trust, which are also deeply rooted in family traditions.

Christmas Lunch

"Christmas lunch is a notable date on the calendar at Maltby Learning Trust"

The purpose of this special day is to create heart-warming and joyful school memories that will last a lifetime for all students. It is a day dedicated to celebrating friendship and fostering a sense of community among students and staff.

The festivities are nothing short of spectacular and include a delicious lunch shared amongst friends, engaging in dinner table conversations and games. To add to the excitement, there are also reindeer, snow machines, and a plethora of other festivities that will leave every child with unforgettable memories.

At Maltby Learning Trust, the Christmas lunch is a highly anticipated and significant event that is eagerly awaited and cherished by all.

What do the students say?

"This has been the best day ever, we have all had a lovely time."

Year 3 student - Maltby Manor Academy

"No other school does Christmas like Wath Academy."

Year 10 student - Wath Academy

"Wow you did all of this for us, we are so lucky to have you as our teachers."

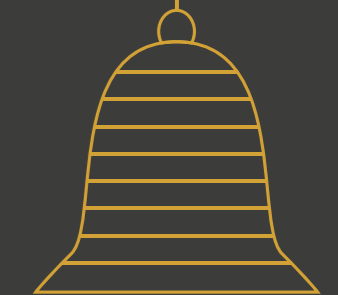
Year 5 student - Maltby Manor Academy

"Staff at Sir Thomas Wharton make a real effort to make Christmas a special time for us."

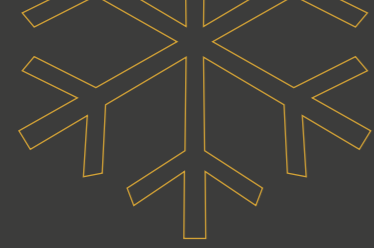
Year 7 student - Sir Thomas Wharton Academy

"I love Christmas at school we do lots of fun activities."

Year 4 student - Ravenfield Primary Academy







Christmas Pantomime and Nativity Plays

Each year children from across the Trust visit the local theatre to see the Christmas Pantomime. In addition, each of our schools will produce their own Nativity Play or Christmas Pantomime. This is one of the highlights of the festive season.

This is open for participation from all year groups. Students work hard each year to prepare for this showcase of talent.

Behind the scenes, student participation is just as important with other students using this opportunity to take on advertising and backstage supporting roles.

Christmas Concert

The Trust is committed to celebrating Christmas as a learning community together. The annual Christmas Concert is an annual tradition, which showcases the range of musical talents in our schools. These events provide an opportunity for family and friends to enjoy an evening of seasonal music in their local school setting.

This is a fabulous opportunity for many of our talented musicians to perform to a large audience - whether that be through a solo, duet or musical ensemble. Our children participate in a variety of arrangements, including string groups, school bands, musical theatre and rock concerts; all bringing their own particular style and contribution to an exceptional evening of entertainment.





Rewards

Students who demonstrated excellent 'attendance' and displayed 'full investment' in their learning over the Autumn term were rewarded with a range of different opportunities as part of a festive menu of Christmas activities.

Christmas Movies

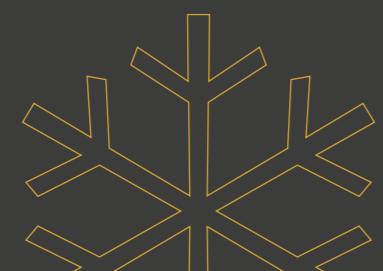
One of the reward activities involved a trip to see a movie at the local cinema. This 'movie and popcorn' evening was popular with children from across the Trust (and with some of the staff who attended too).

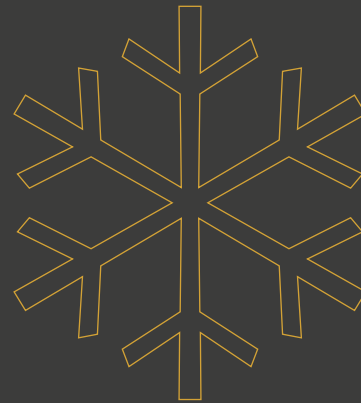
Christmas Crafts

Across the Trust our children have enjoyed crafting together as part of a great Christmas tradition. Making Christmas crafts has proved particularly popular with our children and is a great way for them to learn about the importance of traditions and family time during the festive period. The children are excited to see their Christmas decorations feature in the family home this year.

Christmas Read

In some of our schools, teachers created an array of fabulous bespoke reading resources for our children and young people. These resources were focused on The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse by Charlie Macksey. The reading sessions focus on acts of kindness at such an important time of the year.





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