

# Pupils' Press

For the Pupils, by the Pupils.

Christmas edition 2025



## Merry Christmas from the editor-in-chief

By Freya



Merry Christmas everybody! This year has gone by so fast and I can hardly believe its already Christmas, this past half term was crammed with events and this one is too, with events such as Bonfire Night on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November and Remembrance Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Autumn term has gone by in a flash and Spring term promises a whole bundle of new opportunities and experiences. Christmas is the season of joy , family and chocolate! This term as chief editor has been insane and fun and I am honoured to be continuing into 2026! All that is left for me to say is Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### ***PUPILS PRESS CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCES!***

Freya- On Christmas day in my family has a really fun tradition in which we make fajitas for Christmas lunch! It is so much quicker (and often tastier) than a traditional roast dinner that we have towards new year.

Finley - On Christmas Eve me an my family have a tradition where we watch Home Alone whilst eating beige food like sausage rolls , pizza , halloumi fries , fondue , cheese and pigs in blankets.

Steph - On Christmas we have breakfast drinks in bed , I have a smoothie whilst we watch TV.

Ronnie- We also have quite a normal Christmas with presents and a really nice Christmas dinner.

Tulisa -On Christmas we wake up early do presents then get ready and I go to my stepdads sisters and my stepdads mum comes over and we play with what we got for Christmas.

Mrs Ellery - On Christmas I have Bucks Fizz with an apricot jam croissant with my husband. We then go to have lunch with my husband's parents and my grandma's for evening tea.

Michaela - Our Christmas is quite normal, we have Christmas dinner and presents.

Tell us about your Christmas Traditions!





Sweden



Finland



Norway



Denmark



## 4 Reasons Why Scandinavian Christmas is Better Than Ours By Finley

### 4. Blue and White, not Red and Green

A bit personal for me and a couple of my friends, but blue and white is better than red and green as it has a lower percentage of colour blindness, and therefore it means I don't get a constant migraine and the red decorations on the Christmas Tree don't look brown.

### 3. Baubles Never Round

Scandinavia often has strange, double-oval shape baubles instead of our boring round ones.

### 2. Here's Your Present, Deer

Scandinavia has been known to use deer wrapping paper, and we have now adopted it, along with robins and snowflakes.

### 1. I'm dreaming of a White Christmas

Well that's good then: this is Scandinavia. Snow galore!

## Christmas at war

By Tulisa



### WW1:

On Christmas day 1914, many British and German soldiers suddenly stopped fighting in an unofficial event known as the Christmas truce. Then started playing a friendly game of football!

### WW2:

Christmas during WW2 was marked by hardship with rationed food, scarce gifts, and families separated by the war, but also by acts of ingenuity and even brief, unauthorised truces.



### Countries:

Syria, Ethiopia, Yemen, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Israel  
South Sudan, Chad, DR Congo, Iran, Libya, Myanmar  
Somalia, Nigeria, Nagorno-Karabakh conflict  
Burkina Faso, India, Iraq, Korean, Peninsula  
Mexican Drug War, Pakistan, Tunisia

Now this is a lot of countries at war let try and lessen the amount wars that happen.

## Celebrity Traitors

By Steph



### ***WARNING- may contain spoilers***

The celebrity traitors reached 11.7 million viewers. The traitors were Johnathan Ross, Cat Burns and Alan Carr. Notable faithful include Sir Stephen Fry, Celia Imrie, Joe Marler, Clare Balding and Nick Mohammad. Here is some of the best moments.

#### **1. 2 Murders in plain sight**

This series we didn't have one but two murders in plain sight. First, Paloma Faith was murdered by the traitors in plain sights after Alan Carr rubbed his hands in the poison lily and rubbed it on Paloma's face. At the dinner party after Jonathan Ross was banished, Iconic speech btw, Celia Imrie was murdered by Alan Carr quoting Shakespeare, "Parting is such sweet sorrow" which is from Romeo and Juliet.

#### **2. Banshee mission**

The iconic banshee mission required the celebrities to split into two teams to interpret the banshee's wail. Shields were given to Cat Burns and Stephen Fry. Jonathan Ross found the shield and given it to Stephen Fry.

#### **3. Banishment up to fate**

In episode 6, the banishment was up to a tie. This was the first time this happened in traitors UK history. David Olesuga and Mark Bonnar tied at the round table. So it went on another round, and it was still a tie. So, there was Another round and it was still a tie, so they got chests one with a shield. David Olesuga got the shield, and Mark Bonnar was banished. David made it all the way to the final where Alan Carr won.

#### **4. Notable quotes**

"Kate go-away" Alan Carr.

Celia Imrie's fart.

"You can't call someone a traitor because they have better vocabulary than you" Alan Carr.

*Catch Traitors or Celebrity Traitors on BBC iPlayer now! Sorry not sorry for the spoilers!*

# Christmas Culture

## **10 things to do on Christmas!**

**By Michaela**



1. Make gingerbread with the family
2. Spend time with friends and family
3. Cozy day (or days) in bed
4. Watch movies
5. Have a nice Christmas dinner with family or friends
6. Drink hot chocolate
7. Sit by fire if you have one - if not put one on YouTube or Netflix!
8. Decorate the tree
9. Go on a trip to see Christmas lights
10. Go on a Christmas hunt... or if you're brave enough CAROLLING!

## **Top ten Christmas songs**

**By Finley**



10. Last Christmas, Wham: Released 1984, and has had 751,000 digital downloads.
9. Jingle Bell Rock, Bobby Helms: Released 1957, and has had 780,000 digital downloads.
8. Feliz Navidad, José Feliciano: Released 1970, and has had 808,000 digital downloads.
7. Christmas Cannon, Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Released 1998, and has had 918,000 digital downloads.
6. Where are you Christmas, Faith Hill: Released 2000, and has had 977,000 digital downloads.



## Top ten Christmas songs

By Finley



5. Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree: : Released 1958, and has had 1,000,000 digital downloads.

4. Mistletoe, Justin Bieber: Released 2011, and has had 1,100,000 digital downloads.

3. Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24, Savatage: Released 1996, and has had 1,300,000 digital downloads.

2. Do You Want to Build a Snowman?, Kristian Bell: Released 2013, and has had 1,600,000 digital downloads.

1. All I Want For Christmas is You, Mariah Carey: Released 1994, and has had 3,200,000 digital downloads.

If your favourite Christmas song isn't on here - check out Spotify and boost the number of downloads for next year!



## English teacher or AI?

**By Steph**



Instead of our usual interviews, I set up a little competition for you.

We asked 3 teachers to write a poem 6 lines about Christmas, Miss Heggs, Mrs Ellery and Mrs Bartlett (S Bartlett). But of course, there is a catch.

We have given the same task to 3 AI chatbots, Chat GPT, Copilot and Gemini. You just identify which is an English teacher and which is artificial intelligence. You can even identify who wrote each poem if you really want.

Also, we are still selecting teachers for the teacher would you rather. Please continue to send in your would you rather questions and fill in the following form:

<https://forms.gle/Lc7vSFLPgBhtz1Pp8>. Thank so much!

*Here are the poems:*

A) The snow outside falls soft and deep  
While twinkling lights keep their vigil keep.  
A silent hush upon the air  
The scent of pine hangs everywhere.  
May warmth and peace your home embrace,  
At this most holy time and place

B) With a cheery face and eager eyes  
I travel the land in search of mince pies  
Will they have brandy, nuts galore?  
Or be filled with cranberries (a fruit I abhor)?  
Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Tesco, the lot  
Any Christmas mince pie will hit the spot.

c) Snow, hot chocolate and decorations  
Pine scented hallways and hands  
Cupping mulled wine,  
children sleeping soundly  
waiting for  
the magic to begin.

D) Snowflakes drift on midnight air  
Soft lights glow with gentle cheer  
Footsteps crunch on frosted ground  
Warmth and laughter gather 'round  
Hope unfolds in a silver gleam  
Christmas whispers like a dream.

E) Snowflakes drift on silent night,  
Candles glow with gentle light,  
Families gather, hearts embrace,  
Joy and laughter fill the space,  
Songs of hope through winter's chill,  
Peace on earth, goodwill fulfilled.

F) Everyone loves music,  
I like to beat a drum.  
But my daddy has a trumpet.  
And he keeps it in his bum.  
And at Christmas when he eats the sprouts,  
He toots it all day long!

If you guess all of them correctly - you will be in line to win a Love2Shop voucher!  
Email us at [pupilspress@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:pupilspress@wyvern.hants.sch.uk) with your answers - winners announced next issue!

# Stalked by the Supernatural

Ronnie



Sunlight glared through the window, bouncing off mirrors displayed in a semi-circular formation around the sofa, where Haley sat. She held her head up with the palm of her right hand and closed her eyes.

Living in such a small apartment complex was not something she was proud of. Her mother was a psychiatrist, and her father was a lawyer.

On the other hand, she was an unemployed woman of twenty-two and hadn't told her parents yet about her financial situation; she was too scared to. Her mother had a group of friends, all with daughters. There was Patricia, with her daughter Amy, then there was Emma, with *her* three daughters, who Haley couldn't remember the names of, and finally there was Lynn, with two daughters and a son.

Hayley herself had an older brother, named Michael (a relatively sophisticated man of forty), who constantly made light-hearted jokes about her situation. He was the only person she had told, and thinking about it now, she wished she hadn't.

She wasn't fond of her apartment but wasn't able to do much about it. She'd gone through many listings – none of which were in her budget – and eventually decided on a worn-down place in Temsson, England, where her mother and father used to live. Admittedly, her apartment wasn't a particularly entrancing room to stand in, but she was out of options.

The room was littered with spiders, and areas of mould, which she hated. She just wanted to be able to leave this place soon.

The sunlight reflected from the mirrors into her eyes, forcing her to open them – only slightly, but it was enough to send a searing pain to the back of her skull, as the light hit her vision like a bullet. She let out a soft groan and then was surprised to hear an answering one from below her feet.

She pulled her legs up quickly, tucking them to her stomach in fear.

What was *that*?

Her heart beat violently in her chest for a few moments, before she calmed down.

How could she be so silly? There was an entire apartment below her. Of course she'd hear them at some point. The person in there probably just tripped over or something.

Of course!

Even with an explanation, she found it hard to comfort herself. It had taken her by surprise, although the only impact it left on her was a sense of mild annoyance, as she knew it would be hard to fall back to sleep.

Suddenly, an ear-piercing scream shot through the apartment.

Haley lowered her head and tucked it into the cushions.

She felt nauseous as she stared forward, trying to ignore it.

That sounded horrible! And close!

It came from the direction of a large, rotting door that marked the entrance to her kitchen.

At that moment, she could only think to call one person for help, and cautiously, she slid a slow, outstretched hand across the table and reached for her phone.



## *Stalked by the Supernatural*

Ronnie



Michael arrived less than fifteen minutes after her frantic phone call. He swung the door open, startling Haley for a moment.

'Thank God, you're here!' she yelled, crying, curled up in a ball.

'What's goin' on?' he asked in the same Newcastle accent as hers.

'I... I... don't know,' she managed to say through muffled gasps.

Michael stepped forward slowly and sat down next to her, trying to comfort her.

'Hey... hey, are you okay?' he asked, quietly.

She shook her head in response.

'Something's here... It's in the kitchen,' she whispered.

Michael slowly dropped his feet to the floor and stood up again.

He moved closer to the kitchen, looking over his shoulder every few steps, with his arm stretched out in front of him like a shield for protection. The floorboards creaked beneath him as he ventured onward, before slowly opening the door, pressing his body against it to hide from whatever might be inside.

'I don't see anything,' he said, his tone deep.

From the sofa, Haley saw a light flickering from Michael's direction.

Finally feeling safe, she bent down to check underneath the sofa, gripping her phone and shining the light at the dark abyss.

Nothing!

She pulled her body back up and leant against the pillows, but something was off; it felt like something was touching her leg.

She swung her head laterally and was shocked to see that Michael was somehow sitting next to her, smiling from ear to ear.

'So, did you find anything?' she asked, but Michael just kept smiling, not changing position.

'Not yet, Sis,' a voice said in response, but it did not come from him.

She swung her head again to face the direction the sound came from, and... there was Michael!

He was still standing at the kitchen door!

She turned back, quickly, to face the other figure... but it was gone.

She tried to turn her head back towards the kitchen, a gaze of horror and discombobulation plastered across her face. But she wasn't able to look at Michael; her head seemed to lock in position, mid-turn. She felt the strange sensation of someone else's head touching the back of hers... and then breathing... down her neck...

***Check out next issue for the next installment from Ronnie!***



## Wyvern Pupils' Press Poetry competition!

New year new competition!

For the next competition: **Write a poem that encapsulates Christmas!**

Write just 1 stanza, 6 lines and the best vocabulary you can think up! Email your poem to Mrs Ellery or [pupilspress@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:pupilspress@wyvern.hants.sch.uk)

**Winner to be announced in the next issue, along with their prize - £5 AMAZON VOUCHER!**



### Article competition

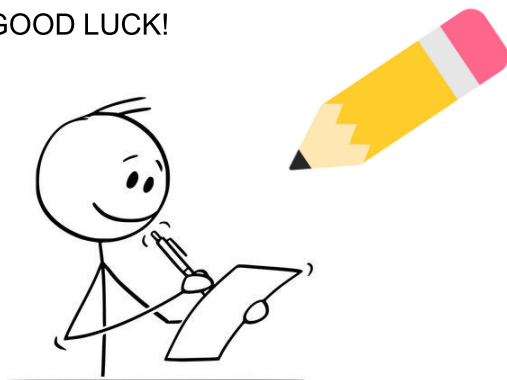
### By You

We're setting up a competition so YOU (yes you) could see your very own article in the Pupil's Press!

Here's what you need to do:

1. Write your article! Write about anything you like, music, films, art, dance, whatever interests you!
1. Send it to us at:  
[pupilspress@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:pupilspress@wyvern.hants.sch.uk)
1. Wait while our special team of judges judge each article, the winner will be published in our next edition!

GOOD LUCK!



### We need a new logo

### By You



← Logo now!

We love our feedback! However we've had a little negative feedback about our current logo, so we're setting up another competition so YOU (yes you) could see your very own logo design in the Pupils' Press!

Here's what you need to do:

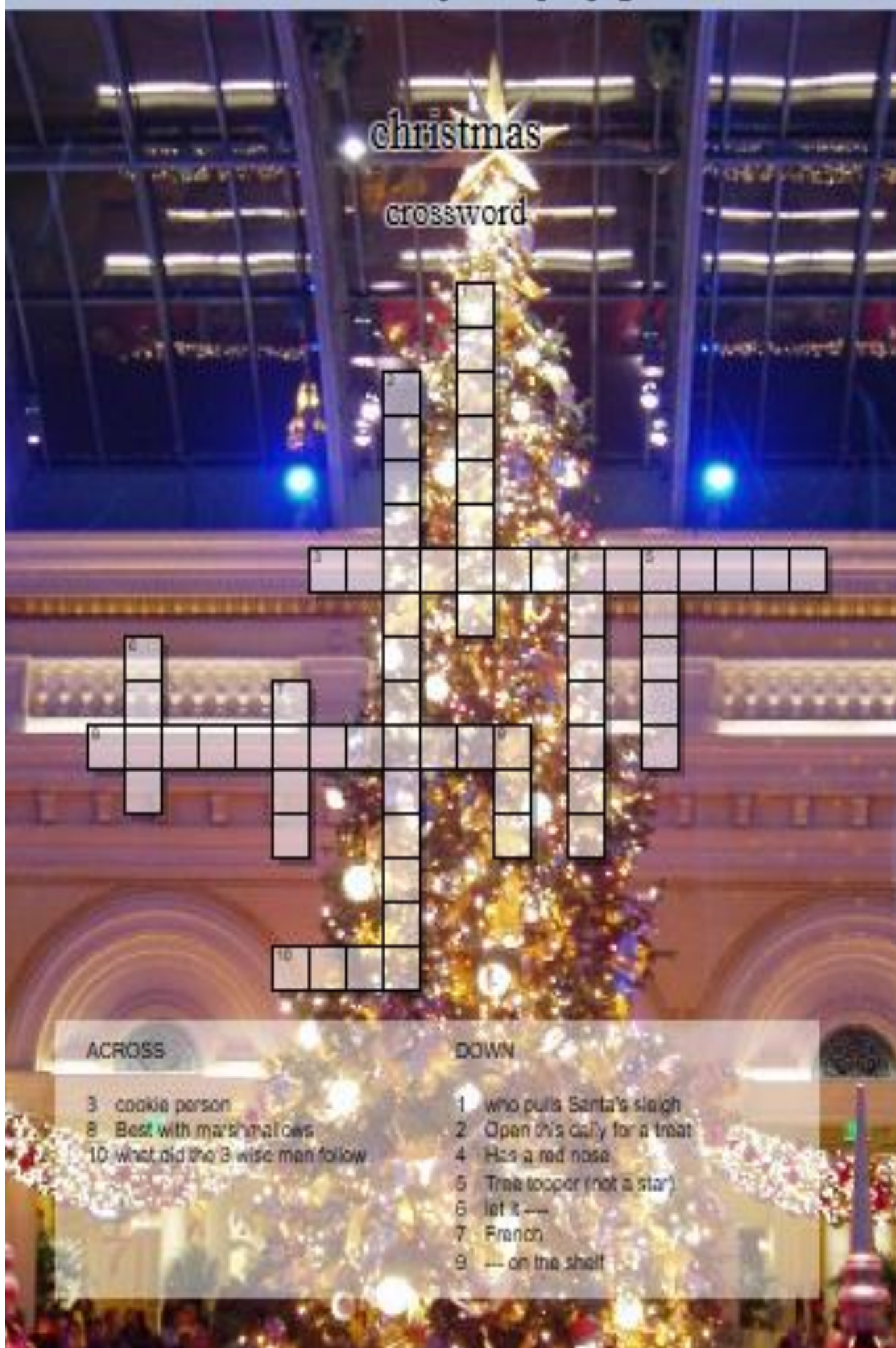


1. Design your logo!  
Make it bright, bold, and amazing.
1. Send it to us on our email at:  
[pupilspress@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:pupilspress@wyvern.hants.sch.uk)
1. Wait while our special team of judges judge each logo, the winner will become our new logo going forward!

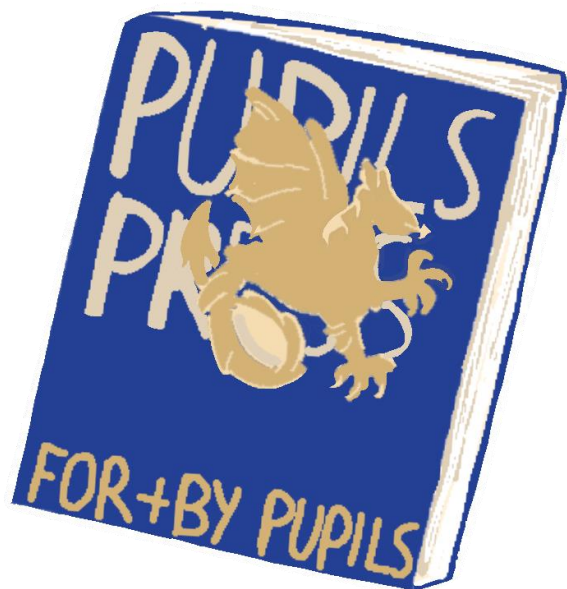
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# Puzzles!



Answers next issue!!



Be a part of our amazing team! We  
run in IT2 Wednesdays 3pm-4pm.  
Snacks provided!

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interviewer  
Researcher

Podcaster/recording tech

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