

Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas Child - Shoebox Appeal



We are excited to share an important and heart-warming project that our Worship Team is leading this Christmas season. As a worship team, we've been discussing ways to demonstrate generosity and compassion, especially toward children around the world who are less fortunate.

This year, we've decided to support the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal, a project that aims to bring joy and love to children in need by sharing gifts with them. This is not just about giving presents; it's about spreading the true meaning of Christmas and showing these children that they are loved and cared for.

The process is simple: we'll pack shoeboxes with gifts for either a boy or a girl, which will then be sent to children around the globe. For many of these children, this could be the first gift they've ever received, making it a truly special moment in their lives.

For families living in poverty, Christmas or birthday gifts may not be something they can experience, so receiving a box full of thoughtful items can be incredibly impactful. It's a small act that brings joy, excitement, and hope to a child who might otherwise feel forgotten.

We've set a goal to send at least 10 shoeboxes as a school, and we need your help to make it happen. Below are some examples of items you might consider donating to help us pack these shoeboxes:

Toys

- Toy cars
- Cuddly toys
- Football (with pump)
- Animal figures
- Building blocks
- Skipping rope
- Tennis ball
- Yo-yo
- Spinning top
- Mini frisbee
- Fidget spinner
- Games and puzzles

School Supplies

- Pencils & sharpeners
- Crayons
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Writing pads or notebook
- Solar calculators
- Geometry set
- Craft kits

Hygiene Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Flannel
- Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container)
- Sponge
- Reusable plastic containers (e.g., cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils)
- Compact mirror

Please do not include items like toothpaste, sweets, lotions, liquids, used or damaged items, war-related toys (e.g., toy guns, soldiers), seeds, food, medicines, or sharp objects.

If you'd like to contribute, students can bring in donations and collect them in form rooms. **The deadline for donations is 12th November 2025.** It would be great if everyone could bring one item so that we can exceed our target. If you would like to send in more than one item, or a complete shoe box, you would be very welcome to do so.

We would be so grateful for your support in this meaningful project. Let's come together as a community to help brighten Christmas for children who need it most.

Thank you for your generosity!

Kind regards



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