



Tudor Grange Academy
Kingshurst

Sixth Form



Sixth Sense

Which Week?

This Week: 13th Dec (Week 2)
Last Day of Term: Thurs 16th Dec

Goodwill To Men - Give Us Your Money

As the final week of a long term arrives that brings us a week closer to Christmas, along with the unavoidable exposure to the commercial trappings of this time of year, I am reminded of a poem my form group performed many years ago (when every form group in the lower school had to come up with their own assembly to perform), to remind us (similar to any good Christmas movie!), that this time of year is **so much more** than the size of the present you buy someone and instead is about the level of thought, care and attention you are able to show to those around you.

To this effect, in a change to the norm, I offer you this poem by **Pam Ayres**, titled **'Goodwill To Men—Give Us Your Money'** for its light-hearted but thoughtful take on this perspective. Humour me and spend a minute reading the following:

It was Christmas Eve on a Friday The shops was full of cheer, With tinsel in the windows, And presents twice as dear. A thousand Father Christmases, Sat in their little huts, And folk was buying crackers And folk was buying nuts.	All up and down the country, Before the light was snuffed, Turkeys they get murdered, And cockerels they got stuffed, Christmas cakes got marzipanned, And puddin's they got steamed Mothers they got desperate And tired kiddies screamed.
Hundredweight's of Christmas cards, Went flying through the post, With first class postage stamps on those, You had to flatter most. Within a million kitchens, Mince pies was being made, On everyone's radio, "White Christmas", it was played.	Out in the frozen countryside Men crept round on their own, Hacking off the holly, What other folks had grown, Mistletoe on willow trees, Was by a man wrenched clear, So he could kiss his neighbour's wife, He'd fancied all the year.
And out upon the hillside, Where the Christmas trees had stood, All was completely barren, But for little stumps of wood, The little trees that flourished All the year were there no more, But in a million houses, Dropped their needles on the floor.	And out of every cranny, cupboard, Hiding place and nook, Little bikes and kiddies' trikes, Were secretly took, Yards of wrapping paper, Was rustled round about, And bikes were wheeled to bedrooms, With the pedals sticking out.
Rolled up in Christmas paper The Action Men were tensed, All ready for the morning, When their fighting life commenced, With tommy guns and daggers, All clustered round about, "Peace on Earth - Goodwill to Men" The figures seemed to shout.	The church was standing empty, The pub was standing packed, There came a yell, "Noel, Noel!" And glasses they got cracked. From up above the fireplace, Christmas cards began to fall, And trodden on the floor, said: "Merry Christmas, to you all."



The Kingfisher Foodbank Xmas Appeal

All donation gratefully received at the **Common Room during registration every morning**, up to Wednesday 15th December. Thank you so much to Will, Mark, Dan, Saman and Tom for volunteering to process all of these donations!

13G2's Top 20 Hat-Trick Help Carrington to Quiz Win!

Resilience has been the buzzword of the last year and a half for Mr Carrington's form group. Undoubtedly, 13G2 has been hot on the tails of Mrs John-Crosslin's seemingly unstoppable form over the last year and a half, and this term, the force of scoring three consecutive perfect '20s' took them to the lofty heights of becoming our current Quiz Champions to see out 2021. The New Year will see a fresh challenge between the two rivals in addition to that of our up-and-coming Year 12 form groups who also have the caliber to chal-



End of Term / Start of Term Arrangements

1. Just a reminder that our final day of term, which is also a non-uniform day (£1 donation to be collected by tutors) going towards the Make a Wish foundation is this Thursday.
2. There will (again) be an opportunity for those that would like to, to come in for a Lateral Flow Test at the K2 building on **Tuesday 4th January** to do so, and achieving a 'negative' prior to the then returning the next day. Please refer to the published letter on the website for full details. You will need to be registered to our School Screener in order to obtain a LFT.
3. All Sixth Form students will return for the new term at **8.30am, Wednesday 5th January** (government guidelines permitting).

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