

Children spread Christmas cheer to care homes



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Youngsters from one Wimborne school have been spreading Christmas cheer to some of the town's care homes

Pupils from St John's CE First School, part of Wimborne Academy Trust, have been performing carols to residents at Harleston House, Allendale House and Bennettes Lodge.

Not only did the children treat residents to carols but they also chatted with them afterwards, exchanging stories and festive memories.

Headteacher, Jo Hancock, said: "This has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet some residents and spread the spirit and true meaning of Christmas

"The residents were so impressed with our children and very thankful. They even said how proud the school and children should be as they were so polite, chatty and kind to them all."

For their visit to Bennettes Lodge the pupils were also treated to a surprise visit from Father Christmas and at Harleston House the children got to see their handmade decorations proudly displayed on the home's Christmas tree.

Residents from Harleston House had recently visited the school to help the children make their Christmas decorations and took some away to display in the home.



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CEO of Wimborne Academy Trust, Liz West, said: "What a fantastic way for the children from St Johns First School to be involved with the local community.

"I am sure they learned a lot from the experience and enjoyed meeting the older generation and hearing their stories.

"It's very important that we teach our children that Christmas is about giving just as much as receiving and the pupils at St John's have certainly given so much joy through these visits."