

# The Super Star



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## CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!



Find the Christmas puddings hiding inside!



**Not only is it the end of another term, it's almost the end of 2024! Christmas is around the corner and excitement is building for the holidays.**

Manor Park has been busier than ever, with visits to St George's Church, carol singing and delivering Christmas cards to the local community, alongside our usual learning. One of the best things at this time of year is the sound of children singing coming from the classrooms as rehearsals have been in full swing for the Key Stage 1 nativity and carols at St George's church for Key Stage 2 carol service.



The end of the year is a good time to reflect and remember things that we have accomplished throughout the last 12 months. We hope you enjoy the pictures on pages 20 and 21 which show just a small selection of what the children of Manor Park have been doing during the last term of 2024.

This year has also seen the launch of Manor Park's first newspaper, The Super Star! We have been so pleased to share each issue with you and really appreciated the support from the school community. We hope you enjoy this issue, our Christmas special, and wish you a very restful and happy Christmas break.

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And much more!



# Gallery

## It's Christmas!



By Molly



By Orson



By Gina



By Elizabeth



# Gallery



# Interview with...

Mrs Sterck



**Q1. Do you have a favourite colour?**

A. Green.



**Q2. Do you have any pets?**

A. Yes, I have 2 dogs, 2 cats. 3 chickens and a gecko.

**Q3. What's your favourite thing to do at Christmas?**

A. I like to go skiing.

**Q4. Do you have a favourite animal?**

A. Giraffes are my favourite.

**Q5. What's your favourite food?**

A. Macaroni cheese

**Q6. Do you have a favourite book?**

A. Yes, Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll.

**Q7. What's your favourite Christmas joke?**

A. I can't tell jokes!

**Q8. What's your favourite ice cream flavour?**

A. Cookie dough!

**Q9. Do you have a favourite sport?**

A. Paddleboarding and rugby.

**Q10. If you were not a head teacher what would you do?**

A. A diving instructor



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# 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

## NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

## CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

## WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

## TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Get down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

## WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping, break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parceling up those presents into a creative adventure.

## WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

## BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

## ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

## SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

## GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

## GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

## Meet Our Expert

Maria Ahmed designs and delivers the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into 'youthful communities' where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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Why did the Christmas tree go to the barber?  
It needed to be trimmed!



Ha

# Joke Corner

By Tomasz



What did one Christmas tree say to the other?  
Lighten up!

Ha



What's every parents' favourite Christmas Carol?  
Silent Night!



Knock Knock!  
Who's there?  
 pudding.  
 pudding who?  
 pudding up the Christmas tree!

Ha

Where would you find a snowman dancing?  
At a snowball!

Ha

Why was the snowman kicked out of the supermarket?  
Because they caught him picking his nose!



Ha

What do snowmen like about school?  
Snow and Tell!





Christmas is a religious holiday which celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ on 25th December. Christmas is celebrated by millions of people all over the world including Christian people and non-Christian people.

### India

A special tradition is attending Midnight Mass with family and friends. They use mangos and bananas to decorate their house. Churches in India are decorated with Poinsettia flowers and candles, especially for this important service.

### Sri Lankan Christmas

Families paint and decorate their houses. New clothes are bought or stitched, and decorations are hung. Lots of sweet things are eaten (like candied chow chow).

### Sweden

Traditionally in **Sweden**, the eldest daughter of each family dresses up with a wreath on her head that holds lit candles. She then serves coffee and special buns to her family.

### Poland

Traditionally, Christmas celebrations in **Poland** begin on the evening of December 24th. This day is called Wigilia. Polish Wigilia begins with the appearance of the first star, which corresponds to the Star of Bethlehem. Usually, children look outside for the first star on Christmas Eve.

### Ireland

In some areas of **Ireland**, the people like to light candles in the windows of their homes to act as a guide for Joseph and Mary to travel to their resting place.



### Japan

In **Japan**, Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) has become a nation's favourite for a Christmas dinner. It is so wildly popular that you need to make a reservation to eat there on Christmas Day.





# Spot the Difference - Can you find the 15 differences?



# Christmas Mix Up!



Unscramble the baubles to see when Santa's on his way!



## Can you work out the Christmas movies?



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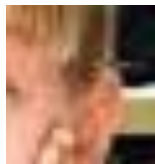
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# News News News



## ECO Committee

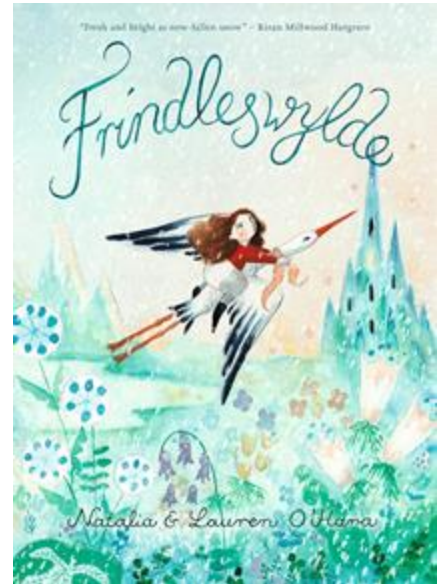
### A word from Betsy, Year 4

I got into Eco Committee by making my own form on scrap paper instead of printed plain paper. Then Miss White chose the best ones that had been given in over the five days. I wanted to be in Eco Committee because I care about the environment and I would like to stop people polluting. In Eco Committee we talk about trying to get the Green Flag Award and how we can make the school more eco-friendly. We want to make people remember - **Reuse, Reduce, Recycle.**



## Art Club

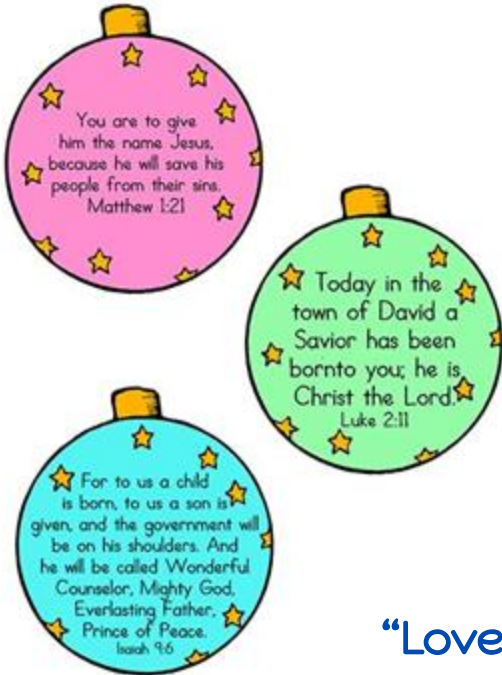
This half term, the children who attended Art Club have been studying the illustrations from the book **Frindleswyld** by Natalia O'Hara and trying out the style themselves.



Several of the club shared that they really enjoyed learning different styles of drawing and that the trickiest thing so far was attempting a polar bear because the feet were hard to get right!



# Child Chaplaincy at Manor Park



“Love for God,  
Love for Each Other,  
Love for Learning”



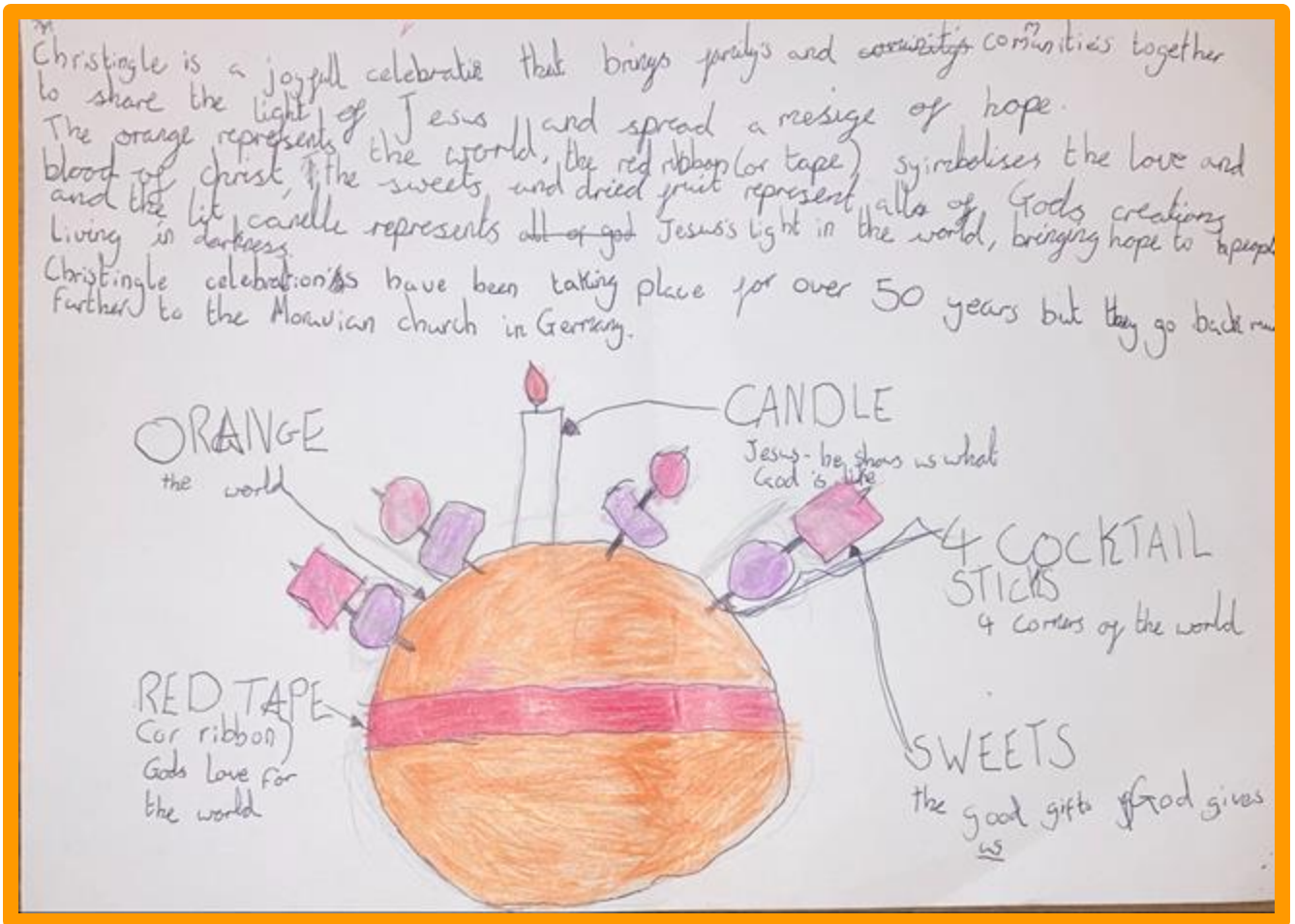
At Christmas, while many people are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, others find it a difficult time for many reasons. St George's church have support available every week with their community larder which anyone needing help can access. This truly is showing love for each other in the wonderful Dorchester community.

Love is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up. Love never stops loving.



# Child Chaplaincy at Manor Park

## Faith, a Year Four member of Child Chaplaincy, beautifully explains the tradition of Christingle.



“Love for God,  
Love for Each Other,  
Love for Learning”



# Sports Leaders



Our Sports Leaders have been sharing what they like about their very important roles



I like being a sports leader because...



...I like learning new games - Theo

...I like teaching kids PE and watching them smile! - Abigail



...I love doing sports and I am teaching people new games as well as sports - Emily

...it's lots of fun and I'm helping people - Jess



...I like helping and making people happy - Kaci

...I like lots of sports and helping people, as well as teaching people new games - Edith



...I like helping younger kids - Delilah



# Sports Leaders



## Qualities of a Sports Leader...

Responsible    Active    Athletic    Cheerful  
 Energetic    Happy    Caring    Sporty  
 Supportive    Respectful    Helpful    Kind  
 Superstars    Amazing    Resilient

## What would you change as a Sports Leader?

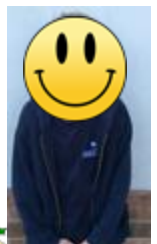
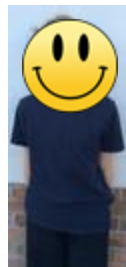
Introduce different games like tennis

Make sure everyone with any disability can join in

Have more clubs with different sports as well as games

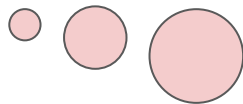
There should be more sports clubs and there should be no winners or losers

Have more PE days so we can all be more athletic and healthier

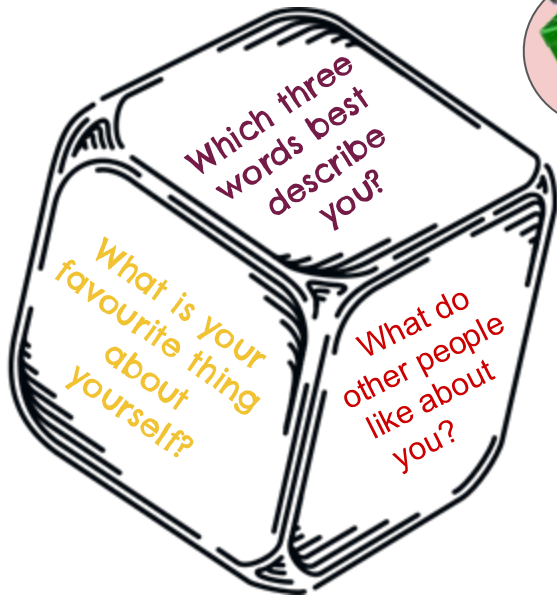




# Something to talk about



What do you think *feels* better - watching someone open a present that they love, or you opening a present that you love?



Share your answers on the dice with someone. Do you think they will agree?

## How many words can you find in Gingerbread?

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# Parents' Page



# STIKINS®

Please don't forget that any unwanted clothing, shoes, bed linen, bags, hats, scarves and gloves can be donated to our Astra bank outside the Year 4 entrance. Not only does it help people who are in need of these items, but Manor Park receive money for every kilo donated!



If you need any name labels for your child's clothing please remember that the school earns 30% commission on every order through Stikins. Manor Park's fundraising number is 12841 Thank you to everyone who has placed an order.  
[www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk)

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## Fundraising news

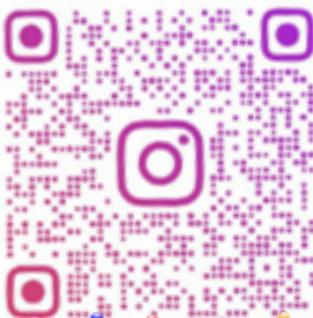


Buds at Manor Park have enjoyed putting on their first few fundraising events for the school and are already busy planning the next one. In February we have a quiz night planned for all the family, which we hope you will join us for, You never know, you could really show off your general knowledge skills and beat the teachers! Look out for more details in the new year.  
[Buds@manorpark.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:Buds@manorpark.dorset.sch.uk)



Buds ManorPark

PTA of Manor Park First School



We raised £1052!

Thank you for your support!




# 'Twas the night before Christmas...

One upon a time there was two little children and they were very excited, excited for Christmas. They loved Christmas because they like the presents. They were very excited for Christmas day! This was their favorite time of year because you get your stockings filled up! It was finally ~~it~~ ~~as~~ Christmas and in the morning they saw the stockings were full of presents! The End



# What's on near us?




MUSIC AT ST PETER'S  
Dorchester

Todd: My Lord has come  
Schubert: Mass in G  
Adam: O holy night

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December, 11.30pm

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Choral Midnight Mass





MEET SANTA

DAILY 10AM - 7PM

NOV 23RD - DEC 22ND

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★ PRESENT FOR EACH CHILD

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Every weekend at Kingston Maurward, from Saturday 30th November 2024, families are invited to experience the magic, music, and mistletoe in a theatrical extravaganza featuring the North Pole Elves. This extraordinary event promises to be an unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages.

An enchanting new Santa experience



KINGSTON CHRISTMAS

Kingston Maurward  
Christmas 2024

Carols in the Gardens



Thursday 19th December from 6:30pm:  
A **free** carol concert in **Borough Gardens**, where you can enjoy live music and sing along to classic Christmas carols. Carol books will be provided, so everyone can take part. Mulled wine and snacks will be available to purchase..





# From the Socials...



Anti-Bullying Week:  
Odd Socks Day



Pre-school: Children  
In Need Day



Reception children  
made a wreath for  
Remembrance Day.



Year 2 made the  
chassis for their  
moving vehicle



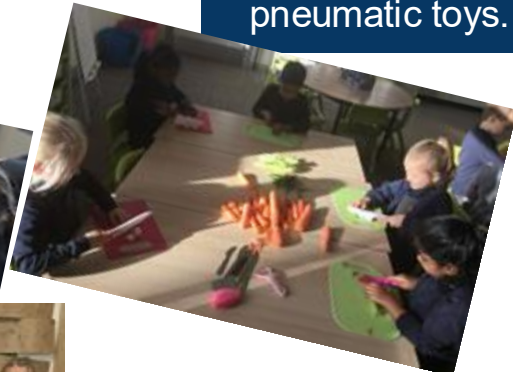
Axolotls In  
drawing club



Year 3 made  
pneumatic toys.



Year 2 Pirate  
Day



Year 1 made Pip and  
Pap some fruit kebabs



Year 3  
Tag  
Rugby  
Festival



Year 4  
Roman trip  
in our local  
area



Follow Manor Park First School on **Facebook** and **Instagram** to keep up-to-date with all the fantastic things we are learning in school.

Year 1: The  
Day the  
Crayons Quit



Year 4 revived the Reflection Area



From the Socials...

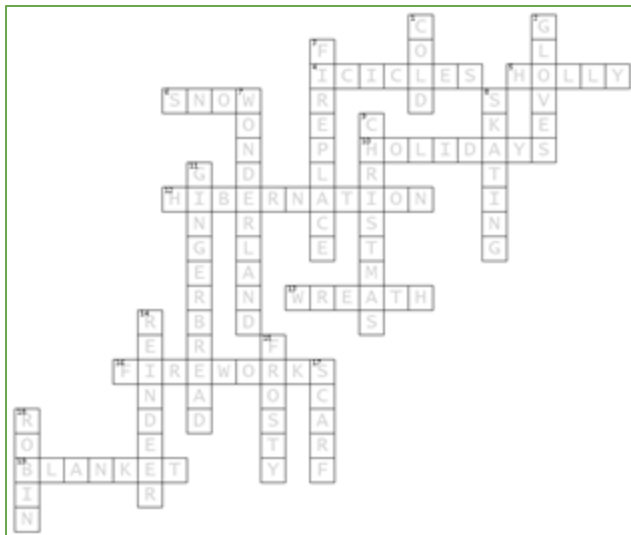


# Answers



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Christmas puddings



## Christmas Anagrams

Rentpess = Presents

Niorb = Robin

Rathwe = Wreath

Legan = Angel

Reindeer

Rete = Tree

Lasvebb = Baubles

Veels = Elves

Eglish = Sleigh

Denirere =

Loudrhp =

Spot the difference page...

Rudolph  
Ronth Lope = North Pole

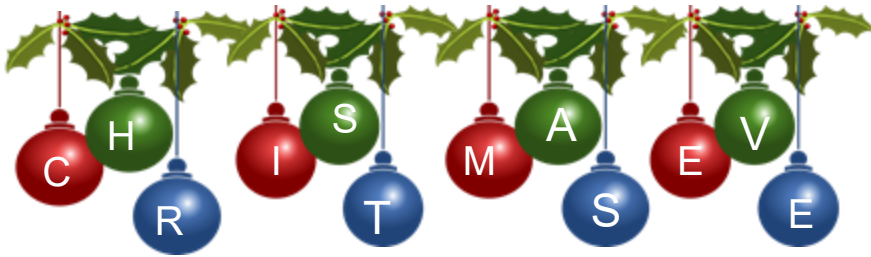
- Star on the train
- Snowman in front of train
- Sausage dog
- Gonk holding hands
- Elf by Santa
- Penguin by the carol singers
- Christmas pudding on the stall
- Reindeer by nativity scene
- Mouse skiing
- Robin of roof of train
- Elf on house roof
- Gingerbread man on the stall roof
- Candy cane under arch
- Angel at back stall
- Girl elf by the back stall

Raebirdnegg = Gingerbread



# Answers

## Christmas Mix Up!



## Christmas Movies



1  
Arthur Christmas



2  
The Snowman and the Snowdog



3  
Nativity!



4  
A Muppet's Christmas Carol



5  
The Snowman and the Snowdog



6  
Home Alone



7  
The Grinch Who Stole Christmas



8  
The Polar Express



9  
The Polar Express



10  
Elf



11  
The Snowman



12  
The Christmas Chronicles



Thank you for reading The Super Star Issue 4.  
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!

