

MERRY  
XMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!!

# CHRISTMAS TIME!



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Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year everybody! This is the Xmas edition of our school

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All classes have contributed to the creation of it. So, let's share the spirit and joy of this festive season! Have Fun everyone!



While Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the actual date of the big event is lost in history. There's no mention of



December 25 in the Bible. The date chosen, coincided with the pagan festival of Saturnalia, with celebrating and gift-giving.  
P.Pantelidis, G.Xovrios-C2

The tallest Christmas tree ever displayed was in Seattle, Washington and it measured 67 m. tall.  
V.Paplomata, E.Moraiti -C2

The tradition of the Xmas tree goes back to the ancient Egyptians and Romans, who decorated the houses using evergreens during winter to signify that spring would return. N.Bougetsas, N.Nikolopoulos-C2



The biggest Christmas gift ever was sent in 1865 and it was the famous Statue of Liberty in New York. It was donated by the French people to the Americans. V.Pappa, K.Mamli -C2



Jingle Bells was the first song to be played in space. During the Gemini 6A space flight, it was broadcast from the astronauts to those down below. V.Paplomata, E.Moraiti -C2



### Christmas in Africa.

All the cities of Africa make the same Christmas tree of local bushes, wires or banana leaves and beautiful decoration.

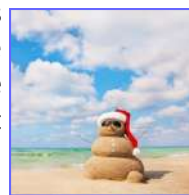


In Zaire, the Christians are mostly Catholics and go to church at midnight, in a happy and lively atmosphere. After the service, they sing and dance until morning. The next day, the Christmas dinner takes place at noon. It usually has chicken with rice and pepper. In Ghana, Xmas is celebrated with joy, songs and music, accompanied by traditional instruments. People play scenes from the Bible or plays referring to the African wildlife.  
P.Mahaira, A.Argyriou-A1/2

### Christmas in Australia

In Australia Christmas is different because it's in summer, so they spend a lot of time on the beach.

A Christmas Australian game is cricket. People enjoy playing it with friends and family members.



The Australians play cricket before, after or while preparing the main meal. The decoration is very important for Australians. It



brings joy and happiness to the family. The Xmas tree is decorated with candies. Australians

love to place decorations inside the house and garlands outside the door. The balconies are decorated with colorful lights. O. Dimou, E. Potouri-A1/2



## Christmas in Europe

### Vienna, Austria

Vienna is the magical Xmas town and home of Xmas markets in Europe. Many tourists travel to Vienna every Christmas. These trips often include high-quality dinners, concerts, and of course walks around the traditional Christmas markets.

### Rovaniemi, Lapland, Finland

Lapland's main city becomes a winter wonderland. Blanketed with white snow and illuminated by the spectacular northern lights, this magical place is home to Father Christmas himself, Santa Claus. **Tzira Renato, B3**



## Christmas in Finland

Christmas is a very important family celebration for Finns. Children count the days until Xmas day with their own Advent Calendar, in which they eat a small piece of chocolate or candy each day. Santa arrives on Christmas Eve, but in Finland he visits all year round as he lives in this country, in Rovaniemi, Lapland. In Finland he goes by the name of Joulupukki.

Finnish people go to the cemetery on Christmas Eve to place candles where their loved ones are laid to rest.

On New Year's Eve, it is traditional to watch an old comedy



called Dinner for One. Another strange custom of this night is to melt a petal and pour the melted material into a glass of water. The shape of the iron gives you an idea of what the new year will be like. After midnight, fireworks displays are common. **K.Demze, B2**

## Christmas in Spain

Xmas Eve dinner in Spain is a family ceremony. It is a very rich dinner with starters, main course, dessert and a variety of sweets, like the



mandolato and the macaroon. It is tradition that on that night the King of Spain issues a speech to all Spaniards, which is broadcast on television.

What's customary in Spain is to give gifts on Epiphany, but due to the influence of Anglo-Saxon culture, many families give presents on Xmas day. **K.Demze, B2**

## Christmas in Greece

Christmas in Greece is different from other western countries. There are a lot of regional traditions on top of the ones that are the same for everyone in Greece:



### Greek Xmas carols (Kalanta)

They are unique tunes with unique, old lyrics. They are sung every Christmas Eve by children, in groups or on their own. They are called "Kalanta" in Greek. Each Eve has its own different carols: one for Christmas Eve, one for New Year's Eve, and one for Epiphany's Eve.



### A boat or a tree for Christmas

The Christmas tree is a recent addition to Christmas decorations in Greece. What has been the traditional main decoration was the boat. The Christmas boat is a sailboat model with its sails usually wrapped up, decorated with festive lights, boughs of fir or pine, holly, and ribbons



### Kallikanjaroi

The *kallikanjaroi* are Christmas mischievous or even malicious spirits of Greek tradition. They are described as humanoid demons. **S.Rozanas, B3**



Some of the most traditional meals enjoyed during the Xmas holidays in **Europe** are:

Bûche de Noël, in France.

Roasted turkey with chestnuts and mince pies in Britain.

Lebkuchen cookies in Germany

Panettone in Italy.

Lussekatter buns in Sweden.

Vanocni Cukrovi cookies in Czech R.

Christopsomo in Greece.

Tzira Renato, B3



## Christmas in Asia

There are some Asian countries which have adopted Christmas as an official holiday, although they are not Christians. So, in big Asian cities you can see lavish Xmas decorations, hear Christmas carols or even meet Santa Claus. 'Westernized' Christmas is mainly celebrated in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Taiwan.



## Asian Festive Food:

Tangyuan. ...

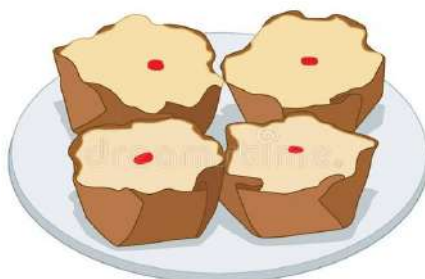
Hotpot (Mutton & ginger duck )

Fried Chicken. ...

Christmas Cake. ...

Dumplings. ...

Rice Cake (年糕 Nián Gāo)



## Christmas in China

Outside of Hong Kong and Macau, Christmas celebrations in China are private affairs between families and friends. Hotels that serve mostly Western visitors decorate and malls have special sales. For China, Christmas is just another working day, while everyone counts down to, the Chinese New Year holiday in January or February. A. Karanasiou, B1



## Christmas in Japan

Although less than 1% of Japanese people are Christians, Xmas holiday is still observed. Gift exchanges take place between couples and companies. Business offices are decorated for the occasion. Christmas-themed parties often lead up to the big Shogatsu celebration. On top of that, they also celebrate the emperor's birthday on December 23 in Japan.

A. Karanasiou, B1

# Xmas Recipes

## Recipe from N. America

### Fluffy pancakes

#### INGREDIENTS

135g plain flour, 1tsp baking powder, half a tsp salt 2 tbsp caster sugar, 30 ml milk, 1 egg lightly beaten, 2 tbsp melted butter or olive oil

#### METHOD

1. Sift the flour, baking powder, salt and caster sugar.
2. Whisk lightly the milk and the egg together and add in the melted butter
3. Pour the milk mixture into the flour mixture.
4. Beat the mixture until you have a smooth batter. Let it stand for a few minutes.
5. Heat a non-stick frying pan and add a little butter.
6. Add a ladle (or two) of the batter into the pan.
7. When the top of the pancake begins to bubble, turn it over and cook until both sides are golden brown.
8. Repeat until the batter is used up.
9. Serve with maple syrup and extra butter if you like.



## Recipe from Africa

### Christmas Chicken

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 chicken, skinned and chopped into 8 pieces
- 2 tsp salt
- ½ tsp ground black pepper
- 1 tsp white pepper
- 5 tbsp groundnut oil
- 1 Scotch bonnet pepper
- 4 small onions
- 3 cloves of garlic
- 2 heaped tbsp tomato purée
- 125g homemade groundnut butter, or smooth peanut butter
- 500ml chicken stock



## METHOD

- Place the chicken pieces into a large bowl, add the salt, black pepper and white pepper, and mix well.
- In a wide frying pan, fry the chicken with 3 tablespoons of olive oil on a medium heat.
- Add the Scotch bonnet pepper to the pan.
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- Add the tomato purée and the remaining garlic. Mix well and cook for 5 minutes, then add the groundnut butter and stir.
- Put the browned chicken back into the pan and add the stock
- Leave to cook on a low heat for 25 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Anna Lenta, Erica Konitsa, A1

## Recipe from Australia

### Xmas Pavlova

#### INGREDIENTS

##### For the meringue

- 4 egg whites
- 250g caster sugar
- 1 tsp white wine vinegar
- 1 tsp corn flour
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

##### For the topping

- 500g halved strawberries
- 200g redcurrants
- 3 tbsp icing sugar
- 350ml double cream

#### METHOD

- 1.Heat oven to 150C fan.
- 2.With a pencil, mark out the shape of a dinner plate on baking parchment.
- 3.Whisk 4 egg whites with a hand mixer until stiff , then whisk in 250g caster sugar, until the meringue looks glossy.
- 4.Whisk in 1 tsp white wine vinegar, 1 tsp cornflour and 1 tsp vanilla extract.
- 5.Spread the meringue inside the circle, creating a crater by making the sides a little higher than the middle.



6. Bake for 1 hr, then turn off the heat and let the Pavlova cool.
7. When the meringue is cool, chop 100g of the strawberries. Mix them with 100g of the redcurrants and 2 tbsp icing sugar.
8. Place in a food processor, blitz until smooth, then push the fruit mixture through a sieve.
9. Whip 350ml double cream with the remaining 1 tbsp icing sugar and spread it over the meringue. Put the remaining 400g hulled and halved strawberries and 100g redcurrants on the cream and finally pour the sauce over the whole lot.

V. Kontou, D.Kontos, A1



1. What do snowmen eat for lunch? **Ice dogs!**
2. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?  
**Frosted Flakes or Ice Crisps!**
3. How do you help someone who has lost their Christmas spirit?  
**Nurse them back to elf!**
4. What's the difference between Ryanair and Santa?  
**Santa flies at least once a year!**
5. How does Santa take photos?  
**With a pole-roid camera!**
6. What kind of bike does Santa Claus ride? **A Holly davidson!**
7. What is a Christmas tree's favourite candy? **Or na-mints!**



8. Where do you keep a Christmas tree? **Between Christmas two and Christmas four!**

9. How did Scrooge win the football game? **The ghost of Christmas passed!**

A.Poulos- I.Karadimitriou- F.Kefalas- K.Ioannou, B1/2



## Christmas poems:

### Remember the Reindeer

Hang up the stockings.  
Decorate the tree.  
Presents placed perfectly.  
What a sight to see!  
Milk and cookies are out,  
Kids are tucked in tight.  
There's so much to do  
On Christmas Eve night!  
Before you take a snooze  
And dream of the next day,  
Don't forget some food  
For the friends who pull the sleigh!  
You see, reindeer need snacks, too  
A little love and fun  
To help Santa through the night,  
And get the important job done!  
By : Anonymous

### A Chubby Little Snowman

A chubby little snowman  
Had a carrot nose.  
Along came a bunny,  
And what do you suppose?  
That hungry little bunny  
Looking for some lunch,  
Grabbed that snowman's nose,  
Nibble, nibble, crunch!  
By : Anonymous



### Christmas Stars

The golden Xmas stars shine down  
With a cheerful Christmas glow,  
And twinkle a Yuletide message  
To the busy world below;  
They tell of the peace and good will  
The Christmas time brings to earth,  
The peace and good will all should feel  
At this season of joy and mirth.  
By: Marie Irish





## Christmas songs:

We all enjoy singing along Xmas songs, which are superb melodies. Here's a list of the most famous Xmas songs around the world:

Last Christmas  
We wish You a Merry Xmas  
Christmas Tree  
Rudolf  
Silent night  
Jingle bells  
Feliz Navidad  
The twelve days of Xmas  
Deck the halls  
The little drummer boy  
All I want for Christmas  
....and many more!  
Mylona Panagiota , C3



## The lyrics of Silent night

Silent night, holly night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and  
Child Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holly night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Christ, the Saviour is born

Silent night, holly night  
Son of God, loves pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holly face  
With the down of reedeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth  
Mastrapas George , B2



## Famous Xmas Paintings

### A Winter Scene with Skaters



A Winter Scene with Skaters near a Castle is an oil-on-oak painting undertaken between 1608 and 1609 by the Dutch artist **Hendrick Avercamp**. **Nativity at Night**



The Nativity at Night is an Early Dutch painting of about 1490 by **Geertgen tot Sint Jans**.

### The adoration of the Magi



The Adoration of the Magi is a painting by **Albrecht Dürer** (1471-1528). It is considered one of his best and most important works.  
Nektarios Govaris-C1



1. We come with a lot of colours, so lovely and bright. We turn so many houses into a beautiful sight. What are we ?
2. Open me every day. Behind each of the doors, you will discover a tasty treat. What am I ?
3. I have a skirt around my bottom. On top of me a star shines. What am I ?
4. Rip this off quickly so it can no longer hide your precious gift that's inside. What is it ?
5. Santa Claus rides on it as he gives out gifts. Nine reindeer carry it. What is it ?
6. We traveled from the East, following a bright star, bringing gifts to the newborn King. Who are we ?
7. What do you call a disrespectful reindeer?
8. If a lion had a Christmas music album, what would it be called?
9. What is it that you can catch easily but cannot throw?
10. Which winter sport do trees participate in?

K.Adam-J.Papai-A.Lapousi-D.Domouzis-  
Ch.Balokas, B1/B2

(The solutions on the last page)



# Students write about Xmas

## Why Christmas is special to me

Christmas is special to me because every Xmas I get the best presents and have the best time with my family. Also, my cousins come to Greece from Germany and we have a lot of fun!  
I. Stathis C3

For me, Christmas is special because it's in the winter, which is my favourite season of the year. On Christmas day, my family and relatives have a family dinner with a lot of food. Last but not least, my favourite part of Christmas is when we decorate the house and set up the Christmas tree.

T. Argyriou C1

Christmas is one of my favourite seasons. I love it when I'm inside the house with my hot chocolate and outside it snows. Also, I love decorating the tree with balls and Christmas lights. I also love Christmas because I go out with my friends and we sing the carols. But my favourite part is the family dinner. I love Christmas and I look forward to it!!

Z. Strifti C3

Christmas is one of my favourite seasons of the year. I love it when we decorate the Christmas tree with colourful balls and my house is full of light!



Furthermore, I love the sense when I go out and the city is decorated. Every Christmas, my family and I sit by the fireplace and watch a Christmas movie. I'm looking forward to Christmas!!  
. Kati C1

Christmas is special to me because I get a lot of presents and go to different places for holidays. We decorate the Christmas tree and go skiing to Mt. Parnassos with my family.  
P. N. Panouggias C3

Christmas is a special and favourite season to me because the whole world celebrates. We decorate the house, bake cookies and turkey. All people's vibes are positive and happy feeling is in the air. The decorated houses look incredible with the lights and decorations that make our town shine!!  
I. Athanasiadi C1



## My town at Christmas

At Christmas, my town Livadia is decorated with a lot of Christmas ornaments. In the central square there is an ice rink for the children to play. The cafes in the streets serve Christmas food and hot drinks.  
S. Argyriou C1

## The best Xmas present for me

When I was 4, I couldn't pronounce the letter "r". It was Christmas and we were sitting in my grandma's living-room when my uncle told us that he was going to buy presents for all his nieces and nephews. I asked him full of agony: "Uncle Nick, even for kids who cannot pronounce some letters? My uncle said :



"YES!" and everyone started laughing... This was the best Christmas present for me !!  
I. Velaora C1

## My feelings about Xmas

I'm thankful, happy and excited for being able to celebrate Xmas every year. Every Xmas I throw a big party for my name day with all my friends invited. We eat, dance, sing and play board games. Xmas is a special day for Greece and the entire Christian world!  
Ch. Vasilias C1

## Celebrating Xmas

Every year I can't wait to celebrate Christmas. Christmas is a religious celebration honouring the birth of Jesus, a great day for a lot of countries. Christmas also means love for the others, offering presents to your family, friends and the poor people who are in need. On Christmas day everyone is happy, forgetting their problems and offering help and love to their beloved persons.  
E. Varela C1

Every year, my family and I celebrate Christmas in Athens. We all gather at my aunt's house. She makes delicious food, we play board games, listen to Xmas songs, give gifts to each other and watch old family videos. We miss the old times when we celebrated Christmas with my beloved late grandfather!  
E. Kosmidi C3

Christmas is my favourite celebration. I love decorating my house or making Christmas cookies. This spirit brings peace and happiness. I also enjoy watching Christmas movies with my family or friends. I love this time of the year, especially when I am with my beloved ones.  
E. Darla C1



### My favourite holidays

Christmas holiday is my favourite time of the year. I like spending time with my family and friends. I love having baking dates or sleepovers with my friends. I also like organizing movie nights with my family and playing board games with my pals! P. Statha C3

### My favourite family Xmas tradition

My favourite family Christmas tradition is when we all gather in a house for the New Year's Eve night, cut the pudding and exchange gifts. I love this family tradition, as we open our gifts all together, listen to Xmas songs and have fun! Th. Vogiatzi, C1



### A Xmas gift to the world

If I could give a Xmas gift to the world, it would be LOVE. We should love the people surrounding us and stop talking negatively about someone who is different from us. Love is a precious feeling that everyone should experience. So, if I had the chance I would offer love as a Xmas gift to everyone M. Gikopoulou C1



I believe that the world needs kindness and more people who care. Nowadays, many people don't care about problems of the earth or problems that poor people face. Some humans are very selfish, they only care about having fun and don't see that society has more serious problems than they think. If I could give a gift to the world, it would be making them more aware, so they help our society improve.

P. Samartzi, B3



If I could give a Xmas gift to the world, that would be help for all people on the planet and best wishes for the best Xmas ever! E. Agniadi, C1

It is known that our world is being rapidly destroyed by environmental issues. This is because of mankind, who don't care. So, if I could give a Xmas gift to the world, it would be kindness to everything and everybody in order that we save our planet and ourselves. E. Sfyri, C3

If I could somehow give the world a gift, it would be happiness and hope to everyone. This looks impossible but it would be great if it was possible. I believe that happiness is more important than money, because happiness can't be bought. All in all, in my opinion the world must be happy rather than rich. O. Tsabis, B3

If I had the opportunity to give a Xmas gift to the world, it would be food to the people who have not got money to buy some. I'd also like to give people some happiness, because there are so many bad things going on and people are scared and sad. D.Topali, B3

If I could give a gift to the world, I would want it to be peace. I'm writing this due to the things that are currently happening worldwide. It's sad to see people's lives being taken or ruined for no reason. That's why I've chosen peace. M.Stanka, B3

The world is suffering right now. Earthquakes, tsunamis, illness and injured people. A lot of people haven't got food and water. So, the gift that I would give to the world, is good health. I think, health can help people enjoy the gift that God has given them. Their life. M.Rendoumis, B3



### What would life be without Xmas ?

I've thought of this question lots of times and I always feel miserable only by thinking of a world without Xmas. Xmas is on a very beautiful part of the year, as most of the times it snows outside and without Xmas holidays we wouldn't be able to have fun with it. Also, we wouldn't eat all the delicious Xmas cakes and we wouldn't see our town decorated. So, in conclusion, a world without Christmas would be a nightmare! N.Tsaprounis, B3

It would be very sad. Kids wouldn't get gifts, the houses wouldn't be decorated. Schools would stay open, so I think no one wants a life without Christmas! G. Spyridonos, B3

Xmas is to rest and calm. Life would be boring and the same every day. I firmly believe that every celebration is necessary. In celebrations all the families get together. I personally meet my grandparents and cousins who I can't see very often. V. Statha, B3

Life without Xmas would be boring and tiring. I think that we must celebrate Xmas and the New Year and keep the traditions. We must have holidays because we would be too bored without them. G. Lazarou, B3

Every year, all people around the world celebrate Xmas and do lots of cool things. You can spend more time with your parents, because they can have a couple of days off of their hard work. You can play with the snow, you can eat traditional food. If there was no Xmas, all the people would be working, kids would have to go to school and they wouldn't be able to play because of having to do homework. K.Moskofidis, B3





Christmas holiday is necessary , because the kids have a pause of school and all the people stop working for a couple of days. You celebrate with your loved ones and go out with friends whenever you want. You can also eat everything you want! **N.Tzamtzi, B3**

### Carols



Carols are a religious tradition. In the morning of Xmas Eve and New Year's Eve, all the kids in Greece go to the houses of their neighbourhood, sing the carols and get money and sweets. **A.Tzira, B3**



### This Christmas I hope...

...I get a lot of presents  
 ...I spend time with my family  
 ...it snows **M. Tasoulas C3**

...everyone has good health and can be happy.  
 ...all houses, rich and poor, have warmth and food  
 ...all children get presents and spend time with their parents.

**F. Arvaniti C1**

.... I can help someone spend it the way they want.  
 .... my grandmother can walk again like the old days.  
 ... everything is peaceful and everyone happy. **Th. Cheinoporou C3**

... I get a new expensive bike  
 ... I go on a trip to Paris  
 ... all homeless people find their own home. **A. Poulos C3**



### A letter to Santa

Dear Santa,

This year I have been a good and easy going kid and I think I deserve to receive the present I want. This year I would only like only one gift: let my family and the whole world have beautiful Christmas!  
**Ap. Nakos C3**

Dear Santa,  
 Last year was amazing!  
 I thought a lot,  
 I made new friends, I spent time with my family and learnt new things. This year I don't want you to bring me anything special. Just keep the love that my beloved people are giving to me!  
**A. Karouzou C1**



Dear Santa

This year I've thought of wishing something different. You see, I have a pet bunny named Inka. She's almost 2 yrs old and she's like a best friend to me. Nevertheless, recently she seems a little sad and I thought to myself "Maybe it's because she feels lonely"...she eats and she's healthy but her mood doesn't seem to be the best. So, this year I'd like you to bring me another bunny, close to her age. It doesn't matter if it's a male or a female, I just want Inka to be happy again. Maybe having company in her cage will help. Thank you in advance!  
**H. Karvouni, B3**



Dear Santa

This Christmas I would like you to stop the war and bring peace to all the people. I also wish all the people have the medical care they need. Please, give all the kids of the world food and home. That's all I want for this Xmas! Have I asked you too much? I 'm sure you can do it!!  
**L.Topalis, B3**



### Imagine you are an old person who lives in a retirement home and Christmas holidays are coming. What are your feelings?

'Christmas holidays are coming and I live in a retirement home alone. As I am alone and I don't have anyone to spend the Christmas holidays with, I am very sad and I don't want to be alone on such a special day. I decided to phone my friends, my kids but nobody could come and visit me. I am thinking about the years that I was with my family, I was young and I could take care of everyone...but I don't have anyone to be with me these days...'  
**Panagiota Mylona- C2**



'Christmas holidays are coming . I live in a nursing home because I am old. I am really happy that Christmas is coming, but I would rather be home with my family; but it's ok because my family visits me every day and they bring me gifts and they see the happiness in my eyes. I feel nice that I have a family that loves me so much.'  
**Vivian Kommata-C3**

'Another Christmas holiday is coming and the people are happy with their families. They celebrate all together, they eat turkey, the children are playing, they have a great time with their cousins and grandparents or their siblings. They exchange gifts, they put presents under the tree and they feel warm near the fireplace. But I cannot celebrate Christmas because I am at a rest home, without my family. It is cold in this house, I eat alone and I miss my family. I don't have friends here. I hope all the families will be together at Christmas holidays and feel happy.  
**Nektarios Govaris-C1**

Imagine you are a student who visits the retirement house on Christmas Eve singing carols with the school choir and giving presents to the old people.

'On Christmas Eve me and my classmates visit the retirement home of our town. We sing the Christmas carols and we give them presents such as socks and melo-makarona. We sit in the living room and talk with them. They open their hearts and remember things they did all together when they were young. They tell us stories from the past but the sad part is that they tell us how lonely they are in this house without their families...'



'Every time I arrive in a retirement house I feel so sad for the grandfathers and grandmothers, they are so lonely at Christmas holidays. When we sing songs I see that they do not smile. When we give them some presents, they say thank you. I feel so happy for this. I think that they want their families.'



'Every Christmas I go to the retirement house with my school and we give presents to the people who live there. We also sing songs and make them happy. I feel very sad for these people because they are not with their families and they feel lonely...'



Pictures provided by the students of A3 clas: G.Karanasios, G.Dimitriou, D.Kyriazis.



**Xmas decorations**

In pure Xmas mood, our students decorated our school! Its entrance hall, the teachers' office and the classrooms. See photos below:





### Xmas songs during breaks

Students and school staff are getting more and more into Christmas mood daily by listening to Xmas songs during the breaks. This is adding greatly to our anticipation for the coming of the great celebration!

### Xmas visit to Εστία Μητέρα

B1 class has been rehearsing Xmas and New Year's carols, preparing for a visit to our city's old people's nursing home "Εστία Μητέρα". The visit has been scheduled for the last week before Xmas. The students will sing carols from all over Greece, will talk with the old grandmas and give them Xmas sweets and handmade cards. We hope this will bring joy and Xmas hope to the elderly ladies hosted in this institution.

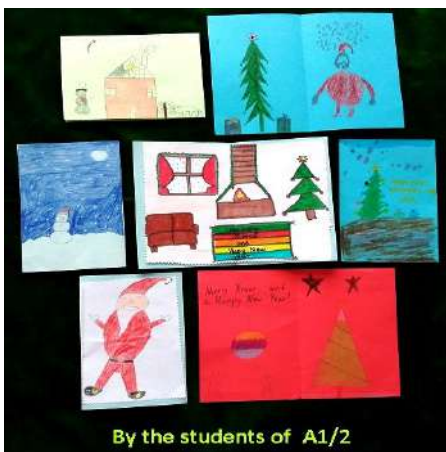


## Xmas cards to teachers

Some classes have created beautiful Xmas cards which they are going to give to their teachers just before Xmas.



By the students of A1/2



By the students of A1/2



By the students of A3

## Xmas card exchange

Other classes have made Xmas cards which were exchanged with students from other European countries. This activity was done through the E-twinning platform and the countries we have exchanged cards with are Spain and Poland.



Xmas cards exchange with Spain  
By the students of B1/2



By the students of C2 and A3.  
Xmas cards exchange with Spain.



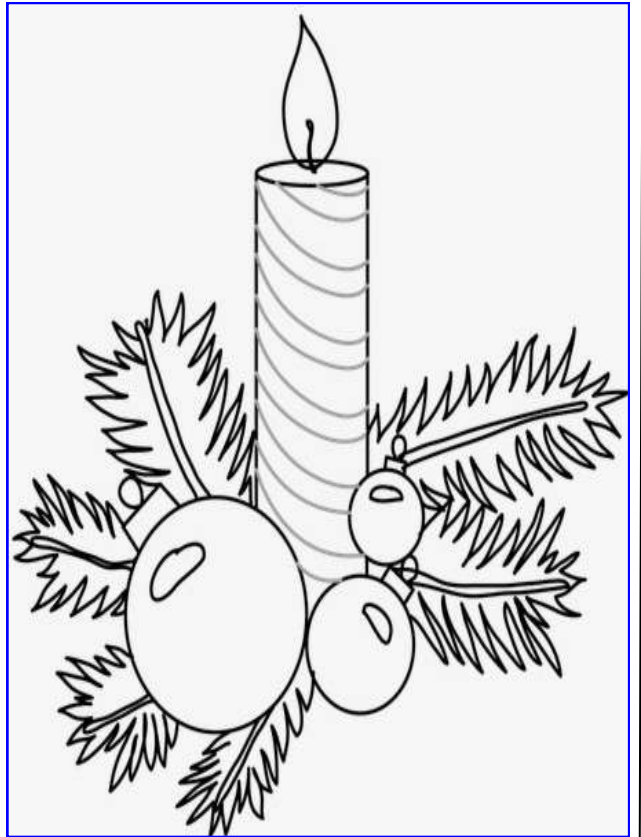
# CHRISTMAS PUZZLES

Try to solve these Xmas puzzles. Have fun !

## Christmas Crossword

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the puzzle, using the pictures as clues.

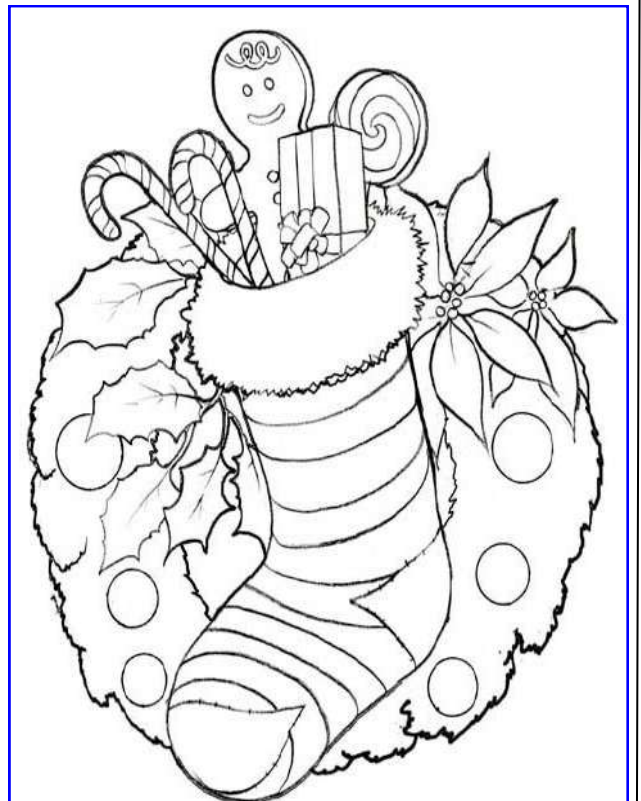
## Time for Christmas Drawing!



## Christmas Wordsearch

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k	c	v	l	t	g	s	z	z	f	b	r	l	g	w

christmas      reindeer  
 december      santa  
 elf              snow  
 holly            stocking  
 northpole      tree  
 presents



# Christmas fun

Match the words to the correct pictures to complete the crossword. Then find a secret message.

- bells
- candle
- candy cane
- card
- chimney
- Christmas tree
- elf
- gingerbread
- holly
- letter
- lights
- ornaments
- presents
- reindeer
- Santa Claus
- sleigh
- snowman
- stocking
- wreath



The secret message is \_\_\_\_\_ lead home.





WE WISH YOU A

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

