



INTRODUCTION

Message From Our Manager

Winter is always a magical time here at St Margaret's Care Home, and this year will be no exception! Over the next few weeks, we're embracing the season with a flurry of heart-warming activities, community visits, and festive celebrations that promise to fill our home with joy, laughter, and connection.

This edition of our newsletter is packed with stories and highlights from recent months, along with a peek at the exciting events we have planned for December. It's been wonderful to see our residents getting involved, sharing smiles, and making cherished memories.

As we approach the end of 2025, I want to take a moment to thank our incredible residents, families, and staff. You are truly the heart and soul of St Margaret's. Your support, kindness, and sense of community make every day brighter, and it's a privilege to be part of such a caring home.

Here's to a joyful winter season - full of togetherness, good cheer, and a brilliant start to 2026!

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Best wishes,

Kate

Kate Martin
Home Manager

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Celebrating Princess Day

November began with a touch of sparkle as our residents celebrated Princess Day - a truly magical occasion filled with laughter, glitter, and creativity.

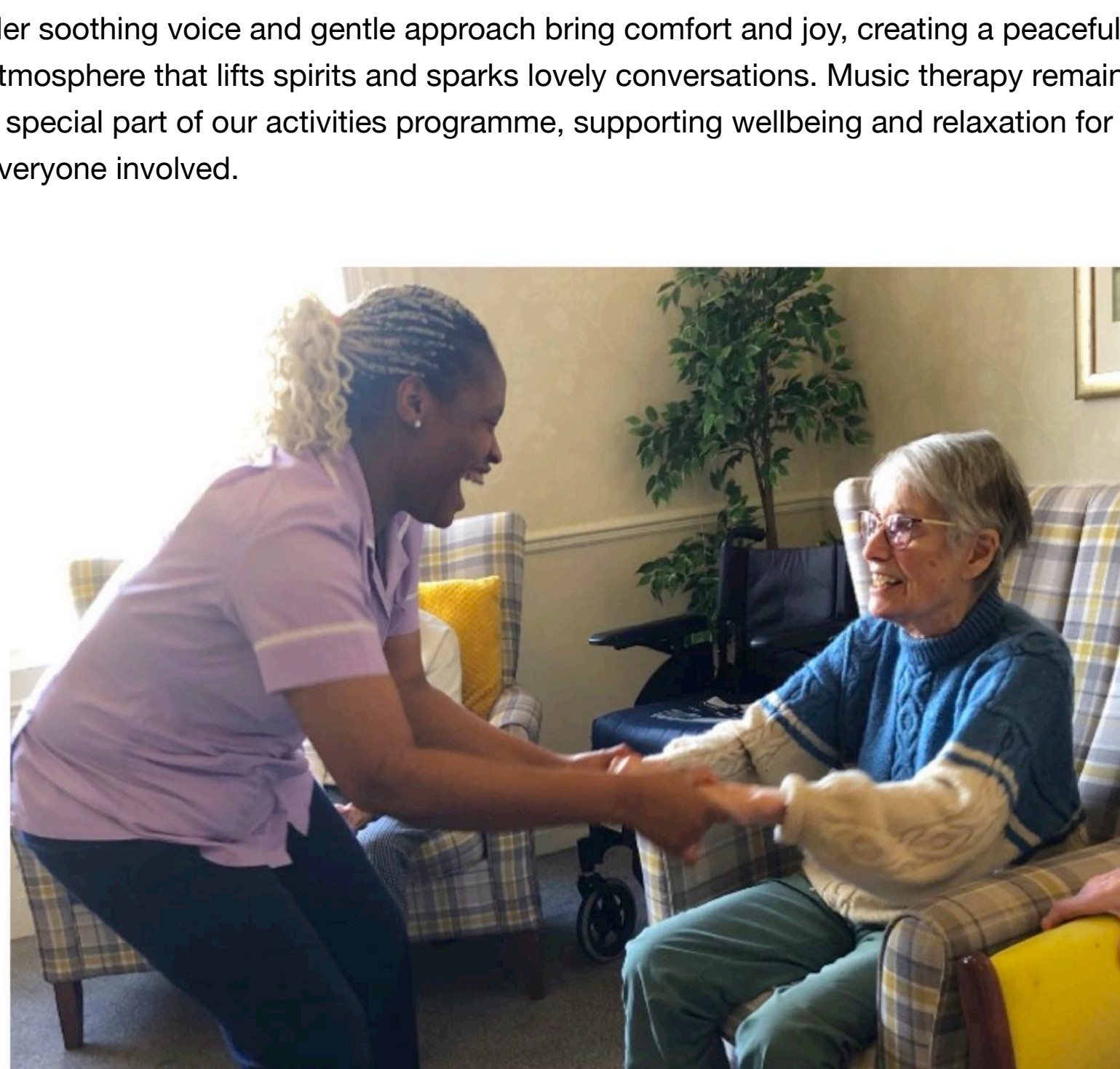
We started the day with a craft session, where residents designed and decorated their own beautiful tiaras and crowns. Later, everyone gathered for a cosy screening of Cinderella, complete with warm drinks and sweet treats. The lounge was full of smiles, storytelling, and light-hearted fun - a day fit for royalty!



Music Therapy with Alicia

Our much-loved music therapist, Alicia, returned for her regular monthly visits. Alicia has been coming to St Margaret's for over a year now, and her calming sessions are always something residents look forward to.

Her soothing voice and gentle approach bring comfort and joy, creating a peaceful atmosphere that lifts spirits and sparks lovely conversations. Music therapy remains a special part of our activities programme, supporting wellbeing and relaxation for everyone involved.



Intergenerational Joy – Library Book Bug Session

We were thrilled to welcome the little ones from St Margaret's Nursery, along with staff from our local library, for a special Book Bug session.

It was a delightful afternoon filled with stories, songs, and laughter as children and residents enjoyed reading together, clapping along to rhymes, and playing gentle games.

The joy in the room was infectious - it's always heartwarming to see how much our residents love interacting with the children, sharing smiles and stories across generations.



A Moment of Reflection – Remembrance Day Service

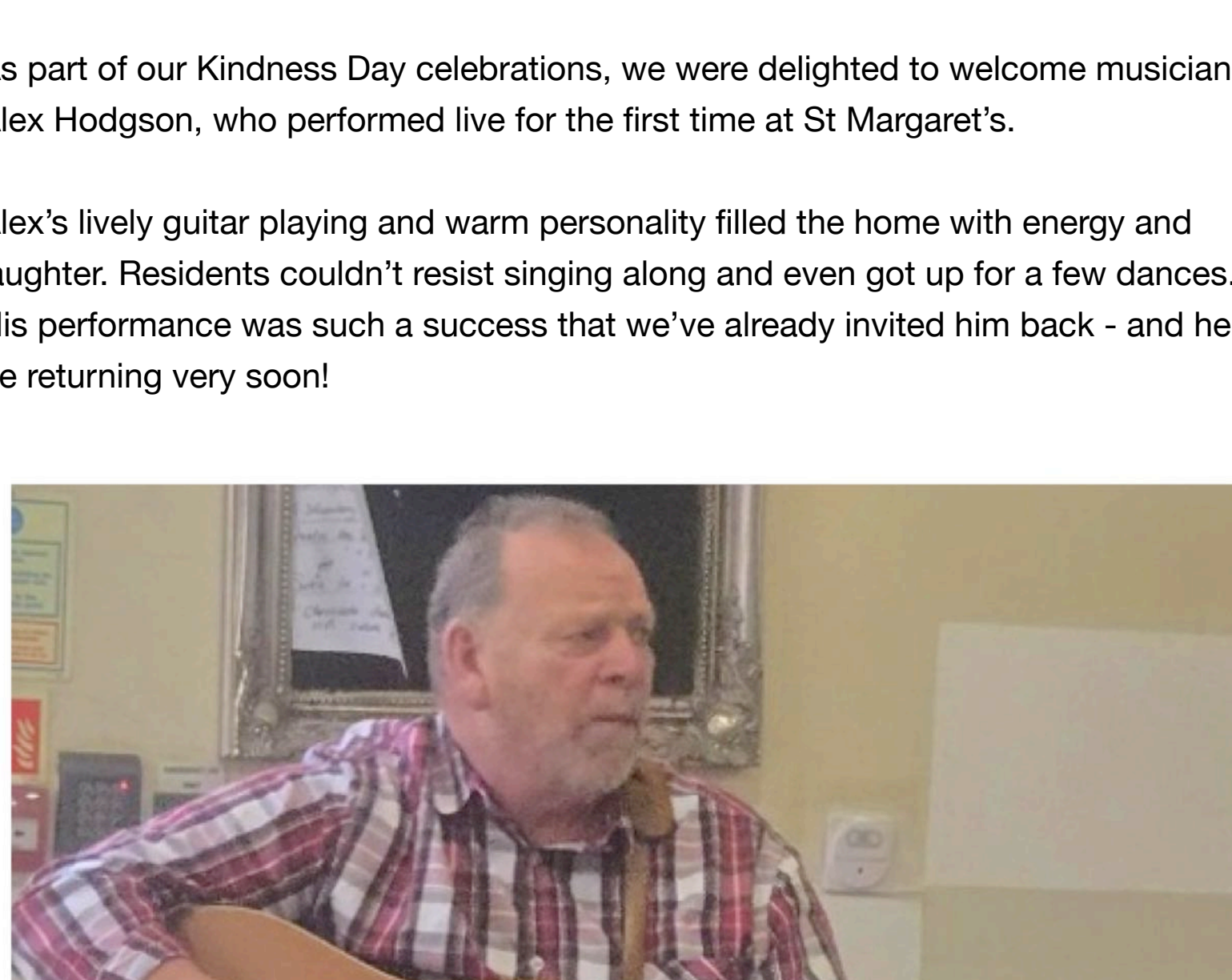
On Remembrance Day, we welcomed our local pastor to lead a poignant and respectful service.

Residents and staff gathered to reflect, share memories, and sing hymns in remembrance of those who served and sacrificed. The service was deeply moving, and many residents spoke afterwards about how special it felt to come together as a community to honour such an important day.

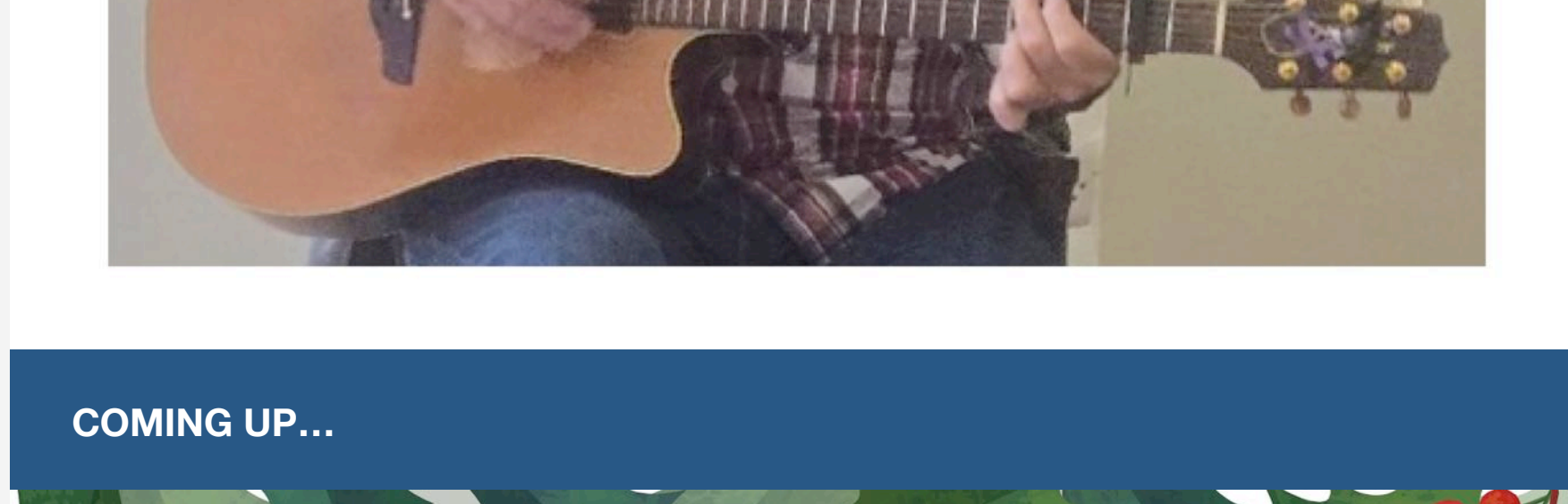
Kindness Day Performance by Alex Hodgson

As part of our Kindness Day celebrations, we were delighted to welcome musician Alex Hodgson, who performed live for the first time at St Margaret's.

Alex's lively guitar playing and warm personality filled the home with energy and laughter. Residents couldn't resist singing along and even got up for a few dances. His performance was such a success that we've already invited him back - and he'll be returning very soon!



COMING UP...



Dates in the Diary

December is shaping up to be a wonderfully festive month! Here's a look at what's in store for residents and families:

6th December – Pantomime: The Christmas Box

Back by popular demand, our pantomime performers are returning for another festive show! Last year's performance was a huge hit, and we can't wait for more laughter and music this time around.

7th December – House of Harmony Performance

A talented group of five ladies will perform a selection of Christmas carols and festive favourites. It promises to be a truly uplifting afternoon.

8th December – Back to the Future Day

We're taking a trip back in time with a screening of Back to the Future. Popcorn and snacks will, of course, be provided!

9th December – Musical Performance by Margo

We're thrilled to welcome Margo, a new musician joining us for her first performance at the home.

11th December – Cool Creatures Visit

Always a highlight! Residents will get to meet and interact with animals such as a meerkat, tortoise, armadillo, and even a snake. A fantastic hands-on experience for everyone who wants to join in.

13th December – National Cocoa Day

A cosy afternoon of hot chocolate with marshmallows, music, and good company - perfect for a winter's day.

17th December – Music Therapy with Alicia

Alicia returns for her final session of the year - always a relaxing and heartwarming experience.

19th December – Alex Hodgson Returns

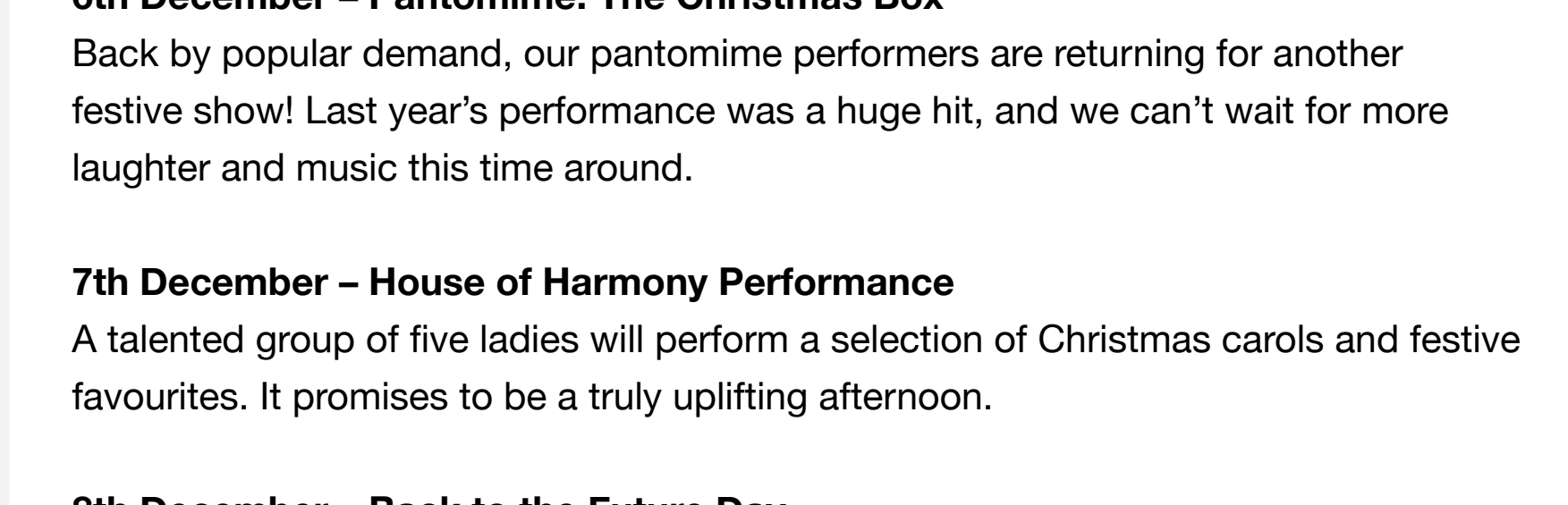
By popular demand, Alex is back! We can't wait for another afternoon of fun, music, and laughter.

23rd December – Mocktail Day

Residents will mix and enjoy festive mocktails made with fruit juice, soda, cherries, and cinnamon sticks - colourful, refreshing, and delicious!

25th December – Christmas Day Party

Our annual Christmas celebration will include live music from Catherine, one of our talented staff members. Her beautiful singing and guitar always bring joy to the home. It will be a day filled with music, food, laughter, and festive cheer!



NEWS & EVENTS

Welcoming Our New Team Members

We're delighted to introduce some wonderful new additions to our St Margaret's team:

- Mihai Costache and Andrew Jones – Maintenance Team
- Dayana Hasardzhieva – Registered Nurse
- Anna Kiss – Kitchen Assistant
- Ruwa Godwin – Care Assistant

A warm welcome to you all - we're so happy to have you as part of our St Margaret's family!

Family Meet & Greet

15th December

Families are warmly invited to join us for our Family Meet & Greet - a relaxed afternoon where relatives can meet each other, chat with team members, and share experiences. It's a lovely opportunity to strengthen the sense of community that makes St Margaret's so special.

Home Updates

Refurbishment Works

We're pleased to share that refurbishment has begun on our lounges. Both the Buchanan and Matthew Lounges are being given a fresh new look, supported by the team at DS Décor. We're excited to see the transformation and can't wait for residents to enjoy the updated spaces soon.

New Winter Menus

Our kitchen team have launched the new winter menus, which have been receiving fantastic feedback from residents. The dishes are warming, seasonal, and full of variety - perfect for the colder months.

A Final Word

It's been another busy, happy, and heart-warming time at St Margaret's recently. Thank you to our residents for your enthusiasm, to our families for your continued support, and to our wonderful staff team for your hard work and dedication.

As we prepare for the festivities ahead, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. May it be filled with love, laughter, and many more shared moments together.

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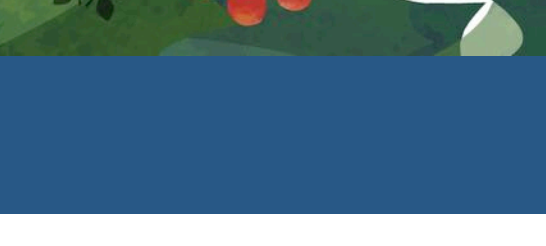
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