

Io Saturnalia!



As the days start to get longer and we look forward to spring, Upper 4 Latin have been remembering their celebration of light in the depths of winter, which the Romans marked with their winter festival of Saturnalia. They celebrated this festival in honour of Saturn, god of time and of the seasons, in December, and the date and many of the traditions of Christmas are drawn from it. The pupils made banners decorated with the traditional greeting of 'Io Saturnalia' and branches decorated very much like a Christmas tree to carry in our procession. They iced biscuits as gifts for their friends (and teachers) and then produced a fabulous entertainment: a Greek play, *The Trojan Women*, based on Euripides and ably adapted and produced by the Lower 6 drama class – huge thanks to Gabe and Faith for their skill and inspiration.

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