

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **GNR Shefford Brings the Magic of Christmas to Waterloo Elementary with Record-Breaking Traditional Christmas Lunch**

**Shefford, December 19th, 2025** – Yesterday, December 18th, Waterloo Elementary School hosted its Traditional Christmas Lunch, creating a truly memorable experience for over 300 students, families, volunteers, and staff. This year's event was the largest and most unifying in the past 30 years, reflecting the generosity and commitment of the local community and partners.

Thanks to the support of invaluable partners, including Centre des Viandes F. Iasenza, Boucherie Chez Vito, PA Supermarkets, and local farmer Paul Sauvé, every attendee enjoyed a festive and healthy meal. All food for the event was generously donated, ensuring that the Christmas spirit was shared to its fullest.

The holiday magic didn't stop at the table. Every family, teacher, and volunteer received a generously filled basket containing meat, vegetables, pasta, and sauce. Enough to nourish not just the body, but also the heart. This thoughtful gesture allowed families to bring the warmth and joy of the season home with them.

This event went far beyond a Christmas meal. It was about ensuring that every family in the community could experience the holidays with dignity, warmth, and abundance.

The Traditional Christmas Lunch continues to be a meaningful act of solidarity, highlighting the socio-economic challenges many families face while celebrating the power of community collaboration and goodwill.

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**EVENT VIDEO :** <https://1drv.ms/v/c/1437a14cf0d6f7be/IQAgQwDqT6w6SanY9c-CoSzaAUsgZlQy4k5oLY1LC6Rg328?e=exPbte>