

Players drop by

WYCOMBE Wanderers football stars brought plenty of Christmas cheer when they visited youngsters in hospital.

The fans were given a chance to meet their favourite Blues players when they made their bedside call at Wycombe General Hospital last Tuesday.

The Blues stars spent two-and-a-half hours with patients and signed autographs.

Ian Moorhouse, general services manager at the hospital, said the players were most popular in the children's ward.

"They signed a lot of posters and brought some sweets in," he said, adding: "They all really enjoyed it. It went really well."

The players paid another visit to the hospital on Friday to talk to cancer patients.



Players Simon Garner, Jason Cousins and David Farrell visit patient Steven Harvey

SCHOOLS are queuing up to take part in Wycombe Wanderers' Learning Through Football scheme.

The club are delighted because they hope to make contact with every child in the district.

Hundreds of children have already taken part in the project, which is sponsored by Midland Bank and the Bucks Free Press, which allows them to spend a day at Adams Park.

Jim Melvin, the club's youth development officer, says the scheme, which aims to combine parts of the national

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curriculum with the fun of football, is proving more and more popular.

"We have more schools now going through than ever before," he said.

"I think there are very few schools in the area that have not been involved at least once.

"What we are hoping is that within a very short space of time there won't be a child in the Wycombe area that has not been in contact with Wycombe Wanderers' community team."

Learning Through Football now runs two or three times a week because so many schools are keen to take part.

Pupils spend a day at the ground where they are given a tour and set different tasks. They are shown areas such as the police control box and the physiotherapy room, which they would not normally have a chance to go into.

The children are then asked to submit a project for a Learning Through Football competition.

Jim said a lot of entries have been sent to the club over the last few months and will be judged in the new year for a cash prize.