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A note from the Head...

A huge thank you to all of the children and families who joined us for our school led Mass on Sunday. I know that Sunday mornings can be busy with team sports and birthday celebrations, so thank you to all of those who were able to attend.



Next week marks the start of our Christmas celebrations. Advent bags will begin to be sent home, please ensure that they are returned the next day for another child to take home. There will be a little notebook within the bag, please add a picture, photograph and a prayer or little explanation about how you celebrated. If anything seems to be missing, please let me know.

As a child, a Christmas tradition I have never forgotten was the school Christmas post and the excitement of receiving a pile of Christmas cards at the end of each day.

From Friday 1st December, a post box will be located in the entrance hall. The children may post their written Christmas cards and the Y6 Ambassadors will sort and deliver the cards to each classroom during December. Please ensure that all envelopes show the name of the child and the year group, so that it gets to the intended person.

In each classroom, there will be a Christmas tree for the children to add their own tree decoration to. Please send these in after the Christmas Market (I don't want them to be accidentally sold). They will be returned at the end of term.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Drake

School news

Attendance

Attendance is on the rise, thank you so much for your hard work. For the second week in a row, Year 4 got 100% and the overall whole school attendance rose to 96.4%. (TARGET 96%) Please keep up working hard to get into school on time, the children should be in the school building by 8.55. Thank you

Class	Weekly attendance
Nursery	88%
Reception	98%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	95%

EYFS Playground

A message from Mrs Williams:

Please can I ask that you do not allow your children to play in the EYFS playground after school. This area is an extension of the classroom and we would like to keep some areas set up throughout the year. The children may play on the large treehouse and trim trail on the



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main playground and we are working on a timetable to open the library at 3.15pm, more details to follow next week. Please can you pass this message onto whoever collects your children.

Kindness Assembly



Y4 taught us about kindness in their lively assembly on Thursday. They shared their common interests and showed us how to be kind to our friends, even when they are a little mean to us.

Jolabokaflod

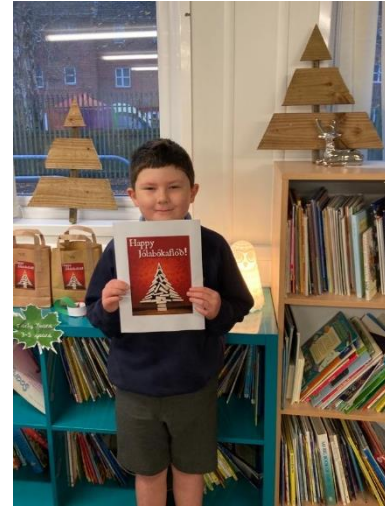
Our Jolabokaflod (Christmas book flood), was a huge success yesterday. The children exchanged books with their friends in the library and had a little chocolate treat whilst they unwrapped and read their gifts.



Thank you for your donations, we hope that your children have enjoyed giving and receiving new books.

Parks has been busy in his shed this week, making trees for our Scandanvian themed reading event. He told us all about the different saws that he used and how he had to choose a different one because his first choice wasn't fit for purpose. He has set himself a new challenge to make some crosses for his friends, watch

this space, we have our very own carpenter's apprentice.



New phonics signs



The children in KS1 were very excited to see the new pictures up in their corridor this week. Special thanks to Bens Mum and Dad in Y5, who have created these fantastic new posters that support our new phonics scheme. Here the children are doing the 'Listen with Len, you don't need a pen' action rhyme.





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Sibling photographs

Sibling photographs took place on Monday, links have been sent out for you to view and order your photos directly from Mike Carroll.

Celebration certificates



We truly have the best children ever. The benches were filled with more good news of kindness and hard work. Thomas shared his poem about Kindness and likened kindness to warm roast dinner. Ella and Dubem made sock puppets for their homework, Bob and Goofy.

Sporting achievements

Sporting superstars



The sporting stars have been improving their throwing accuracy in dodgeball this week and throwing some new shapes during their dance lessons. Well done to

the whole of Year 6 for impressing Laura with their attitude last week.

Trophies

Henry and Freddie shared their rugby trophies during assembly, both having had a successful year on the field.

Pippa came first in her cheer leading competition and won a large trophy and medal to display in her bedroom. Well done.

Joseph shared his wooden creations that he has made at home from some pre cut shapes. He told us that he joined them together with glue and nails to make a plane, a nativity set and a person with moving parts.

Coming up...

Advent Mass

On Wednesday, we have our Advent Mass celebration in the school hall. All members of the community are invited to join us at our annual celebration. Wednesday is non-uniform day with a twist, as we have our Christmas Markets after school. Traditionally, we wear purple at our Advent Mass, so this year we invite the children to wear purple and their own clothes.

Christmas Markets

Our Christmas Markets will take place on Wednesday 29th December at 3.30pm. On Wednesday, the children are invited to wear purple and their own clothes in exchange for a donation of £1. We have lots of exciting stalls including;

- Sprout or ball lucky dip
- Father Christmas
- Chocolate tombola
- Lottery ticket tree raffle
- Bottle stall
- Advent Calendar tombola
- Unwanted gift tombola
- Mulled wine and mince pies
- Hot dogs
- and many more...

Come and join us from 3.30pm and listen to our newly formed choir open our evening.



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DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ADVENT

Cross country

Our first cross country event takes place on Saturday 25th November. There is still time to join, I will take extra running tops for anyone who wakes up and decides to come down to Buile Hill Park and join in.

- 25th November
- 9th December
- 6th January
- 20th January

There are 4 races:

- Y3/Y4 Boys 9.30am
- Y3/Y4 Girls 9.40am
- Y5/Y6 Boys 9.50am
- Y5/Y6 Girls 10.10am

ALL children are invited to represent school, regardless of ability. It is a very muddy event but great fun.

End of the school day

Nursery	3:15pm
Reception	3:20pm
Year 1	3:25pm
Year 2 – Year 6	3:30pm

Communication

Letters

Copies of letters sent from school can be found [here](#) on the school website.

Dates for your diary

Week 5

Weds 29th

Advent Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome)

Christmas Markets 3.30pm

Thurs 30th

Whole school Panto – Treasure Island

Week 6

Weds 6th

Nursery Christmas Show 10am

Reception Christmas Show 2pm

Thurs 7th

Reception Christmas show 10am

Nursery Christmas show 2pm

Fri 8th

KS1 Christmas show 2pm

Week 7

Mon 11th

KS1 Christmas show 10am

Tues 12th

KS2 Christmas show 10am

Weds 13th

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Thurs 14th

KS2 Christmas show 2pm

Fri 15th

EYFS Party day

Week 8

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WEEK

Mon 18th

KS1 Christmas Party

Tues 19th

KS2 Christmas Party

Weds 20th

Christmas carol service (2pm – in church)

Thurs 21st

Non-uniform day/Toy Day

FINISH at 1.30pm

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

21st DEC – 8th JAN

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As a family of God, we love to learn and learn to love