

ST VINCENT DE PAUL AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2024

**‘SERVING WITH LOVE,
STRIVING FOR
EXCELLENCE’**

TERM DATES:

Spring Term

School reopens: Tuesday 7th January

Half Term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st Feb

Spring Term Ends: Friday 4th April

Summer Term

School reopens: Monday 21st April

Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May

Half Term: Monday 24th May to Fri 30th May

School reopens: Monday 2nd June

INSET: Monday 3rd June (Closed for pupils)

INSET: Monday 22nd July

Summer Term ends: Friday 18th July

HEADTEACHERS WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am thrilled to present our Autumn newsletter, highlighting the exciting activities, projects, and special visitors the children have enjoyed this term. I hope you find it an engaging and delightful read!

QUIDDITCH SCHOOL EVENT DAY



We began our Autumn term with our much-anticipated annual event: the Whole School Quidditch Day! This exciting day served as a wonderful way to launch the new school year, focusing on team building, communication skills, and fostering a supportive school community.

The day began with a special School of Magic sorting ceremony, where children were sorted into teams that spanned friendship groups, classes, and key stages. This ensured a mix of familiar faces and new friends, setting the stage for collaboration and camaraderie.

Throughout the day, the children participated in a series of Quidditch games, earning points not only for their performance on the pitch but also for demonstrating good behavior in class. Each game challenged the teams to score goals through the hoops using different types of balls. Every child had the opportunity to try their hand at throwing, catching, and blocking, giving everyone a chance to develop a variety of skills.

The event was filled with energy, excitement, and a touch of magic. The children had an unforgettable time, and it was a truly enchanting start to the school year!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CELEBRATION AND SHINE DAY!

Celebrating Our Patron Saint Feast Day

On Friday, 27th September 2024, our school came together to celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, Saint Vincent de Paul. His inspiring message, "Kindness is the key to open our hearts," resonates deeply within our school community and is reflected in our core values and school rules: 'Ready, Respectful, and Kind.'



The day was filled with joy and reflection. We began with a special song and worship celebration, bringing the school together to honor Saint Vincent's legacy. This was followed by a festive party lunch that all the children enjoyed. Each class also engaged in learning activities to discover why Saint Vincent de Paul is so special and how we can follow his example in our daily lives.

Earlier in the week, we also participated in 'Shine Day', a special event led by the talented Paul Delaney, who brought his puppets, poems, and songs to help the children explore their uniqueness and celebrate their individuality.

- EYFS: The children were captivated by Paul's puppets as they sang along to original songs like 'There's one, one, one, one, one me in the world!' and 'God made you, God made me, God made the wings on a bumble bee!' The engaging performances sparked joy and curiosity in our youngest learners.

- KS1: Using his classic puppets and original poetry, Paul inspired the children to appreciate their differences and celebrate their individuality. Highlights included the poem 'I don't like!' and imagining what an alien might think if it believed all humans looked like them after reading 'An alien spaceship'.

- KS2: For older children, the focus shifted to recognizing their inner strength and spirit through songs like 'Let my spirit shine today!' and 'I will follow you!'. Paul's 'Thank you!' poem encouraged reflection on the power of gratitude and how expressing thanks brings positivity and joy into our lives.

During these events, the children also developed wonderful ideas on how to live like Saint Vincent de Paul, including:

- Be a helper: Look for ways to assist classmates, teachers, and family members.
- Share kindness: Offer kind words or gestures to brighten someone's day.
- Listen and care: Show empathy by listening to others.
- Give back: Share time, support, or resources with those in need.
- Work together: Build teamwork and encourage one another.

The week was a beautiful blend of fun, creativity, and meaningful reflection, reminding us all of the power of kindness and gratitude. **Together, we truly shined!**

MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT

Our school community came together with enthusiasm and generosity to support this vital charity. The children accessorised their school uniforms with something green—scrunchies, bows, socks, shoelaces, and more—showing their solidarity for this important cause.



Thanks to the incredible kindness of our families and the many scrumptious cakes donated, the children managed to raise over £500. This is an outstanding achievement, and we are so proud of everyone's efforts!

This event is especially close to my heart, as I know it is for many of you. A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to making this such a success. Together, we have made a real difference for Macmillan and the vital work they do to support those affected by cancer. Well done, everyone!

SVP SPONSORED DANCEATHON

We held our very first SVP Sponsored Danceathon to raise vital funds for the school, and what a phenomenal day it was! The children danced their hearts out, thoroughly enjoying a mix of all-time favourites and high-energy tunes.

The playlist featured beloved classics like the Chicken Dance, Hokey Cokey, Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes, and some crowd-pleasing hits from Koo Koo Kangaroo. The fun didn't stop there, with energetic routines to Saturday Night, Cotton Eyed Joe, Choo Choo Wa, and the ever-popular Superhero Song! 🎵 🕺 🕹️ 🕹️ PHEW!

It was wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm and energy as they danced the day away while raising money for our school. A massive thank you to everyone who supported this event—your contributions and participation made it a huge success! 💖 💖

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS



Before half term, our Early Years children led a heartwarming Harvest Festival celebration marking a special moment of community, kindness, and gratitude. The children and staff delivered the celebration beautifully, with the children singing wonderfully and adding actions to their songs that brought smiles to everyone's faces. It was a fantastic opportunity to reflect on the importance of giving and helping those in need.

Thanks to the generosity of our families, we collected a substantial amount of food donations. These were taken to our parish church by members of Mini Vinnies, where they will support the food bank that operates every Tuesday.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this meaningful event. It was a beautiful example of our school community coming together to make a difference!

LFC FOUNDATION SPORTS SKILL PROGRAMME

This term, we have been thrilled to introduce **Whole School Sports Skills Spectacular**, an exciting initiative in partnership with the Liverpool FC Foundation. This programme has brought expert coaching to all children from Year 1 to Year 6, with a focus on football and tennis.

The sports skills sessions offer a unique blend of practical activities and classroom-based learning, designed to enhance children's technical, physical, psychological, and social skills. Through this engaging approach, the children have had the opportunity to develop not only their athletic abilities but also teamwork, communication, and resilience. The children have fully embraced the experience, showing enthusiasm and determination in both football and tennis. It has been inspiring to see them grow in confidence and skill, making the most of this fantastic opportunity!



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Throughout October, our school came together to honor 'Black History Month', an important time for reflection on the experiences and contributions of Black people throughout history. It was also a celebration of the incredible achievements of Black figureheads who have shaped the world.

Being part of a multi-cultural school community, we embraced this opportunity to learn, reflect, and celebrate together. Each year group focused on a specific figurehead, exploring their lives, accomplishments, and significance through a variety of activities, including reciprocal reading, computing, and creative projects.

Here are the inspiring individuals each year group learned about:

- *EYFS (Nursery and Reception): Martin Luther King – Celebrating his dream of equality and his role in the civil rights movement.*
- *Year 1: Rosa Parks – Understanding her bravery and how she sparked change by standing up for her rights.*
- *Year 2: Mary Seacole – Recognizing her contributions as a nurse and her courage during the Crimean War.*
- *Year 3: Katherine Johnson – Exploring her achievements as a mathematician and her vital role in NASA's space missions.*
- *Year 4: Katrina Johnson-Thompson – A local hero from Liverpool, celebrated for her success as a world-class athlete.*
- *Year 5: Harriet Tubman – Learning about her bravery and leadership in the Underground Railroad.*
- *Year 6: Rebecca Lee Crumpler – Honoring her as the first Black woman to earn a medical degree in the United States.*

To culminate this incredible month, we held an Celebration Assembly, where each class shared their findings and celebrated their chosen figurehead. The presentations included art, drama, poetry, and other creative projects, showcasing the children's hard work and creativity.

This month of learning and celebration not only deepened our understanding of Black history but also emphasized the importance of respect, equality, and the value of diverse contributions to society. It was a truly inspiring experience for the whole school!

KINDNESS MONTH

Our school family also came together in October to celebrate 'Kindness Month', with a special focus on the NSPCC's Kindness Challenge. This important initiative was led by our PSHE and Mental Health Lead, Miss Barker, who supported the whole school to raise the profile of kindness as an essential quality for us all.



Kindness is one of our school rules, making this celebration especially meaningful. Children across the school shared ideas about kindness, celebrated acts of kindness whenever they saw them, and have continued to do so well beyond October.

As part of the celebrations, the children created beautiful posters and artwork, which Miss Barker organised into a lovely display. This serves as an ongoing source of inspiration and a reminder of the importance of kindness within our school community.

We are incredibly proud of the children's enthusiasm and commitment to this initiative, and it has been wonderful to see kindness shining brightly throughout our school!



MENTAL HEALTH DAY AWARENESS

World Mental Health day was celebrated in school on 10th October to, again, raise the profile of the importance of good mental health for everybody, interwoven with help and support strategies along the way when we are not feeling too good mentally on some days. The children are becoming so much more literate about their mental health and what they can do to help themselves and others.

¡HOLA AMIGOS! CELEBRATING SPANISH DAY

On Spanish Day our school was filled with vibrant colours and joyous celebrations as we marked St Vincent's Spanish Day. Children and staff embraced the spirit of the day by wearing red and yellow, or even channelling their inner flamenco dancers! The event also served as a fundraiser for our Forest School.

The day began with an energetic assembly in the hall. Awards were presented with a Spanish twist, including certificates in Spanish to commemorate this

special occasion. Each year group had the chance to showcase a Spanish-inspired performance, our Year 2's Ketchup Song got everyone moving and Year 6's La Bamba brought the assembly to big close! Well done to all the other classes who joined in with their own creative contributions, adding to the fiesta atmosphere.



At lunchtime, the children enjoyed a 'taste of Spain' with a special menu designed by our very own Chef, Lisa. Spanish chicken, Spanish omelettes, and lemon cordial were served while Spanish guitar music filled the hall, creating an authentic dining experience. In the afternoon, many classrooms brought the flavours of Spain to life with some 'tapas tasting'. Popular treats included Serrano ham and Manchego cheese, crusty bread with olive oil and balsamic vinegar, and even churros with chocolate. Children had the opportunity to explore these traditional Spanish



flavours, adding a delicious and educational element to the day. Classrooms were also decorated with Spanish flags, bunting, and cultural displays, while students participated in activities like making hats and flags or enjoying mindfulness colouring with Spanish-themed designs.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make Spanish Day a vibrant, memorable celebration and big thank you to Miss Rowe who organised the full day. It was a wonderful opportunity to appreciate Spanish culture and heritage, and we can't wait to do it all again next year! ¡Olé!

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE: THE BEACON COURSE



This term, 15 of our Year 5 and Year 6 children had the privilege of participating in the Beacon Course, a fantastic programme run by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service. The course, held one day a week over six weeks, is designed to help young people develop essential life skills such as:

- Teamwork
- Communication
- Problem-solving
- Resilience
- Healthy relationships

During the course, the children took part in practical activities such as hose drills, search and rescue techniques, and first aid training. They also learned about community safety, road and water safety, and the importance of building healthy relationships.

The experience not only encouraged personal growth and resilience but also fostered leadership skills and a strong sense of community responsibility.

The programme concluded with a celebration award ceremony, where the children's achievements were recognised and celebrated. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and enthusiasm throughout this inspiring project, and we look forward to seeing how they apply these invaluable skills in the future!



INTRODUCING OUR SCHOOL OFFICERS 2024-2025

Every year, our Year 6 children take part in the exciting and democratic process of electing our school officers. This is a prestigious and important moment in the school calendar, where students experience firsthand the values of leadership, responsibility, and democracy.

The process begins with class peer nominations, followed by a spirited school campaign led by the nominees. It all culminates in powerful election speeches delivered to their peers before Year 2 - 6 school casts their votes.

This year, all nominees spoke with remarkable articulation, confidence, and passion. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the enthusiasm they brought to the process.

It is with great pleasure that we announce our School Officers for 2024-2025:

- Head Boy: James
- Deputy Head Boys: Kristians and Kai
- Head Girl: Annabel
- Deputy Head Girls: Kelsey and Lily-Ray

Congratulations to our new School Officers! We look forward to seeing them lead and inspire our school community over the coming year.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: CHOOSE RESPECT



In November, we began Anti-Bullying Week with 'Odd Socks Day', a fun and meaningful way to celebrate our differences and remind ourselves that each of us is special and unique.

The focus of the week was on kindness and the importance of choosing respect in all our interactions. Children explored how we can recognise and address bullying, as well as how to speak up about it. The theme of Choose Respect, developed in consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, aims to empower schools to take positive actions to counter the harm and hurt caused by bullying.



Throughout the week, the children were thoroughly engaged in activities and discussions, taking away the key message of kindness—a value central to our school rules. This important learning experience helped reinforce how kindness and respect can create a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

We are proud of how our children embraced this theme and their commitment to fostering a culture of kindness in our school community.

CURRICULUM WORKSHOPS

Year 2: The Great Fire of London



This term, our Year 2 children delved into the events and impact of 'The Great Fire of London' through an engaging and interactive drama workshop.

This popular topic offered a unique way for the children to learn key facts, dates, and information about the individuals involved, while also exploring the human and emotional impact of the fire. They discovered how the Great Fire affected not only the city of London but also the wider country.

The workshop brought this historical event to life, helping the children gain a deeper and more rounded understanding of the topic. Through fun, creative, and practical activities, the pupils were able to immerse themselves in the story of the Great Fire.

It was a fantastic way to inspire curiosity and connect with history in a hands-on and meaningful way!

Year 3: Ancient Egypt Journey Down the Nile

Our Year 3 embarked on an exciting journey down the Nile with an engaging and interactive drama workshop that brought 'Ancient Egypt' to life.

The workshop explored the remarkable achievements of the Ancient Egyptians, offering children a fun and memorable way to learn key facts while supporting their curriculum studies. Through creative activities, the pupils deepened their understanding of this fascinating civilisation, all while building their confidence and enhancing their speaking and listening skills.

The children stepped into the roles of farmers, Pharaohs, pyramid builders, and even hieroglyphics, using role play and their imaginations to connect with the topic in innovative ways. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to learn practically and creatively, making Ancient Egypt an unforgettable subject of study!



Year 4: Exploring Roman Life



Year 4 dived into the fascinating world of 'The Romans' with an exciting and participatory drama workshop. This action-packed topic, full of adventure and intrigue, was brought to life through creative role play, engaging drama activities, and fun games.

The workshop explored key dates, significant Roman figures, and the Roman way of life, comparing it to how we live today. Through active participation, the children gained a deeper understanding of Roman history while developing their confidence and teamwork skills.

From life in ancient Italy to Roman Britain, every activity was themed around this captivating topic, ensuring the children were fully immersed in the experience. The hands-on approach not only helped them retain key information but also sparked a lasting curiosity and interest in history.

It was a fantastic opportunity for Year 4 to step into the past and bring Roman history vividly to life!

Year 4: Vikings

Year 5 took a step back in time with an exciting 'Viking Invasion drama workshop', which brought history to life in a fast-paced and engaging way.

Through participatory drama activities, the children explored key elements of Viking life, from reenacting raids and imagining bustling Viking markets to playing the roles of characters within Viking communities. These creative activities not only enhanced their understanding of the Viking invasion of Britain but also helped them build confidence in the topic.

The workshop allowed the children to delve into the facts, dates, and places associated with the Vikings in a way that was both fun and memorable. It was a fantastic opportunity for Year 5 to connect with history in an active and meaningful way—without even leaving the school hall!



YEAR 5 & 6 BEATLES PROJECT

Mr. Borrows, a former teacher at St Vincent's, has been visiting us this term to deliver his Beatles-related project to Year 5 and 6. The mission behind the project is to cultivate creativity, foster a love for their music, and instill a sense of pride in Liverpool's rich musical heritage. Through this journey, we hope to help our children to Come Together, embrace their Revolution, and Imagine how their own unique talents can contribute to the world. By connecting young minds with the timeless music and inspirational story of The Beatles, we can help shape the future of our vibrant musical community, where every student can Let It Be and feel part of something truly extraordinary.



Lois Y6, "I never really knew how amazing The Beatles were until we learned about them. Now I listen to Love Me Do all the time."

BIKEABILITY YEAR 5

Bike Right, delivered cycle proficiency to a group of our Year 5 children. This is a nationally recognised programme designed to equip the children with the practical skills and the confidence to cycle on the roads. The children learned how to cycle safely and responsibly, respond to hazards, maintain suitable riding positions and comply with signals, signs and road markings.

Sage Y5, "Bikeability taught me lots of new things that I recommend learning and I think it is a wonderful, worth-while experience."

YEAR 6 FARM URBAN WORKSHOP

We were invited by Farm Urban and the people at Liverpool ONE to take part in a gardening workshop. It took place at the St Thomas Memorial Garden L1. The workshop showed the children how we can transform our city centre into a greener, healthier, more inclusive place by placing wildlife pods into the garden. The children



had a wonderful time constructing the pods, planting flowers and taking part in arts and craft inspired by nature.



Matvi, "We have paved over lots of habitats for wildlife and I don't like that. I felt proud that I have given something back."

Georgie, "I enjoyed getting my hands muddy planting flowers to attract insects. I keep going past the garden to see if our pods have received any new visitors."

LIVERPOOL SCHOOLS PARLIAMENT



On Wednesday, 13th November, our School Officers attended the Liverpool Schools Parliament* at the LACE Conference Centre, where they joined other schools to discuss children's rights in preparation for 'World Children's Day' the following week.

The session, focused on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and provided an opportunity for children to share their views on important topics such as:

- Which rights are most important in their lives and why.
- Rights they didn't know they had.
- Rights they believe should be added.
- How these rights affect children in other countries whose lives differ from their own.

In the lead-up to the event, our School Officers explored the UNCRC to consider these questions and ensure our school's views were well-represented. You can learn more about the UNCRC <https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/>

It was a fantastic opportunity for our School Officers to engage with important global issues, express their thoughts, and collaborate with peers from other schools. We are so proud of their participation and commitment to making a difference!

EYFS BALANCEABILITY

This term, our Reception children have participated in the LSSP Balanceability programme, a fantastic initiative designed to help children develop balance, coordination, and confidence as they prepare for riding bikes.

The sessions were a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn through fun, engaging activities, giving them the skills and self-assurance needed to progress toward riding independently. It was delightful to see their excitement and determination grow with each session!

We are so proud of our Reception children for their enthusiasm and effort in this fantastic programme. Well done, everyone! 🚲✨

EYFS DENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Our EYFS children took part in an informative and engaging Dental Health Workshop, supported by the School Health Team nurses.

The workshop focused on teaching the children the importance of good oral hygiene, including proper brushing techniques, the benefits of a healthy diet for strong teeth, and the impact of sugary snacks. Through interactive activities and demonstrations, the children learned valuable tips to keep their smiles bright and healthy.

A big thank you to the School Health Team nurses for delivering such an engaging and educational session. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and left with a better understanding of how to care for their teeth every day! 🦷✨

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK PANTOMINE

This term, the whole school had the fantastic opportunity to enjoy a live performance of ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’, and it was an absolute hit!

The children were captivated by the lively characters, thrilling storyline, and comedic moments. They fully embraced the pantomime experience, enthusiastically joining in with the interactive elements—cheering for the heroes, booing the villain, and shouting out classic pantomime lines.

It was a joy to see their faces light up with excitement and hear the laughter echoing through the hall. Events like this are such a wonderful way to bring storytelling to life, inspiring creativity and imagination in every child.

A big thank you to everyone involved in bringing this magical performance to our school—it’s safe to say the children absolutely loved it!





YEAR 4 HOLY COMMUNICANTS BEGIN THEIR 'WITH YOU ALWAYS' JOURNEY

Our Year 4 Holy Communicants have begun their 'With You Always' sacramental journey, led by Fr Moses. This special journey began with an exciting 'treasure hunt' in St Vincent's Church, where the children and their families had the opportunity to explore the many treasures of the church, touch them, and appreciate their significance.

The children will now continue their monthly preparations as they deepen their understanding of their faith and readiness for this important sacrament. We ask you to keep them and their families in your prayers as they progress on this meaningful journey.

YEAR 6 ADVENT ASSEMBLY



Our Year 6 children led a beautiful Advent service with Father Moses. The Year 6 children set a reflective and reverent tone for this important time of year. Joining them were Years 2 through to Year 5, who participated with equal respect and focus, marking the beginning of Advent in a meaningful way.

Parents and carers of our Year 6 children were invited to this special event, creating a wonderful gathering of our school community. Together, we reflected on the importance of preparing ourselves during this sacred season of anticipation and hope.

Thank you to the Year 6 team, and Father Moses for organising such a memorable and inspiring service.

SINGING SCHOOLS: ADVENT PERFORMANCE AT LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL



Our Year 3 and 4 children had the incredible opportunity to perform at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral as part of the Singing Schools Advent performance, organised by the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Their beautiful singing truly represented our school wonderfully, filling the cathedral with joy and the spirit of the season. We are so proud of their hard work, enthusiasm, and the way they came together to create such a memorable and moving performance.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in preparing for this special event—you made our school community shine! 🎵✨

CAFOD ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING OTHERS THIS ADVENT SEASON



On Monday, 4th December, we were delighted to welcome a CAFOD representative to school. They spoke with both Key Stages about 'World Gifts', sharing how we can gift others not only through kind actions and words but also by donating essentials like food and water to those in need around the world. The session also encouraged us to reflect on how kindness and respect should be mutual, reminding us of the importance of treating others as we wish to be treated.

This marked the beginning of Advent for us in a deeply spiritual and reflective way. As a Catholic school, we are always committed to keeping others at the heart of all that we do, working to support those in need both in our local community and across the globe.

To support the incredible work of CAFOD, we are funding a donation to their cause from our school, raised through our Christmas Jumper Day on 12th December.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our families and community members for your ongoing generosity and support. Your contributions are making a real difference to the lives of others. Thank you for your kindness and commitment! 💖🌲✨

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have been thrilled to offer an amazing selection of after-school clubs this term, providing something for everyone to enjoy! From creativity to physical activity and everything in between, there's no shortage of opportunities for our children to learn, grow, and have fun.

Our current clubs include:

- Computer Club - Chess Club - Running Club - Girls' Football Club - Choir - Mini Vinnies
- Balanceability - After-School Provision - Breakfast Club

A huge thank you to all the staff who have dedicated their time and energy to organising these wonderful activities for our children. Your efforts are truly appreciated and are making such a positive impact on our school community! 📺✨

Looking Ahead...

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY: COMING SOON

We are excited to announce that our Christmas Dinner Day will take place on 12th December 2024!

This festive occasion is always a highlight of the season, with a delicious traditional Christmas lunch served to our children and staff. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community and celebrate the joy of the holidays.

We can't wait to share this special day with everyone! Please remember all children can attend just pre book 🎄 🍷 ✨



ENTERPRISE FAYRE – COMING SOON

We are excited to announce that our **Christmas Enterprise Fayre** is just around the corner! **Friday 13th December at 2pm**. This much-anticipated event involves the whole school in a fantastic opportunity for creativity and collaboration.

Children will be busy designing, making, and packaging products to sell on the day, as well as deciding on pricing strategies to make their stalls a success. It's a wonderful way to develop teamwork, entrepreneurial skills, and festive cheer!

A big thank you in advance to the parents who will be helping to set up, run stalls, and tidy away. We look forward to seeing everyone there and sharing in the festive fun! 🎄 ✨

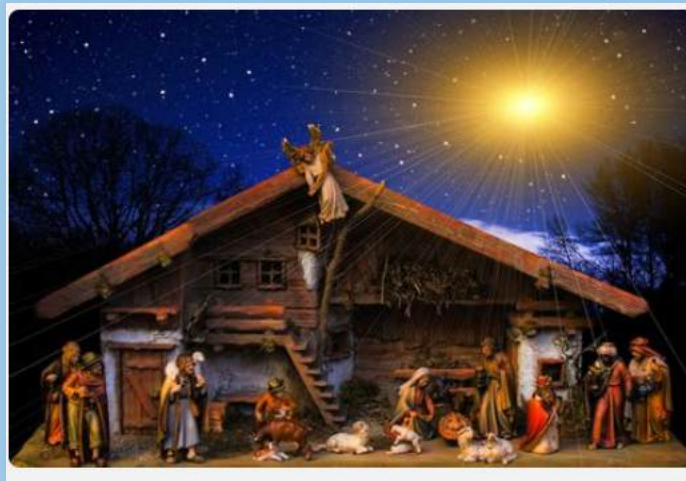
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - COMING SOON

The excitement is building as we prepare for 'Breakfast with Santa!' The children are already buzzing with anticipation for this magical event.

This festive occasion promises to be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a delicious breakfast, meet Santa, and celebrate the holiday season together. Stay tuned for more details—it's sure to be a highlight of the term! 🍷 🎄 ✨



17th December 2pm



Coming Soon: The Nativity

*This Christmas, the magic of the **Nativity story** will be brought to life by our **Key Stage 1 children**.*

We look forward to an amazing performance filled with beautiful singing, expressive narrating, engaging acting, and even some fabulous dance moves! A heartfelt thank you in advance to the staff who are working so hard to make this Nativity truly special.

It promises to be a wonderful celebration of the season, and we can't wait to share it with you all! 🌲 ✨

'Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world' CS Lewis

GOLDEN ASSEMBLY & SINGALONG – COMING SOON

We are excited to invite you to our Golden Assembly & Singalong events on:

- 18th Dec 2:00 PM: EYFS & KS1 Nativity Singalong – A festive celebration of the season with our youngest children.
- 19th Dec 2:00 PM: KS2 Choir Singalong & Golden Assembly – Enjoy the beautiful voices of our choir as we celebrate our children's achievements.

These special events are an opportunity to recognise and celebrate our children living out our school mission: "Serving with Love, Striving for Excellence."

We look forward to welcoming you to share in the joy and accomplishments of our amazing children. See you there!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Potato Heads: Our Attendance Reward System

This year, we have reintroduced Mr/Mrs Potato Head in each class as a fun and engaging attendance reward system, and the children have been absolutely thrilled about it! Here's how it works: with sustained or improved attendance each week, classes earn a new part to add to their Potato Head. Once their Potato Head is complete, the class earns a special treat to celebrate their achievement!

The excitement is contagious, and children are already eager to see their Potato Heads grow. Be sure to ask your child about their class's Potato Head and how their attendance is shaping up.

Remember, 'Make a good start to earn a new part!' Let's keep up the great attendance and teamwork! 🥔✨



HEADTEACHER'S WORD OF THANKS

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and express my deepest gratitude for joining us in our Christmas celebrations this year.

Our school is a truly wonderful community, and our strength comes from the incredible support and contributions of our parents and carers, our dedicated governors, our amazing staff, and most of all, our inspiring children.

May the peace of Christmas fill your hearts and homes this season and remain with you throughout the coming year. As Pope Francis beautifully reminds us:

'Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace.'

Pope Francis

Thank you for being part of our special school community. Have a blessed and joyful Christmas! 🎄✨ Mrs Salters

