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'The Best for Every Child -a Unique Child of God'
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Dear Parent / Carers

Our Christian Value this term is **Friendship**

Our Ethos Statement this week is: **A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17**

Autumn Term

We had fabulous Nativity performances from our children in year 1 and 2 this week – they performed to packed houses where they certainly demonstrated their great acting and singing skills as well as sharing the wonderful news that Jesus was born –amid the chaos of a noisy stable! What better message to give in our run up to Christmas!

We were inundated with running elves on Friday doing their Christmas fun run! Our children enjoyed participating in the 'Elf Run' – this event was initiated by Simon on the Streets (we have collected at the end of each school performance this Christmas) and organised in school by Mr Wilkinson. We all had great fun for a very good cause.

Having family fun this Christmas time

You have probably heard of the growing body of research evidencing the harmful impact that smart devices can have on child development, mainly due to the disconnect caused between the child and the real world around them.

Presents which foster connection and encourage children to play in the real world are far healthier than highly addictive tech-based presents.

This Christmas, let's focus on experiences that bring families together, fostering lasting memories and connections that no screen can ever replicate.

You can read some of the research conducted by health professionals in the Safer Screens Group at: www.bedevicewise.com/science/

Great recommendations/ideas for family games which the children are enjoying playing already in school are:

- UNO and UNO Extreme Always popular and easy to learn.
- Quirk a fun simple card game.

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- Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza Sounds strange but gives loads of laughs and easy to learn.
- Snakes and Ladders
- Headbantz
- For young children any of the Orchard games.

Pupil of the Week

<p>RB</p> <p>Our pupil of the week in RB class is Elliot Gomersall. Elliot is making excellent progress especially with his sounds and his reading. He is working hard at school and at home and remains focussed and determined 😊. Well done Elliot, keep up the good work!</p>	<p>RC</p> <p>This week in Reception our pupil of the week is Archie Millbanks. Archie is always enthusiastic towards his learning, he consistently tries hard and he is a pleasure to have in class. Archie impresses me with his imagination and he loves discussions about new topics. Well done Archie, you are a superstar! 😊</p>
<p>1K</p> <p>1K's pupil of the week is Paisley. Paisley has been putting her hand up during lessons more and giving some lovely answers. She has also been working hard in Phonics lessons and her reading is improving. It has been great to see Paisley try to write a sentence independently applying her Phonics knowledge. Keep it up Paisley, well done! 😊</p>	<p>1RC</p> <p>Our pupil of the week is Albie. Albie always tries his best in every lesson. This week he has impressed us by accurately applying the phonics he has learnt in his independent writing. Albie always participates in class discussions with thoughtful answers and asks interesting questions. He is a kind and caring friend, taking turns and sharing with everyone. Well done Albie! 😊</p>
<p>2J</p> <p>Our pupil of the week in 2J this week is Miriam Richards. We are so proud of how far Miriam has come with her confidence and learning this past half term. She is now putting her hand up in every lesson to contribute her ideas and writing much more independently. She is also making huge strides forward with her reading fluency. Miriam LOVED wearing her costume and being an angel in our Christmas Nativity. She is a constant happy, smiling face around school and is always kind and considerate towards others. Keep it up Miriam! 😊</p>	<p>2S</p> <p>This week we have chosen Eliza Laycock as our pupil of the week. Eliza is a wonderful member of 2S. This term she has especially impressed us in the Christmas play. She learnt her lines as soon as she got them and delivered them clearly and with expression in every rehearsal and performance, always with a huge smile on her face! Eliza has also produced some fantastic work in English this term and makes excellent contributions to class discussions. Keep up the enthusiasm and hard work Eliza, you're a superstar! Well done! 😊</p>
<p>3R</p> <p>This week I have chosen Meadow as 3R's pupil of the week. Meadow has had a brilliant term in Year 3 and has made fantastic progress in all areas of her learning. This week she has impressed with her poetry work; she read a poem aloud beautifully with actions and has written her own Christmas acrostic poem too. Meadow always takes great pride in her work and</p>	<p>3W</p> <p>This week in 3W we have chosen Kailah as our pupil of the week. Kailah is always making the right choices in class and she always puts in maximum effort with her work. Her writing in English is lovely and she always takes pride in her presentation. Kailah's confidence in class is fantastic and she is always wanting to share her ideas and contribute in lessons. Well done Kailah,</p>

she has produced some wonderful writing this half term. She is a superstar! Well done Meadow - keep it up 😊	keep up the good work. 😊
4W 4W's Pupil of the Week this week is Alice Kitson. Alice has had another fantastic week in school and is a deserved recipient of the award. Alice always works extremely hard tackling every challenge head-on. She is always ready to push herself and deepened her understanding in every area of the curriculum. This week, she has produced an excellent Titanic mystery story and I am thoroughly looking forward to reading the finished work. Well done, Alice! 😊	4S This week in 4S we have chosen Elena Sanders as our pupil of the week! In Year 4 we have been writing adventure stories set on the Titanic and Elena has had such creative and interesting ideas for her story. We have all been so excited to carry on reading the next chapter of her story each day to see what happens next and I can't wait to read the finished piece because her ideas are so amazing to read and her characters are well written and descriptive. Well done Elena, keep up the amazing work! 😊
5L My 5L Pupil of the Week is Jaxon Child for a wonderful week of learning! This week, Jaxon has really impressed me with his creative adventure story set in New York. He has used lots of descriptive detail, which has helped to paint a picture in the reader's mind! Jaxon has also shown great teamwork skills in our DT project, creating wooden bridge structures. Well done, Jaxon! 😊	5K I have chosen Cammy Wright as my pupil of the week because of her imaginative and creative descriptive writing that she has produced this week. We have been writing an adventure story and I have loved reading hers- I can't wait to read the next chapter! Well done Cammy! 😊
6C Noah Duffield for his hard work and efforts in Year 6. Noah is always putting in maximum effort and respect in all aspects of school life - two important characteristics to achieving the best work. Noah is always ready to offer his views and opinions in all class discussions and listens to the views of others with respect and compassion. Well done Noah, keep up the great work! 😊	6E My pupil of the week this week is Eva Holmes. She has had a wonderful week where her confidence in Maths has sky rocketed. I have loved her attitude to the work, her progress has been superb and she has had a smile on her face throughout, even when it got tough. Keep it up, Eva! 😊

Dates for your diary

Sun 15 Dec – Community carol service at church (5pm) Mince pies and mulled wine!

Thur 19 Dec – Another Christmas Jumper Day! (with school uniform)

Thur 19 Dec – KS2 Christmas performance at church (9:20am & 2:15pm)

Thur 19 Dec – Christmas Dinner

Fri 20 Dec – Dress down Day (warm party wear, sensible shoes!)

Fri 20 Dec – Carols round the tree, school closes for Christmas

Mon 6 Jan – School re-opens



Online safety

Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership, West Yorkshire Police and partners have launched a campaign to encourage parents to have conversations with their children about their online activity.



Talk to your child about staying safe online

Most of us tend to think of our online and offline lives as separate, but children today are growing up with technology and the internet as a natural part of their lives. To them there isn't a separation. It's all just life. The internet is now part of the real world.

Talking to your child about what they do online is just as important as asking where they are going when they go out with their friends. It can be difficult starting the conversation with your child about their online activities. Technology keeps changing and you might find it overwhelming trying to keep up with it all, but you don't need to. You just need to take an interest in what apps and games your child is using. That's the best place to start.

Your child might not want to share anything with you at first, but keep trying.

Having honest and open conversations with your child and speaking to them regularly about what they are doing online, could be crucial in giving your child the confidence to tell you if they have seen something that makes them feel uncomfortable or may highlight someone who is wanting to cause harm.

See the attached leaflet for some helpful tips on how to start the conversation.

Reverse Advent Calendar

In the lead up to Christmas, this year our school are taking part in a Reverse Advent Calendar challenge to help provide much needed food/toiletries to those less fortunate.

Starting this week, Monday 2nd December- Wednesday 18th December, we will be encouraging children to bring in non-perishable items and toiletries to contribute to their class' Reverse Advent Calendar. At the end of our challenge, the contributions will then be collected by Leeds North and West foodbank, Trussell Trust, and distributed to those most in need.

Suggestions of items to donate:

- cereal - Christmas foods
- soup, pasta, rice - jams/spreads
- tinned goods - long life UHT milk
- tea, coffee, sugar
- biscuits
- long life fruit juice
- toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes/paste
- baby supplies – nappies, baby wipes, baby food

Thank you for your support,
Miss Lillington and the Worship Team

Simon on the Streets



Today the children have taken part in an Elf Run to raise money for the charity 'Simon on the Streets', a local charity who support the homeless and vulnerable. Thank you to all who have already donated. We will also be collecting at the KS2 church services on 19th Dec.

For more information please follow the link below:

<https://www.simononthestreets.co.uk/>



Mathletics

This week the top 10 mathletes are:

1. Hana Malik
2. Jessica Tindall
3. Holly Cotton
4. Violet Wilson
5. Angel Phillips
6. Benjamin Wright
7. Nelson Dekker
8. Yvonne Fang Yuan
9. Eleanor Bose
10. Robbie Fearn

The trophies are awarded to 2J and 3R - well done 😊

Last week it looked like this...

Mathletics Top 10

1. Gracie-May Sellens
2. Summer Cass
3. Marnie Burgoyne-Mitchell
4. Nathaniel Chipampe

5. Freya Spink
6. Joshua Watson
7. Katie Cotton
8. Benjamin Wright
9. Simone Ladinetti
10. Anne Twichell

The trophies are awarded to 2S and 6E

Golden Welly



This week the Golden Welly Award was awarded to **2J** Well done! 😊

Greetings Cards for sale

Joe is in year 11 and is a previous pupil of Holy Trinity. He is fundraising to volunteer in eSwatini in South Africa in August 2025 to develop neighbourhood care points for children in rural areas. He has designed a set of Christmas and greetings cards and is grateful for your support!

Please see next page for designs and contact

joesworldchallenge@yahoo.com for orders

Joe's World Challenge cards



- 1 card £1
- 1 set 3 nativity cards £2.50
- 6 nativity card set £4
- 12 nativity card set £6
- Mix and match other cards
- 3 for £2.50
- 6 for £4
- 10 for £5
- 12 for £6
- Gift tags 12 for £2.50

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gift tags can all be
personalised for £2 per
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Greetings cards



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Thank you!!!

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Headteacher