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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

It is really hard to believe how quickly the Autumn term has flown.

This week we had our Key Stage 2 children being brilliant in their Carol Concert at Church - thanks to the Key Stage 2 team of staff who organised and prepared our children to be amazing. Thank you also for coming to church and joining in with our Christmas celebrations.

Christmas lunch ran like clockwork a big thankyou goes out to Mrs Mann and the team in the kitchen for delivering an amazing Christmas lunch.

All that is left is for me and the team at Holy Trinity to wish you all a happy, safe and Holy Christmas. I hope that there are many times during the Christmas break where you will laugh, and smile and take delight in. May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you all through the New Year. Wishing you a season of blessings from heaven above.

See you all on Monday 6th January, 2025!

Our next Praying Parents meeting will be on the first Wednesday after Christmas – 8th January. The group meets initially for a warm drink and a biscuit straight off the playground on the first Wednesday morning of the month– it is a good opportunity to catch up or get to know someone better and a good opportunity to pray together too.

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.

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

Pupil of the Week

<p>RB</p> <p>This week we have chosen Daniel Wightman as our pupil of the week. Daniel is a lovely friend and makes great choices in school. He helps other children when they need it and listens and contributes to our class discussions. Well done Daniel! Have a lovely Christmas break everyone! 🎅</p>	<p>RC</p> <p>This week our pupil of the week is Santiago Harris. Santi has had a fantastic week Reception, he has made so much progress in his writing due to his hard work and I am really proud of him. Santi is always a role model pupil, sitting smartly and putting his hand up in class. He is super helpful in class too. Well done Santi! 🎅</p>
<p>1K</p> <p>1K's pupil of the week is Hettie. Hettie always listens and tries her best. She has been working really hard in all lessons this year. It has been lovely to see her become more confident in answering questions too. Hettie made a fantastic moving Christmas card this week and has practised her numbers all the way to 100! Keep up the great work Hettie, well done! 🎅</p>	<p>1RC</p> <p>Our pupil of the week is Violet. Violet is an always child. Always sensible, always ready to learn and always kind to others. We are especially impressed with Violet's DT skills this week when creating her Christmas card with moving parts. She has coloured it in beautifully and thought carefully about the steps needed to create her mechanism. Well done! 🎅</p>
<p>2J</p> <p>Our pupil of the week this week is Neve. Neve has had an excellent term in year 2. She loved learning and performing her dance in our school nativity, she worked hard on her Ferris wheel in DT and she wrote some great instructions in English about 'how to steal Christmas'. She has also learnt almost all of her year 2 spellings already!! Neve is always kind and thoughtful towards her class mates and always tries her best in everything she does. Well done Neve 🎅</p>	<p>2S</p> <p>A massive well done to all of 2S for a fantastic first term in year 2! Our pupil of the week this week is Sienna-Mae Hedger. Sienna-Mae has really grown in confidence since September and we love hearing her contributions to class discussions and we're so impressed with her performance in the play. She's also produced some wonderful English work this term. Well done Sienna-Mae, keep up all your hard work, we're very proud. 😊 Wishing all the parents and children of 2S a wonderful Christmas! 🎅</p>

<p>3R</p> <p>Well done to all of 3R for a fantastic term! You have all been brilliant 😊 This week we have chosen Anne as our pupil of the week. We could choose Anne every week as she always listens well, follows instructions carefully and tries her very best. We have seen her grow in confidence this term and she has made super progress in all areas of her learning. This week she sang beautifully in our Carol service and has impressed us with her deep thinking in R.E 😊 Well done Anne! 🧐</p>	<p>3W</p> <p>This week in 3W our pupil of the week is Logan. Logan always works so hard and he has a fantastic attitude to his learning. He has really impressed both myself and Ms Mbaikaize this week during the Key Stage 2 Christmas concert. His singing was loud and lovely in both the morning and afternoon concerts and he knew all of the words to each of the songs. Well Done Logan, Keep up the good work! 🧐</p>
<p>4W</p> <p>Finley Wilson is 4W's Pupil of the Week. Finn has had a brilliant few weeks in year 4. He has really impressed me with his hard work and determination. I've really been wowed with his recent Titanic Adventure story. Well done Finn! 🧐</p>	<p>4S</p> <p>This week in 4S our Pupil of the Week is Gabby! We could not believe that we had not picked Gabby yet because she could have been pupil of the week any week this year so far! Her enthusiasm for reading is amazing to see and she is constantly impressing us by how much she is able to re4ad and her ability to discuss these books with us as well. Her own writing has reflected this and her adventure story had so many twists and turns that kept me on the edge of my seat! Well done Gabby, keep up the amazing work! 🧐</p>
<p>5L</p> <p>My 5L Pupil of the Week is Florence Pickup for a wonderful week of learning! Florence has continued to impress me with her wonderful descriptive writing during our adventure story unit in English. Her varied sentences, accurate use of speech and characters have been fantastic to read! Florence has also impressed me when working as part of team during our DT project, constructing bridges successfully. Well done, Florence! 🧐</p>	<p>5K</p> <p>I have chosen Jacob Snowdon as my pupil of the week. Jacob has really impressed me with his adventure story that he has written in our English lessons. He has included lots of brilliant vocabulary, varied sentence types and descriptive language. Jacob also impressed me with his reading at the KS2 carol service at church, when he stepped in for another child who was absent. Well done Jacob! 🧐</p>
<p>6C</p> <p>Isabelle Wilkinson for her incredible hard work and efforts in all aspects of Year 6. Isabelle always puts in maximum effort to all she undertakes and is willing to go into the learning pit, and try different strategies to help her achieve. This has been particularly evident in our maths lessons while working on fractions. Throughout the whole school day, she demonstrates</p>	<p>6E</p> <p>Ben Witton is our pupil of the week this week. He has produced a wonderful World War 2 model Spitfire aeroplane. which he has put huge effort into, including: cockpit, replica mini guns, retractable wheels, aerial, insignias and camouflage design. Awesome work and an awesome term, Ben! Well done! 🧐</p>

kindness and respect, while also being a great friend to the whole class. Well done Isabelle, keep up the super work! 🧐	
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Dates for your diary

Tue 24 Dec – Church Nativity – 5pm and Midnight Mass at 11:30pm

Mon 6 Jan – School re-opens

Thur 16 Jan – Year 5 Planetarium (in school) information to follow

w/c 20 Jan – Art Week

27 Jan – Art Exhibition (3:30 to 4:15pm)

w/c 3 Feb – Mental Health Week

Fri 14 Feb – Number Day (information to follow)

Fri 14 Feb – school closes for half term

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.

Milk Bottle Lids

Year 1 are creating moving vehicles in January and need lots of milk bottle lids for the wheels. Please save any over the holidays and send into school in the new year.

Thank you 😊

Art Week

Art Week is 20th - 24th January and the theme is 'Green Faith, Green Future?' which links to climate change. Details of the exhibition will be sent out in the new year. There will also be an Eco Warriors competition which children can complete at home and bring their entries into school during Art Week - these will also be displayed at the exhibition.

Eco Warriors Competition

Create a piece of Art from recycled materials. One person's rubbish is another person's treasure!
Here are some examples below:



Outstanding Achievements



Lucy Holloway (5L) took part in a swimming Gala in Sheffield last weekend representing Leeds. She completed 7 races and got 7 medals - 5 Silvers, a Bronze and a 5th place all at Grade A times. Congratulations Lucy! 🏆

Mathletics

This week the top 10 mathletes in school are:

1. Dylan Beardow
2. Rosa Kershaw
3. Nathaniel Chipampe
4. Joseph Porter
5. Eloise Trafford
6. Gracie-May Sellens
7. Jenson Bryer
8. Louis Endersby
9. Joshua Watson
10. Katie Cotton

The trophies are awarded to 2J and 3W

Golden Welly



This week the Golden Welly Award was awarded to 3R Well done! 🏆

Cath Hellings
Headteacher