



Friday 13th December 2024

Our vision is 'Let your light shine'. The rainbow symbolises God's unconditional love for each individual. We seek to reflect that light in all we do: in our community, both local and wider, in our communication, both word and action, with curiosity and courage, and with care and compassion for everyone, inspiring a love of learning.

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week we enjoyed the Year Three and Four performances of 'Straw and Order', a nativity with a fun twist on the original Christmas Story. It was a fantastic display of talent, teamwork and festive spirit and reminded us all of the peace and love that we celebrate at Christmas time. From the heart-warming acting to the joyful singing, each child brought their unique energy to the stage, creating a truly magical experience that made everyone proud. It was wonderful to see their hard work and dedication shine through, and we hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we did.

We would like to thank all the parents and carers for your support, whether it was helping with costumes, practicing lines at home, or simply cheering your child on. Your involvement made all the difference. A special thanks also go to our teachers and support staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this production to life.

Year Five led our Christingle Service at St Laurence Church on Monday evening and it was a truly special occasion, bringing so many families together to celebrate this meaningful tradition. The children worked so hard to prepare for the service, and their enthusiasm and joy were evident in every song, reading and prayer.



As we approach Christmas, we hope the light of the Christingle reminds us of the importance of kindness, unity and love in our community. Thank you for being part of all our Christmas celebrations. We are now looking forward to the Year Six Carol Service that will take place on Tuesday 17th December.



Reception and Year One enjoyed a special visit this week from Emily Bowers who is an author of a book called 'How many stars are in the sky.' Emily wrote the book to promote curiosity and inquisitive thinking and the children certainly had lots of questions for her. The character in the story is on a journey to the moon, seeking answers to her burning

questions and discovers that the journey itself is just as important as the destination. Both classes loved the story and a few children have been inspired to become authors themselves! Thank you Emily.



Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dimpleby

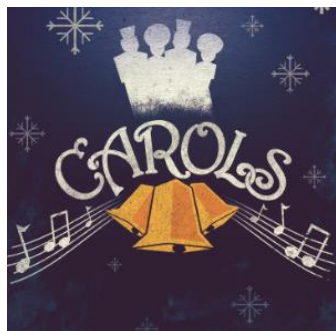
Headteacher

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Charity Donations

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our children in their Christmas performances and an even bigger thank you to everyone who donated towards our school charity, Medical Detection Dogs. I am pleased to announce we raised a whopping £550 and this will be passed to the charity in the coming weeks.

Carols on the Playground



'Carols on the Playground' is planned to take place on Friday 20th December @2:30pm (weather permitting).

This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together as we start the Christmas break and we hope that as many parents/carers as possible are able to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Child of the Week

All our children seek to 'Let their light shine' as they reflect our Christian values in their daily life. Many congratulations to the following children this week who have shone particularly brightly and been awarded 'Child of the Week':

Reception: Matilda & Arlo
Year 1: Ava & Milo
Year 2: Harrison & Albie
Year 3: Hendrix & Molly
Year 4: Josiah & Alfie
Year 5: Nathan & Isabella
Year 6: Chester & Victoria



Attendance

Well done to 5RS who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.61%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 91.78%.

Research shows a clear link between good attendance and academic achievement. Children with regular attendance are more likely to achieve their full potential, setting them up for success in school and beyond.

How you can help

- **Create a Routine** – establish consistent bedtime and morning routines to make school days run smoothly.
- **Plan Ahead** – schedule appointments and family holidays outside of school hours wherever possible.
- **Communicate** – let us know if there are challenges affecting your child's attendance. We're here to help!

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We understand that children may occasionally need time off due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances. If you're ever unsure whether to send your child to school, please feel free to contact us for advice.

Let's work together to ensure that every child has the best chance to thrive through consistent school attendance.

Accelerated Readers

The following classes have been awarded the Reading Trophies this week for completing the most Accelerated Reader Quizzes:

3MW
4KF
5JW
6CM



FOWS

Thank you to everybody who supported the Christmas Fair last week. It was a huge success and lovely to see the children so excited about selling their Christmas crafts. The children's choir sang beautifully, adding to the festive atmosphere! The event raised a total of £1381.66 and I would like to thank the FOWS committee, volunteers and staff who ensured the success of this event to raise much needed funds for the school.



Our final event of the year is the Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at *Carols on the Playground* on Friday 20th December. Tickets are on sale in the wooden huts from approx. 3pm every day after school and cost £1 each (cash only). Prizes include a luxury hamper, photography vouchers, and days out vouchers, wine and chocolate. Remember, you've got to be in it, to win it!

Coffee Meeting for parents of children with SEND

Following the success of our last coffee meeting for parents of children with SEND we would like to invite you for another opportunity to meet and talk in a safe and supportive space on **Monday 16th December @9:00am** in the Nurture Room.

We will be joined by a member of the Buckinghamshire Health Support Team who will be discussing children's mental health and wellbeing and offering information and support.



Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Katie Epps or Miss Allen via the School Office on 01296 712296 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs Katie Epps Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Miss Daisy Allen Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Child Protection Governor Mr David Shaw	

What can we do even better as a school?

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do get in contact with Mrs Dimbleby via the school office, or better still, come and chat to her at the start or the end of the day on the playground.



Diary Dates

Please find below our autumn term calendar of events for your immediate attention. This will be published on our school website and updated as appropriate over the coming weeks.

Date	Event	Year Group
wc 16 th December	Christmas Book Week	Whole School
Monday 16 th December (9:00am)	Coffee Meeting for parents of SEND pupils	Whole School
Tuesday 17 th December (2:00pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert	Year Six
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole School Christmas Service at St Laurence Church (children and staff only)	Whole School
Friday 20 th December (2:30 – 3:15pm)	Carols on the Playground	Whole School
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of School for pupils	Whole School
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 6 th January 2025		

This Term's Value is:

Forgiveness

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you."

Matthew 6:14

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