

WHAT'S COMING UP

December

- 16th EYFS & Y1 School Nativity at 14:00
- 17th EYFS & Y1 School Nativity at 14:00
- 18th Carol Service, Whole School St Mary's Church at 14:00
- 20th Non Pupil Day
- 23rd - 6th Jan Half Term

January

- 7th Spring Term Starts

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the term ends, I wanted to share with you why we continue to have our school values. In newsletters I will look at a different value and how we use this in school to help shape the ethos of the school. This week i will start with;

I am Respectful:

Respect is one of the most foundational values in any community, but it is especially vital in schools, where diverse groups of students, teachers, and families come together with a shared goal of education and growth. While schools are often seen as places for academic achievement, they are also environments where character is shaped, relationships are built, and lifelong habits are formed. Respect within the school community is more than just politeness; it's about fostering an environment of empathy, understanding, and collaboration that benefits everyone involved.

Respect is not just a value to be taught; it's a skill that must be practiced and nurtured in school, on the playground and at home. With a respectful environment, we can create an environment where children learn how to navigate a diverse and complex world with empathy and integrity. These lessons don't just prepare our pupils for academic success—they prepare them for life.

For the whole community, a respectful school community serves as a model of how people from different backgrounds can coexist harmoniously and work together toward common goals. By cultivating respect, schools become not just centers of learning but also beacons of hope and unity for the wider community.

A big thank you must go to Miss Smoothy who cooked up an amazing Christmas dinner on Thursday with over 165 dinners served. It was lovely to see all the children tucking into their dinners, pulling crackers and enjoying the Christmas jumper day too.

Looking ahead to the upcoming term, I am pleased to announce a change to our after-school provision. For KS1 pupils, replacing the current after school football club, will be gymnastics run by SCS. This change, whilst keeping the same day, aims to diversify our sporting opportunities and encourage wider participation among our pupils. Also starting next term is our iRock club and our Engineering for Kids club as showcased last week. This afternoon we have also had a Taekwondo club in to demonstrate their club starting in the new year.

Next week we have our EYFS Nativity and our whole school Carol Service at St Mary's Church starting at 2pm -I look forward to seeing you all there with your finest singing voices!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cagney



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

No After School Clubs Next Week



STAR OF THE WEEK

EYFS - Lola

Year 1 - Belle

Year 2 - Sienna

Year 3 - Anthony

Year 4 - Isla

Year 5 - Zachary

Year 6 - Grayson

AR READERS

Year 2 - Tyr-Zyzven, Livia, Carter, Joshua, Pearl, Isabella, Emilia, Alex

Year 3 - Alfie

Year 4 - Olivia, Albie, Irene

ATTENDANCE

90% - Year EYFS

88% - Year 1

96% - Year 2

91% - Year 3

95% - Year 4

997% - Year 5

95% - Year 6

Attendance target

95%

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR EYFS

This week in EYFS, we've started spreading some Christmas cheer! On Thursday, we visited Millard House Care Home to sing our nativity songs to the residents. They thoroughly enjoyed it, and it was truly heartwarming to see them clapping and waving along as the children performed. Smiles lit up the room! Today marked the first of our nativity performances for the rest of the school. The children were absolutely fantastic, showing great confidence in their stage directions and lines. We're incredibly proud of each and every one of them this week and can't wait to share the performance with parents.



YEAR 1

In year 1 we have had a very busy week. On Wednesday, we dressed up as Victorian children for our History enrichment day. All the children showed excellent curiosity towards the learning and they particularly enjoyed making lemonade, writing with chalk and learning about the different types of punishment that were used in the Victorian era. After our Victorian day we have started to plan our own recounts ready for next week where we will be writing about how schools have changed over time. Today we performed our Nativity to the whole school and are super excited to perform it to our parents next week.

YEAR 2

We've had a great week! We have started our English writing, we are writing a persuasive text about Paddington's trip to the UK, specifically England. On Monday we went to the care home, and we made some calendars for 2025. Some of us kept our calendars and some of us left them at the care home for other people. We really enjoyed it because there was glitter (Miss Jordan's favourite) and helping the residents make it with us. One lady told me I should be an artist when I am older (Ayla). In geography we did some fieldwork, we went to the River Pant, and we noticed that some of the river had human features, because humans had built a boarder to stop it flooding the houses and the village. The other was physical, because the water had made the riverbanks as it flowed. We are looking forward to Christmas!

Written by class learning ambassadors - Ayla and Lily M



Your donations made an impressive £123.10 all in aid of Save The Children. Also equally impressive is the £393.56 we raised for the Poppy Appeal in November. Thank you to everyone that was able to donate towards these charities.