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**Shine with the light of Jesus – Matthew 5:14-16.
You are the light of the world.**

12TH December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Jumper Day was highlight this week. The school was transformed into a sea of colour, sparkle, and Christmas magic, with children and staff proudly showing off their festive knits. From jingling jumpers to bright, bold patterns, everyone brought an extra dose of cheer to the school day. The excitement in the corridors and classrooms was infectious, and it was lovely to see the whole school embracing the fun.

We also had a truly wonderful time during our Christmas dinner in the hall. The children enjoyed a delicious festive lunch, complete with all the traditional favourites. The hall was filled with the sounds of laughter, Christmas crackers being pulled, and the happy buzz that comes from a shared celebration. It was a beautiful reminder of what makes this time of year so special.

A huge well done to all the children who learned their lines, practiced their songs, and put their hearts into preparing for the Nativity. Their dedication and enthusiasm were clear in every rehearsal and every performance. Watching them bring the story to life with such confidence and joy was a real treat, and we couldn't be prouder of them. We are extremely grateful to the teachers and staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support the children, and to the parents and carers who helped with costumes, practiced lines at home, and came along to watch. Your support helped make the performances truly magical.

Finally, thank you to everyone who took part in the Brinscall to Bethlehem celebration. Your involvement helped create a warm, joyful experience for our whole community. It was wonderful to see so many families joining in and sharing the moment together. A special highlight was hearing the brass band at Hillside, especially with our very own Mrs Pullin from the office conducting so beautifully. The music added an extra layer of festive sparkle and helped bring the true spirit of Christmas alive within our school community.

Wishing you all a joyful, peaceful, and festive weekend filled with warmth, laughter, and special moments with loved ones!

Mrs Owen

This Week's Prayer by Year 1...

Every week, each class takes a turn to write a prayer for us all to reflect upon in worship. We wish to share this with you so that you may use this as part of your reflection time at home.



Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of Christmas and your son, Jesus. Help us to remember that he is the best gift of all and we are thankful for your love and support this year. We are also thankful for our families, our friends, our school teachers and for all the good things that you give us. We are grateful for the year we have had and the time we have spent together. Please help us to share your love and kindness with others this Christmas, especially those who are lonely or who need help. Please help us to spread joy and peace where we can and to those around us.
Amen.



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NEWS

RECEPTION CHRISTMAS STAY & PLAY – WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

We will be holding another reception stay for our reception children on **Wednesday 17th December @ 2.15pm**. This will be a festive Christmas themed session.

ROCKSTEADY CONCERT – THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Parents of Rocksteady stars, save the date! **Thursday 18th December!** Join us for an exciting end-of-term performance where your children will showcase their musical talents.

The show kicks off at **2:00 PM**, and there's no need for tickets or booking- just come along, grab a seat, and enjoy an afternoon filled with rhythm, energy, and great music.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES



RECEPTION CHRISTMAS PARTY – MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER PM

YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS PARTY – TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER PM

YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 CHRISTMAS PARTY – WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER PM

YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 CHRISTMAS PARTY – THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER PM

Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their favourite party clothes on their party day.

HEADTEACHER AWARD

R: Willow
Y1 : Oscar
Y2: Anna
Y3: Kal-El
Y4 Robyn
Y5: Tom
Y6: Esmay

WELFARE AWARD

R: Layla
Y1: Hellena
Y2: Jessica
Y3: Lukas
Y4: Theo
Y5: Riley
Y6: Evie

LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

R: All
Y1 : All
Y2: All
Y3: Alice
Y4: Alex
Y5: Emma
Y6: Sofia

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We have attached below information to all services held at Hillside, St Barnabas and St Paul's over the festive period. Our churches would love to welcome you!

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

We have attached an update on our breakfast/after school club below. There are also some printed copies available in our main entrance,

STAFFING UPDATE

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Mrs Brown will be leaving us next week. Mrs Brown has been a valued and much-loved part of our school family for many years, and her dedication, kindness, and commitment have touched the lives of so many children, parents, and colleagues.

Although it is never easy to say goodbye, we are also incredibly proud of her as she embarks on this new chapter. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for everything she has given to the school and in wishing her every success and happiness in her new venture

DIARY DATES

Monday 15th December 2025	Reception Christmas Party: 1pm – Children can come in Party clothes
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party: 1pm – Children can come in Party clothes
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Reception Christmas Stay and play at 2.15pm Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party: 1pm – Children can come in Party clothes
Thursday 18th December 2025	Rocksteady Concert to families at 2pm Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party: 1pm – Children can come in Party clothes
Friday 19th December 2025	Christmas worship at Hillside at 9.15am School closes at 2pm for the Christmas break

St Barnabas, Heapey & St Paul's, Withnell Christmas 2025

Sunday	9.30am - Nativity (for all ages)	St Barnabas
14th December	9.30am - Jam n Toast (for all ages)	St Paul's
	11am - Traditional Holy Communion	St Paul's
	6pm - Traditional Carols	St Barnabas
Sunday	9.30am - Christmas Communion	St Barnabas
21st December	10am - Nativity (for all ages)	St Paul's
	6.30pm - Traditional Carols	St Paul's
	refreshments from 6pm	
Christmas Eve	4pm - Carols round the tree	Kittiwake Estate
	11.15pm - Midnight Communion	St Paul's
Christmas Day	10am - All Age Celebration followed by optional Holy Communion	St Barnabas
Sunday	10am - All Age Celebration	St Paul's
28th December		

LOCAL

Come and join us at church to discover the gift of Christmas

Services at Hillside

Sunday 7th December 5.00 pm **Brinscall to Bethlehem**

Starts at St John's School, finishes at Hillside.

Sunday 14th December 6.00 pm **Traditional Carol Service**

Sunday 21st December 6.00 pm **All Age Christingle Service**

including the St John's choir

Christmas Eve Communion 6.00 pm

a quiet, reflective service

Christmas Day Family Worship 10.30 am

made with love

The Methodist Church

Breakfast & After School Club News.

We are excited to share some of the changes that have been happening over the half term including the appointment of our new manager...

Meet the team...



Mrs McGlashan
Manager



Ms McGurk
Playworker



Ms Brown
Playworker



Miss McIntyre
Playworker



Miss Hilton
Playworker



Mrs Holding
Playworker



Focus on Reading

We have developed a 'Reading Nook' in our club where children can choose to sit and relax with a book of their choice. This has proved very popular with both our Infant and Junior children. In order to make this area a little more inviting and comfortable we wondered if any of our families had unwanted bean bags or large cushions which could be donated. Please speak to one of our team if you can help.



Snack

After talking to the children, we have added some additional breakfast choices and snack options. There is a large selection of cereals, hot breakfast options and healthy after school snacks. The children have enjoyed the new selection and more of our children are having a warm breakfast, which has been great to see.

Pupil voice

We are keen to make club enjoyable for all the children so we are regularly asking for their ideas, thoughts and opinions on what activities etc we do in club. If your child has any ideas/suggestions please encourage them to come and share them with us.



Reminder



Please can I remind parents and carers that Breakfast club is open from **7:30am** every morning and After School Club is open until **6:00pm** daily. If anyone has difficulty collecting their child before **6:00pm** please do let us know and we can accommodate your child.

You can contact our After School Club team directly by using the school telephone number and selecting option 4.

General Updates

From January we will have regular ASC updates within the school newsletter so please look out for those.

We also now have a display in the main entrance which includes the breakfast and ASC snacks available each week.

Payment Details

Please can I take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that payments for your child's place at either Breakfast and/or After School Club can be made using the method stated on your individual invoices which you will have received from school at the beginning of the academic year. Please can we ensure all invoices are up to date before we finish for the Christmas holidays. Thank You in advance.



Advance bookings

Our After-School Club is very well attended, particularly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. If you require these days in the New Year it would be advisable to book these as far in advance as possible so we can accommodate your request. We are very flexible but do have to adhere to ratios so book early to avoid disappointment.

Coming Soon!

We are very excited to share that we are working on plans to open a St John's ~~Brinscall~~ Holiday Club. We envisage providing holiday care for a week over the Easter break and three weeks of the Summer holiday. This is very exciting for us and we are busy working together to get this up and running for 2026. There will be more news, about our exciting project, to follow. We hope to start getting children booked on for the Easter club from the end of January.



Christmas Finish

Due to school closing at 2pm on the final day of the term, **our last pick up of the year will be 4:30pm on December 19th.**



And Finally...

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all again in 2026.

