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

14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had such an exciting and activity-filled week at school! Reception have been thoroughly enjoying their Bikeability sessions, learning new skills, building confidence on their bikes, and showing great determination. It was wonderful to see the children trying their very best, listening carefully, and engaging so positively with the CSSP coach throughout the sessions.

Our School Council also did a fantastic job running the biscuit sale. A big thank-you to everyone who supported this event and helped make it such a success. Their hard work and teamwork were brilliant to see.

This week we also celebrated World Kindness Day, with our Happiness Heroes spreading positivity, encouragement, and smiles across the school. It was lovely to see so many children taking part and enjoying the activities during Friendship Week, strengthening relationships and showing kindness to one another.

As a whole school, we came together in the hall to observe two minutes of silence for Remembrance Day. Both children and staff stood quietly to honour and remember those who served and sacrificed for others. It was a thoughtful and meaningful moment of reflection for everyone.

We have also continued our fundraising for Children in Need by taking part in our Challenge to 25km. Each class has been contributing through different movements and activities, helping us work together towards our goal. The children loved taking part while also wearing non-uniform to mark the occasion.

Thank you for being part of these wonderful events and for your continued support. It truly helps make our school community such a warm and vibrant place to be.

Mrs Owen

This Week's Prayer by Year 5...

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 friendship and the people who care for us every day. Thank you for our families, our friends who stand by us through tough times. Help us to be kind and friendly to everyone we meet.

Teach us to share love and happiness, so we can make this world a better place. Let our smiles brighten someone's day, and our words bring comfort and joy. We are grateful for the friends by our side, for laughter, fun, and the memories we make together. Please help us to notice anyone who feels lonely and to include them, so no one feels left out. May our time at school be happy and full of kindness, and may we always remember to be thankful for the love, care and friendship around us

Amen

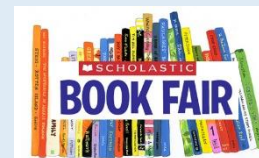


NEWS

BOOK FAIR - THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER – TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER

We are excited to announce that the Book Fair will soon be coming to our school! The Book Fair will be with us from **Thursday 20th November – Tuesday 25th November.**

Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday 8.20am-8.40am
Thursday, Friday and Monday 3.20pm-3.40pm



To celebrate the book fair being in school we are going to be having a bookmark/book cover competition which all children will be able to get involved in throughout lunchtimes from 10th – 21st November. Mrs Owen will explain on Monday how children get involved. The winner/s will receive a book fair voucher!

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

Please remember that children should not climb on the adventure trail equipment at the beginning or end of the day unless a member of staff is present.

YEAR 1 ADVENT WORSHIP – FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER

We warmly invite families to join us for our special Advent worship as we begin the journey towards Christmas. It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect, learn about the meaning of Advent, and celebrate this joyful season together. We look forward to welcoming you at 9am.

SCHOOL NURSE – THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER

The school nurse will be in school on **Thursday 27th November** to do **Reception & Y6** heights and weight checks.



YEAR 1 STAY AND LEARN

Year 1 parents are welcome to join our stay and learn. We will be looking at a carousel of activities which includes the application of our phase 5 phonics in writing unfamiliar words and integrating our most recent learning in Maths and look into the understanding of how to solve problems. The Stay and Learn is on at **2.15pm on the 2nd December.**

YEAR 6 STAY AND LEARN

Year 6 parents/carers are welcome to our stay and learn. You are welcome to join in with the children in the class learning about Maths. The Stay and Learn is from **9-10am on the 2nd December.**

HAMPER DONATIONS

YR: BLUE
Y1: CHOCOLATE AND SWEETS
Y2: FAMILY GAMES NIGHT
Y3: CRAFT
Y4: COSY CHRISTMAS
Y5: BAKE OFF
Y6: MOVIE NIGHT

Just a reminder if you are able to donate towards your class or any class hamper, just one item each would be perfect! Hampers will be raffled off at various events leading up to Christmas. Raffle tickets are available on PTFA website now.

Reading books
FOR BRINSCALL ST JOHN'S

Our school's reading books have inspired hundreds of children – but it's time for something new! Many of our current books are outdated, worn and uninspiring, and we want every child to have access to exciting, diverse and high-quality stories that spark a love of reading.

The PTFA team are aiming to raise **£6,000** to replace our school's reading scheme with fresh, engaging books.

RECEPTION TRIP – ELF FOREST – WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

The children will have the opportunity to take part in a number of exciting activities run by elves in their workshops as well as meeting **Father Christmas**. Fingers crossed we are all on his 'nice list' and will receive a gift from him too!

BRINSCALL TO BETHLEHEM – SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

All families are welcome to join us for a special outdoor Nativity walking from our School to Hillside church learning all about the birth story of baby Jesus. You might even see a real Donkey and a real baby Jesus. Children and adults are welcome to dress up as angels, shepherds, or even kings!





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ROBINWOOD – MONDAY 24TH-WEDNESDAY 26TH

It is not long now until our Y6 children head off to Robinwood. If you have any questions please speak to Mr Lewis. We are hoping hoodies will be here to give out on Friday 21st November.

A letter will be sent out next week with packing lists and itinerary.

MESSY CHURCH – SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

Join us for a fun, creative, and family-friendly celebration as we kick off the Advent season together. Our Advent Messy Church will include hands-on activities, crafts, music, and a short time of worship, perfect for all ages. Come as you are and discover the wonder of Advent in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

10am – 12noon



CELEBRATIONS

HEADTEACHER AWARD

R: Holly
 Y1 :Katie
 Y2: Donnie
 Y3: Max
 Y4 :Abigail
 Y5: Sophia
 Y6: Freddie

WELFARE AWARD

R: Rowan
 Y1: Joesph
 Y2: Charlie
 Y3: Violet
 Y4: Eva
 Y5: Arthur
 Y6: Emmi

LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

R: Ivy
 Y1 : Alaina
 Y2: Jacob
 Y3: Georgia
 Y4: Sami
 Y5: Thea
 Y6: Archie

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 19th November 2025	NASAL Flu vaccinations
Thursday 20th - Tuesday 25th November	Book fair in school
Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th November	RobinWood for Y6
Thursday 27th November 2025	Reception heights and weights with the school nurse
Friday 28th November 2025	Advent worship – Y1 at 9am
Sunday 30th November 2025	Messy Church – more information to follow
Tuesday 2nd December 2025	Y6 Stay and learn at 9am – more information to follow Y1 Stay and learn at 2.15pm – more information to follow
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Reception trip to Elf forest
Sunday 7th December 2025	Brinscall to Bethlehem
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity for families at 2pm
Thursday 11th December 2025	Christmas Jumper day School Christmas dinner day Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity for families at 6pm
Friday 12th December 2025	Y1 and Y2 Crafting with Santa at 1pm Y3 and Y4 Crafting with Santa at 2.15pm
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 2pm 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	Non-uniform day for winning house team Christmas worship at Hillside at 9.15am School closes at 2pm for the Christmas break



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CLASS NEWS

RECEPTION

In Reception, we have continued to look at our topic of Celebrations. We made some beautiful fireworks by scraping a fork along our paint. This helped it to look like explosions in a night sky. With our buddies, we made some beautiful poppy fields and talked about Remembrance Day.

YEAR ONE

Year 1 have been very busy this week writing a retell of our English book "Zog". The stories are fantastic. They have independently been completing addition challenges in Maths and creating towers in the Construction area. They have also been working as a team to create a ramp in our outside environment too.

YEAR TWO

Year 2 have had! In English, we have started our new unit all about fairy tales. We have spent some time reading lots of fairy tales and building our word bank up with lots of adjectives to describe the different characters. We took our maths learning outside to create a life size number line to help us add across 10. Finally, to start friendship week, we all came wearing odd socks

YEAR THREE

Year 3 kick started friendship week by writing certificates for other children they have seen showing kindness to others. We also have a kindness tree where acts of kindness can be displayed. These will be added to over the week and we're looking forward to seeing who has been noticed for their kindness. We wrote pledges about our aims for this week which we will review on Friday.

YEAR FOUR

Year 4 have been enjoying learning their dance for the unit 'Sparks Might Fly' this week. We have been very impressed with how enthusiastic the children have been and getting stuck in! In Science we have begun our unit of Animals Including Humans, which we started by exploring the different types of teeth we have and what they are used for.

YEAR FIVE

This week, our Year 5 class have been busy spreading positivity by creating beautiful friendship flowers and completing random acts of kindness around the school. We're so proud of their thoughtful ideas and the way they've supported one another! In science, we've also been investigating the wonders of space and researching the different planets in our solar system. Year 5 have shown fantastic curiosity and teamwork as they explored what makes each planet unique.

YEAR SIX

In Year 6 during our visit from Coram Life Education, we explored the importance of the decisions we make and how they shape our lives and relationships. As part of Remembrance, we learned about the brave individuals who served our country. We prepared and delivered a thoughtful worship service, and created meaningful poppy artwork with our buddies to honour their memory.

Attachments

- ✓ Brinscall to Bethlehem