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

21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've come to the end of another lovely week, and the colder, wintry weather has certainly arrived!

A real highlight for us was a special visit from Pudsey, who popped in to say thank you for all our Children in Need fundraising. Together, we raised an amazing £575.05. We are so grateful for the kindness and generosity shown by our children and families. Thank you for always supporting our school community so wholeheartedly.

Our Book Fair arrived this week too, bringing lots of excitement around reading. It has been wonderful to see children and families choosing new books to enjoy and sharing in that joy of reading together. In school, we've also been running a fun lunchtime competition designing bookmarks and book covers. There were some fantastic entries and it was difficult to pick a winner so we ended up picking 3! The winners were Eloise Y5, Grace Y4 and Norma Y2. Those children have been presented with a £5 gift voucher to spend at our book fair.

If you haven't had chance to visit the book fair, please don't worry; there's still plenty of time. The Book Fair will be open after school today, as well as before and after school on Monday and Tuesday next week. For children who attend Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club, you're very welcome to send money in with them. We'll make sure they get the opportunity to visit during club time. Or, if it's easier, just speak to a member of the club staff and they'll happily open the fair for you at drop-off or collection.

As we move into next week, we prepare to wave off our Year 6 children as they head to Robinwood at the start of the week. We pray they have the very best time and make wonderful memories, we can't wait to hear all their stories when they return.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Owen

This Week's Prayer by Year 4...

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 the seasons, and as we turn into colder weather please keep us all safe and warm. Please help those who do not have the safety and warmth of a home in these colder months. Let us all enjoy what winter has to offer and keep us smiling even when the days are dark.

Help us send our thoughts and prayers to people in other parts of the world as we donate to the shoebox appeal and give them the strength to not give up. Help us to brighten the days of others as we would hope that our days would be brightened. Give us the courage to show resilience when things are tough and allow us to be brave to share ideas in class.

Amen



NEWS

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/ carers 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. This is a great opportunity to find out more about what your child is learning in school.

The Stay and Learn is from **9-10am on the 2nd December**.

EYFS & KS1 NATIVITY

This year's nativity performance, Baarmy Bethlehem is on **Wednesday 10th December at 2pm and Thursday 11th December at 6pm**.



Tickets and further information will come out to all EYFS/KS1 parents on **Tuesday 25th November**.

CRAFTNG WITH SANTA – Y1/Y2 & Y3/Y4

We are excited to be holding our first crafting with Santa events this year on Friday 12th December.

Tickets are £3 each for adults. Letters will be sent home on **Friday 28th November** to all children in Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4.



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 AT 5PM

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!



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





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PTFA NEWS

Thank you for all your generous donations to our PTFA hampers.

Raffle tickets are on sale online www.pta-events.co.uk/brinscallstjohns

You can also buy tickets in person on **Friday 28th between 8:40pm-9:00am** and between **3:20pm-3:40pm** from a PTFA table on the school yard.

CELEBRATIONS

HEADTEACHER AWARD	WELFARE AWARD	LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD
R: Amber Y1 Jessica Y2: Noah Y3: Elle Y4 : Robyn Y5: Ayrton Y6: Pippa	R: Oscar Y1: Annabelle Y2: Charlie Y3: Violet Y4: Eva Y5: Arthur Y6: Emmi	R: Max Y1 : Parker Y2: Lukas Y3: Violet Y4: Owen Y5: Arthur Y6: Myla

Dates for your diary

Thursday 20 th - Tuesday 25 th November	Book fair in school
Monday 24 th – Wednesday 26 th November	RobinWood for Y6
Thursday 27 th November 2025	Reception heights and weights with the school nurse
Friday 28 th November 2025	Advent worship – Y1 at 9am
Sunday 30 th November 2025	Messy Church – more information to follow
Tuesday 2 nd December 2025	Y6 Stay and learn at 9am – more information to follow Y1 Stay and learn at 2.15pm – more information to follow
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	Reception trip to Elf forest
Sunday 7 th December 2025	Brinscall to Bethlehem
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity for families at 2pm
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas Jumper day School Christmas dinner day Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity for families at 6pm
Friday 12 th December 2025	Y1 and Y2 Crafting with Santa at 1pm Y3 and Y4 Crafting with Santa at 2.15pm
Monday 15 th December 2025	Reception Christmas Party: 1pm – Children can come in Party clothes
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party: 1pm – Children can come in Party clothes
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Reception Christmas Stay and play at 2pm Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party: 1pm – Children can come in Party clothes
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Rocksteady Concert to families at 2pm Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party: 1pm – Children can come in Party clothes
Friday 19 th December 2025	Christmas worship at Hillside at 9.15am School closes at 2pm for the Christmas break

FREE!!

Pre-Christmas family event – We are hosting this event in our school to support families and the community to attend a fun filled Christmas event completely **free of charge** just before Christmas!

Book now to avoid disappointment!



Jingle all the way to School's Out's Festive Family Fun Day!

Join us for 90 minutes of festive fun, from partying with Santa's Elves to crafts & cookie decorating.

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Sessions must be booked in advance.



Monday

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December

Sessions starting at:
10am, 12pm & 2pm

FREE

mince pies & hot
drinks for all
grown ups

To book a session scan the QR code or email schoolsouthc@hotmail.com