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

17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

What a change compared to the weather we experienced last week! Thank you for sending your children in sensible footwear as this allowed them to enjoy the remainder of the snow. We know playing in the snow isn't everyone's cup of tea, and those who didn't want to go outside got the chance to dance with Mr. Lewis. Unfortunately, there is no video evidence for this! The snow has now cleared, but I trust you and your children had a fantastic time playing in it while it lasted!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers who dedicated their time over the weekend to freshen up the Year 3 and 4 classrooms, as well as the corridor. The transformation is remarkable, and the children were absolutely thrilled to see their new, vibrant learning spaces. It's always a joy to see their faces light up! As the children had a say in their classroom designs, you could see how proud they were of their learning environments now. We hope the next time you visit our school for a showcase, you'll get a chance to see them. A special thank you to D&G Builders and Joiners and Chorley decs for their generous donations of paint and equipment- we couldn't have done it without you!

In Year 5 and Year 6, we had a very engaging Mental Health workshop where the children learned about the importance of communication. They participated in a fun activity where they worked together to build structures using spaghetti and marshmallows. It was heartening to see them collaborating and sharing ideas - vital skills that will serve them well both inside and outside of the classroom.

We have updated our noticeboard outside the school with a range of new posters and events that will be taking place. As you are dropping or picking your children up, please take a moment to have a look.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. Let's make the most of the coming week, and please stay safe over the weekend! Tickets for the PTFA Chocolate Bingo go on sale **tonight at 7pm**. There are limited tickets, so don't forget to grab them while you can.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Joanna Owen

Headteacher

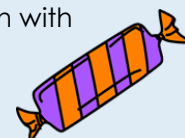
**NEWS**

**DINNER PAYMENTS**

Please remember to log into your ParentPay account and keep up to date with school dinner payments. This applies to Year 3 to Year 6.  
Thank you in advance.

**NUT FREE REMINDER**

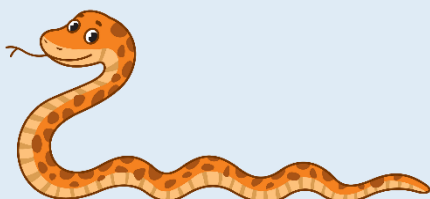
Just a reminder for you to be vigilant in checking the ingredients in your children's snacks. Our policy is in place to safeguard those children with nut allergies.  
We appreciate your cooperation.



### FAMILY FRIDAY – CHINESE NEW YEAR – YEAR 3/4 CLASSES Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Thank you so much for everyone who has returned their slips and sent payments in for the Chinese New Year Family Friday. The payment is up and ready on ParentPay for those wishing to attend.

We will begin to distribute the tickets on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January.



### BRIGHT FOR SIGHT DAY- FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February

We are holding a 'Bright for Sight' day to support Galloways Sight Loss Charity. This is something that has been requested by children in Year 6 as a charity they wanted us to support. During that day, Michelle from Galloways will be coming in to speak to the children.

**Children can be in non-uniform** - the brighter coloured clothes, the better! Please could children bring in a donation for the charity on that day or via ParentPay? £1 has been given as a suggested donation, but of course, if you are able and wish to donate more, that would be very welcome. Thank you.

### CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – wb 3<sup>rd</sup> February

From the **3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> February**, we will be focusing on Children's Mental Health Week. It's a time for all of us—schools, parents, and communities—to come together to support our children in navigating their feelings and emotions. This year's theme, "Let's Connect," highlights the importance of building healthy relationships and creating supportive environments for our young ones.

Throughout the week, we'll be engaging our students in activities designed to promote resilience, kindness, and open conversations about feelings.

On **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, there will be a showcase of the children's work at 3:30pm. We know Friday nights are busy, but if you are able to, you can join us in school to celebrate the work they will have produced throughout the week. Alternatively, you can request to see your child's work on Seesaw by speaking to your class teacher.



### BREAK THE RULES DAY

How often do you get to break the rules?  
**On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, we ask you to bring in a chocolate gift in exchange for breaking up to three rules!

The rules you can break include:

Only water in your drink bottles, smart hair styles, wearing school uniform, no football kits, no pyjamas, no facepaint, no fancy dress and no hats or caps. A letter will be sent home with more information.



### PTFA CHOCOLATE BINGO

The PTFA have organised a Chocolate Bingo on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**. The tickets are £3 per person. Pop on down for a chance to win a chocolate treat.

There are limited tickets available for this event, so act whilst you can. Tickets will be on sale from **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm**.

You can purchase tickets for the event through the PTFA link on our school website, or by following this link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/brinscallstjohns/index.cfm>

### ST JOHN'S SUPERSTAR AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Issac  
**YEAR 5:** Eddie  
**YEAR 4:** Tara  
**YEAR 3:** Owen  
**YEAR 2:** Logan  
**YEAR 1:** Peter  
**YEAR R:** Finlay



### WELFARE AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Aveana  
**YEAR 5:** Eddie  
**YEAR 4:** Phoebe  
**YEAR 3:** George  
**YEAR 2:** Logan  
**YEAR 1:** Donnie  
**YEAR R:** Lily

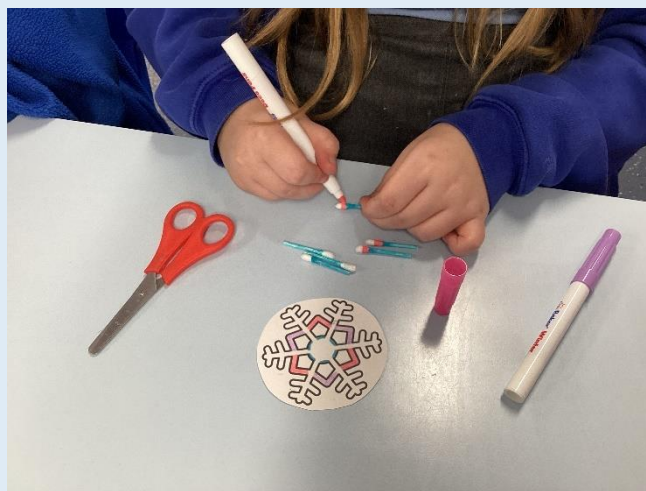
### LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Olivier  
**YEAR 5:** Francesca  
**YEAR 4:** Reggie  
**YEAR 3:** Grace  
**YEAR 2:** Michael  
**YEAR 1:** Erin  
**YEAR R:** Harrison



## ASC NEWS

This week in After School Club, we have been designing our own snowflakes and snowmen. We were inspired by last week's snow and had lots of discussions about it.  
Check out some of the designs our children have made.



### Attachments for this Week:

- ✓ PTFA Chocolate Bingo
- ✓ The Frog Prince
- ✓ Rising Hoopers
- ✓ England Women v India Match