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6th December 2024

If you take a look around our school, it's obvious that this week was the start of December! Classrooms are decorated in tinsel, lights and decorations are hung around the school and there is a beautiful Christmas tree in our school hall. Our reception children had a lot of fun decorating it with baubles and ornaments this year. A huge thank you to Knowles Farm for donating this tree, it has made lots of our children smile this week.



We had a **rocking** start to our week with Rocksteady. Jacob paid us a visit and introduced our children to what it would be like to play in a band. He taught us about all the different sounds and notes you could make with instruments, such as the bass, keyboard, drums and guitar. As a demonstration, a few of our children made bands with creative names (like "The Minty Elephants"!) and sang some iconic rock songs. Thank you so much for an exciting start to our week.

Recently, we have been immersing ourselves in the "Year of Prayer". Our class worships and assemblies have been following themes linked to these ideas. The intention for the year is for parishes to pray for new and deeper disciples for Jesus Christ, and to pray for themselves that they may be cleansed and renewed in the power of the Holy Spirit for a season of mission in our centenary year 2026. If you have any ideas for creative ways to pray, we would love to hear them.

Reception visited Elf Forest this week and they had an amazing time! With the help of the elves, they got to practice gift wrapping, just like they would do if they worked for Santa! They even got a chance to see what it would be like if they went to Elf School...

As always, a big thank you to everyone for their hard work throughout the week. We are incredibly proud of how the children carry themselves every day, sharing their happiness and kindness as we get closer to Christmas. Stay safe and see you all on Monday.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Joanna Owen

Headteacher

NEWS

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Thursday 12th December, we will be having a Christmas Jumper Day! Come into school wearing your favourite Christmas jumper.

We would like to ask for donation of **£1** to go towards the charity.



ROBINWOOD

Our Year 6 children will be heading off to Robinwood on Monday 9th December until Wednesday 11th December.

Please ensure that the children have all the kit from the list provided and that they arrive at school on time.

Just a reminder; no sweets or treats in their bags, please.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FRIDAYS

Friday 13th December: Y1 and Y2 at 2.30pm

Monday 16th December: EYFS at 2.30pm

Tuesday 17th December: Y3 and Y4 at 2.30pm

Thursday 19th December: Y5 and Y6 at 2.30pm

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their forms and paid for tickets.

These tickets will be sent out with the children on Monday.

BRINSCALL'S GOT TALENT

It's that time of year!
Sign up sheets for Brinscall's Got Talent are up in each classroom. As always, we're looking for our children to show off their talents, both solo and group acts.

We are so incredibly proud each year of the spectacular performances the children share with us and we again look forward to another wonderful show.



More details to follow.

EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party

On **Wednesday 18th December**, there will be a Chrstmas Party in EYFS and KS1.

Children can come to school in their party clothes on that day and hopefully we will even get a visit from Father Christmas himself!

BRINSCALL TO BETHLEHEM Sunday 8th December

All families are welcome to join in with Hillside Church – they start off at our school and walk down to Hillside.

If children (or adults) would like to dress up as angels, shepherds or kings, they are very welcome to do so!

Look out for the new-born baby and some local animals who will also be joining in!



WORSHIP

There have been some changes to our worships in the following weeks. Please see below for the timetable:

Friday 13th December: 9am in **school**.

Friday 20th December: 9am in **church**.

BOOK FAIR WINNERS

A big congratulations to our Book Fair competitions winners:

EYFS - Noah
Y1 - Annie
Y2 - Jonathan
Y3 - Mabel
Y4 - Eloise
Y5 - Martha
Y6 - Tessa

Reception Stay and Play

We are welcoming reception parents a chance to stay and play with their children on **Monday 16th December**.
A letter has been sent home with more information. This event is in place of the Festive Fun dates.

There will be festive treats during this time to help everyone get into the Christmas mood!



NATIVITY



The tickets for our Nativity performance have now all been allocated.

We apologise if you were not allocated all of the tickets you requested but the safety of our children is paramount, so we have had to ensure we remain within health and safety regulations.

Thank you to everyone who is coming to support the children during their performances.

Tuesday 10th December: 2pm
Wednesday 11th December: 6pm

Remember to bring your tickets!

(And remember, we also have raffle tickets for sale which will be drawn on Wednesday after the performance!)

CAROL SERVICE

On **Friday 20th December at 9am**, there will be a carol service at Hillside Methodist Church. Our children have been working hard to sing lots of beautiful Christmas songs to get us ready for Christmas.

We would love to see you there however, this year, this event is a ticketed event. Tickets are FREE and will be available from the office from Thursday 12th December. Thank you for your understanding.





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ST JOHN'S SUPERSTAR AWARD WINNERS

YEAR 6: Anya
YEAR 5: Freddie
YEAR 4: James
YEAR 3: Theo
YEAR 2: Alexander
YEAR 1: Jessica
YEAR R: Jessie



WELFARE AWARD

YEAR 6: Betty
YEAR 5: Martha
YEAR 4: Tom
YEAR 3: Owen
YEAR 2: Isabel
YEAR 1: Peter
YEAR R: Yusuf

LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

YEAR 6: Alice
YEAR 5: Mirren
YEAR 4: Joshua
YEAR 3: Holly
YEAR 2: Jonathan
YEAR 1: Reuben
YEAR R: Harry



RECEPTION

As part of our English we are reading 'We're Going On A bear Hunt' and Reception class went on the hunt for some long(ish) swishy swashy grass. We talked about what we noticed and how it felt. We also got crafty and made our own bear caves in our creative area. We found out how shadows are formed and made shadows using the characters from the story. We had lots of fun decorating the school Christmas tree too!

YEAR 1

What a busy week we have had in Year 1. As our Nativity approaches we have been practicing our performance skills and getting used to the stage and working alongside the rest of Key Stage 1. Our class elf, Eric; heard us singing from the classroom and was rather complimentary! In Art this week we continued with our wool weaving project. Our blankets for a field mouse are coming along well and we are following our plans to make sure we are successful in our design.

YEAR 2

This week, Year 2 have been working really hard on practicing the Nativity, ready for all the grown ups to watch next week! We've also been lucky enough to have a visit from Rock Steady, where they showed us some really loud (but fun!) instruments, like drums and bass guitars. In maths, we have been looking at naming and recognising 3D shapes. And finally, in English, we have been writing postcards and looking at the features of postcards.

YEAR 3

This week in Year 3, we have looked at how addition and subtraction are inverse operations and can be used to solve problems and check answers. We finished our class poem Autumn is Here, continuing to work on verbs, adverbs, adjectives and personification. Using this, we have independently planned and written a poem about winter using all the skills we have learnt. And one of us was lucky enough to play the keyboard as part of a band when we were visited by Rock Steady!

YEAR 4

In Year 4, we've been quite competitive this week! You might have already heard, but we have won the Silver Wars competition hosted by our PTFA and we are already thinking about what we are going to do for our treat. We had an amazing worship last Friday, so thank you to everyone who came to watch us teach you about Christmas around the world. In PE, we've been working to create an amazing dance with the theme of 'electricity'!

YEAR 5

In Year 5 this week, we started out with an enthusiastic reception for Rocksteady, who came to visit us to model their music lessons. The children (and teachers) both made a band on the spot to demonstrate how we can play together. We've enjoyed learning about the Christmas celebrations around the world. The children have really been interested in seeing how other cultures and parts of the world celebrate Christmas and comparing their traditions with our own.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have been very excited to receive their leaver's hoodies today, and even more excited to have them for Robinwood next week. We'd like to thank the PTFA again for helping towards these! In RE, we have been looking at Mary's importance in the Christmas story and learning more about her. In Science, we have continued to look at evolution, including a more in depth look at wolly-mamoths!