



BRINSCALL ST JOHN'S C/E METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Shine with the light of Jesus – Matthew 5:14-16. You are the light of the world.

7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and managed to enjoy some quality time together, whether that meant cosy days at home, autumn walks, or a few well-earned lazy mornings. It's been wonderful to see the children return to school this week full of smiles, stories, and energy for the new half-term ahead.

We've had a really busy but exciting start to the week. On Monday, we welcomed CORAM Life Education into school to work with all of our classes. The sessions explored a range of important themes within PSHE; from understanding feelings and friendships to thinking about how we make positive choices and stay safe. The children engaged brilliantly and shared lots of thoughtful ideas. It's always lovely to see them reflect so maturely on topics that help build their confidence and wellbeing.

Today, our Year 6 pupils led our whole-school worship, and what a fantastic job they did! Their assembly focused on Remembrance Sunday, and they helped us all to reflect on why this time of year is so significant. Through poems, readings, and prayers, they reminded us of the importance of honouring those who have served and continue to serve. We are so proud of how respectfully and confidently they led the service.

Looking ahead to next week, we're really excited to be celebrating Friendship Week. It's always a lovely time for us to focus on kindness, teamwork, and the special role that friends play in our lives. Throughout the week, there will be different activities in classes and around school to help us think about what makes a good friend and how we can include others.

Our School Council will also be getting involved they'll be selling some delicious biscuits at playtime for children to enjoy with their friends! Each biscuit will cost 30p, and they'll be available throughout the week (while stocks last!). It's a lovely way to share a treat and a smile with someone special.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Owen

This Week's Prayer by Year 6...

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 all the times you have helped us and for all we have in this world. Please help us remember what we have to be grateful for and all the people that help us. Thank you for our safety and we pray for you to help those who do not have as safe a home as we do. Please help all the people in the world affected by war, especially those in the Ukraine.

Thank you for the soldiers that gave their lives for us and helped our country to achieve peace. Thank you for the beautiful poppies and the peace and sacrifice they symbolise. Help us to remember the sacrifices that have been made for us and the bravery of everyone who stands up for what they believe in.

Amen

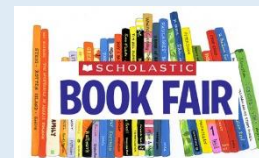


NEWS

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!

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 – WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER AND WEDNESDAY 26th NOVEMBER

The school nurse will be in school on **Wednesday 12th November** to complete **reception** vision screenings
And
On **Thursday 27th November** to do **reception & Y6** heights and weight checks.



CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Throughout the week, children will be taking part in the **Challenge Yourself to 25** in their classrooms. Each day, pupils will aim to complete **5K of movement** - whether it's running, skipping, jumping, walking, or dancing, adding up to **25K by Friday!** These fun and active sessions will be led by teachers, helping everyone stay moving while raising money for BBC Children in Need.

Sponsorship forms have been sent home, alternatively you can donate in cash to the school office, via parent pay or via our justgiving page
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/brinscallstjohnsprimaryschool>



Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for £1 to school to celebrate the end of our fundraising week and the official Children in need day on 14th November. Bright colours, Pudsey ears, and spots are all welcome!

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.

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.

FRIENDSHIP WEEK – MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Monday 10th November – Odd Socks days.

Throughout the week children will complete a range of friendship activities to promote positive friendships/ anti-bullying week.

We will hold a parent showcase on Friday 14th November at 3.20pm/3.25pm until 4pm for you to see what we have been up to during the week, we will also post these on seesaw if you are unable to make the showcase.





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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



Dates for your diary

Monday 10th November – Friday 14th November 2025	Friendship week Monday 10 th – Odd socks day Friday 14 th November – CHILDREN IN NEED – OWN Clothes day Friday 14 th November - Parent showcase at 3.30-4pm
Wednesday 12th November 2025	Reception vision screening
Saturday 15th November 2025	Hillside Christmas Market – 11am-2pm at Hillside Church
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

Attachments

- ✓ Talkin' Tables
- ✓ Reading books and hampers
- ✓ Messy Church
- ✓ Winter Wonderland