

# Parents' Newsletter

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**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Dear Parents

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of 2025! The year is whizzing by, and we are very much enjoying getting ready for Christmas with the children, with Nativity rehearsals well underway and new hymns being learned for our Christmas Church visit and the anticipation for all the many events ahead growing.

We hope you have managed to purchase your child's D&T event Christmas Decorative item, if not, there is still time; this is an item on Parentmail ready for purchase at £3.00.

We are also providing our annual postal service for Christmas cards from next Monday, should the children wish to send cards please be sure to write the class name on the envelopes.

Can we ask that if any parents are available for our walk to the Church, can they please let class teachers know via dojo in order that we can support developing our risk assessment.

Kind regards

Bridgette Gough

Headteacher

## **Christmas Tree Festival**

We are proud to announce the school received first place in the Christmas Tree Festival Competition held at St. Andrew's Church! They had a record number of visitors and we would like to thank everyone who voted for our lovely tree, and all the staff who supported the children in making the stunning decorations.

We hope lots of you will also support our Christmas Events being held straight after school on various dates on the run up to Christmas!

Good luck to SASHA with these events and in their efforts to raise funds for the future. Details will be shared shortly.

**Love Life and Learning**

### Sickness Protocol Reminder

We kindly remind you of our sickness protocol. If your child has experienced sickness or diarrhoea, please ensure they remain at home for at least 48 hours after their last episode. This guideline, advised by health authorities, is crucial in preventing the spread of these illnesses among our school community. Your co-operation helps us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all our children.

### **Intervention Support Drive**

This term, our school has focused on using interventions to help fill gaps and support our children in making accelerated progress in English and maths. Our dedicated Learning Support team has collaborated closely with class teachers, who have participated in strategy planning sessions with the senior team, to target specific groups of learners across the school.

Some of these groups have taken place outside the school day, and we are incredibly grateful for the teaching team's efforts on behalf of our children. Many sessions have been held within school, run by both teachers and LSAs. As we approach the end of the year, we may reassess priorities and adjust these groups accordingly.

We kindly ask parents to support their children by making time for any after or before school sessions, as the support provided is invaluable.

A heartfelt thank you to all staff involved in building confidence and promoting progress for our pupils!

### **Focused 10 for 10 Activities Over Winter Break**

As we approach the winter break, we want to ensure our pupils maintain their focus and engagement. With the holiday starting on the 19th and returning on the 5th, that's 17 days of potential learning! We are excited to share our "Focused 10 for 10" initiative, featuring 10-minute activities for 10 days. If your child's year group has been selected, these activities will be sent home with their class newsletter on Dojo next week. We can also provide paper copies for anyone who needs them. These short tasks are designed to fit around your festive plans, making them a helpful addition to your child's holiday routine keeping their hand in with retaining key skills.

## **Headteacher's Cup**

Joey Class: W1- Freddie

W2- Ronnie

Aardvark Class: W1- Roman

W2- Lennox

Giraffe Class: W1- Darcey

W2- Tommy

Capybara Class: W1- Lillie

W2- Ethan

Koala Class: W1- Dolcie

W2- Huey

Jellyfish Class: W1- The Whole Class

W2- Nicky

Falcon Class: W1- Layla

W2- Betty



### **Birthdays in December**

Robyn	Ivy
Raven	Buddy
Mabel	Isabella
Axel	Liliana
Aubrey	Olivia
Oliver	Ruby
Ariella	Jacob
Daniel	Betty
Darcey	Zara
Isla	Logan
Carter	



### **Going For Green**

Buddy & Liliana

### **Sports Cup**

Sonny & Phoebe

## Collective Worship Themes & Our Reflection Area

Last week, our theme for worship was courage, beautifully linked to the lives of the saints. We explored the inspiring story of Saint Andrew, one of Jesus' first followers, through the engaging film from the BBC Assembly Resource.

Andrew, a fisherman alongside Peter, showed immense bravery in his journey as an apostle.

Using the story of The Lion Inside, we examined what it truly means to find courage within ourselves. We also reflected on the tale of David and Goliath, highlighting the importance of self-belief and faith when facing our fears; and the notion that courage has nothing to do with size or even age.

This week, we turned our focus to the hopefulness of the Advent season. We were delighted to have the Collective Worship Committee (CWC) lead Tuesday's worship; they told everyone about the reverse advent collections for our local foodbanks and the importance of these organisations over the Christmas period. Using resources from Assemblies.org and the picture book Humphrey's First Christmas we explored the hope associated with Advent and the very first Christmas.

Additionally, we embraced the concept of Advent, in the creation of our Reflection Area that will now be with us until the end of term. The children are being encouraged to think about what they have to look forward to and the joy of anticipation and hoping. We have shared some pictures of the CWC in action and the new Reflection Area.



We are thrilled to announce that our Christmas tree is now beautifully decorated and taking pride of place in the school hall! A heartfelt thank you to Oliver's Nursery for their generous donation, which has truly brightened our festive season. We invite you to enjoy the pictures showcasing this lovely addition to our festive celebrations.

