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**Friday 9th January 2026**

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

### **Gospel Reflection**



John 1:1-18 "The Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us."

Our assemblies this week have focused upon the move beyond Bethlehem, the Christmas Feast and the celebrations of the past few weeks. We find ourselves with a new year ahead of us and a period of renewal. John's Gospel begins with not a story of shepherds or wise men, but with the great mystery: "In the beginning was the Word."

In this Gospel reading that we have reflected upon as a school this week, we are drawn towards the glory, power and compassion of God, our Father. "The Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us." God sent His only beloved Son to be with us, to walk with us, teach us, to heal us and to redeem. When He came into the world many did not recognise Him and rejected Him.

This week and with a new year ahead of us, we take comfort and hope that our God loves us, and became one of us in Jesus, so that we could come to know Him, receive His love, and live as His children.

### **Welcome Back**

It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school this week and see the enthusiasm with which our pupils and staff have returned. It has been lovely to see you, our parents and friends of the school after the Christmas break. I do hope you and your families have had a restful Christmas holidays.

I would like to wish everyone a very peaceful and a Happy New Year. We look forward to the opportunities that this year brings and the experiences that lie ahead for us all.

### Reception and Nursery Places September 2026

A reminder to all parents of pupils in our current Nursery cohort to make sure that they have submitted their applications for a Reception place in September 2026. The deadline for this is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

For all of our families and wider community a reminder that we are welcoming and still have, places available for our September 2026 Nursery intake. We have attached a flyer with additional information, including the expansion of our breakfast club and wrap-around care this year.

Please watch this space for more exciting news on this.

Please see our attached poster for further information.



### SEERIH Science Event

We are delighted to be welcoming SEERIH (Science and Engineering Education Research and Innovation Hub) from the University of Manchester to work with pupils in Mrs Murphy (2M) and Miss Dobie's (3/4D) class next Tuesday 13th January.

It will be a celebration of our school Science curriculum and their support with this.

This event will take place in school and will include the Manchester Evening News and The University of Manchester promoting the event through social media.

This will involve the MEN writing an article about our collaborative project, which will also include them taking photographs and/or recording videos in relation to the event.

We are sure the children will have an exciting and informative experience at the event.



Science and Engineering Education Research and  
Innovation Hub (SEERIH)

### Nail Extensions and Nail Polish Reminder

We have had a few cases of children returning to school after the Christmas break with nail extensions or nail polish on their fingernails. A reminder that this is not permitted as part of our Uniform Policy.

Please ensure extensions and polish are removed safely and as soon as possible to comply with our Uniform Policy and for Health & Safety reasons. Pupils will be spoken to sensitively if they are seen with either nail extensions or nail polish.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.



### **Class 3/4D Collective Worship**

Next Thursday 15th January at 2.50 p.m. we warmly welcome the parents/carers of Class 3/4D to join the children in class for their Class Worship.

We look forward to seeing you there.







Nursery have talked about Winter and what happens during this time of year. The children talked about the weather and how it is cold and sometimes it even snows. We looked at the snow, touched it and described it ...



This week in Maths, Reception have been learning about size. We had an introduction to length and what we might use to measure it ...



The children in 2M have been using place value charts and counters to recap their understanding of the value of each digit in two digit numbers ...



3/4D have been exploring different units of measurement and used metre sticks to measure the school hall ...





Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week' ...



## Grateful and Generous



Well done to all of our pupils who demonstrated our school virtues – 'grateful and generous' this week ...







Congratulations to our Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots winners this week. Keep up the good work!



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

3W are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 98.2% attendance!

Nur W	Nur/RecW	RecW	1H	1/2S	2M
86.4%	97.2%	97.9%	92.9%	95%	93.9%
3W	3/4D	4J	5C	5/6G	6W
98.2%	96.1%	96.4%	95.5%	96%	87.9%

### Dates to remember

Tuesday 13th January 2026: SEERIH Science Event for Classes 3/4D & 2M

Thursday 15th January 2026: Class 3/4D Class Worship at 2.50 p.m. in 3/4D classroom

Wednesday 4th February 2026: Dental Examination Survey for selected Reception & Y1 children

Friday 6th February 2026: Emmaus Inset Day - **school closed to all pupils**

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend.

Take care and God bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher

