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'Growing in faith, hope and love. But of these three the greatest is love'.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Friday 12th December 2025

As part of our journey through Advent this term we have been following the Church of England resources and have explored through worship the **Joy in Connection** – this focusses on Mary and the connection she makes with Elizabeth, then the **Joy in Trusting** which explored Joseph's trust and then this week we have focussed on the **Joy in Sharing** in which we explored the Shepherds and why they went to share the Good News.



Please see the Joy at home sheet attached to this newsletter with ideas how children can take what they have been learning about Christmas home.



A **HUGE** thankyou to all the members of the PTFA for their amazing planning and preparations needed for the successful Christmas fair which took place last Friday. A huge

thanks too to all the staff, volunteer helpers, to those who made generous donations and to you all for your support- school was very busy and there was a real buzz around all the stalls. With everyone's help

and contributions a fantastic. **£3200** was raised



Staffing Update

At the end of term, we will be saying Goodbye to Mr Lyon as he will be retiring. We wish him a long and happy retirement and am sure he will pop in to see us!



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A warm welcome to our New Governors

Following the recent nomination process for appointing a new parent governor, we had one candidate standing unopposed, and therefore Mr Justin Grundy was duly elected as our new parent governor.

St Andrews Church have also appointed a new foundation governor, Mrs Stephanie Devlin, to the governing board.

Music Gala

On Monday 15th December from 2.30pm we are going to have a Festive Music Gala giving our children their opportunity to showcase their musical talent. A letter for children participating will be sent home inviting families to come along to watch. If your child plays a musical instrument outside of school then please do let Mrs Abram know as they can join the Musical Gala!

Assertive Mentoring

Please look out on Monday for your child's Assertive Mentoring report coming home. There is also a separate letter which explains the colours and the system. Children have all completed assessments in the last couple of weeks and have had a dedicated timeslot to meet with their teacher and talk about the term, their achievements, their hopes and any worries that they may have. I know staff find this dedicated time useful and hopefully you too, see the benefits for these important conversations to take place.

Upcoming dates for your diary	Events
Friday 12th Dec	Reindeer run for Bolton Hospice
Monday 15th Dec	Music Gala 2.30pm
Tuesday 16th Dec	Christmas dinner day and party day
Wednesday 17th Dec	EYFS/ KS 1 Christmas performance 2pm
Thursday 18th Dec	EYFS/ KS 1 Christmas performance 10am
Thursday 18th Dec	Christmas Disco 3.20- 4.30 EYFS/KS1/ 5.30- 7.00pm KS2
Friday 19th Dec	Carol Service in church
Friday 19th Dec	School closes at 1.30pm
Tuesday 6th January	Term Starts
Monday 12th January	Year 6 visiting Staircase House
Monday 12th January	Y2 visiting Stockport Air Raid Shelter



Tuesday 13th January



PTFA planning meeting –
Please come along and support the fantastic work-
6pm here in school

