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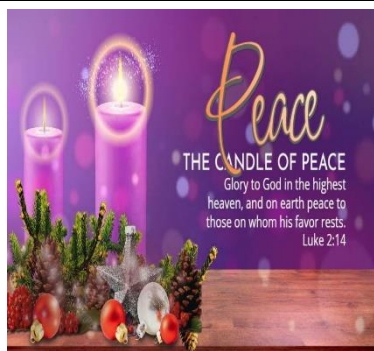
NEWSLETTER – Friday 5th December 2025



Busy Kids Update

We are delighted to share that Busy Kids has a new manager, Mrs Zoe Rose. Mrs Rose brings great energy and experience to the role, and we are excited to have her leading the team. Over the coming weeks, she will be getting to know the children and families, and planning new activities to make Busy Kids even more fun and engaging.

Look out for exciting additions to our after-school and breakfast club — there are lots of great ideas on the way!



Advent

This week in Advent, we turn our hearts to the theme of peace. As we continue our journey towards Christmas, we will reflect with the children on what it means to be peacemakers in our school, our homes and our wider world. Through stories, prayer and activities, we will explore how the birth of Jesus brings peace to all people, and how we can share that peace through kindness, forgiveness and understanding. Advent reminds us that true peace begins within our hearts and grows when we choose to love others as Jesus taught us.

KS1 and EYFS Trip to Thornton Hall Farm

Our KS1 and EYFS children had a brilliant time at Thornton Hall Farm this week! They enjoyed lots of festive fun, including meeting the animals, exploring the farm and taking part in Christmas activities. The children were full of excitement, and it was lovely to see their smiles throughout the day.

Thank you to all the staff, helpers and parents for your support — from preparing the children for the trip to helping on the day. Your involvement helped make this a wonderful festive experience for everyone. 🎄🧁



KS2 Panto Visit – “Oh no it’s not!”

KS2 enjoyed a fantastic panto experience in school this week with a performance of Dick Whittington. The children loved joining in with the classic panto jokes, songs and “Oh no it’s not!” moments. It was a great way to bring some Christmas cheer into school, and the laughter and excitement could be heard all around!



Attendance

Please remember the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Our school doors open at 8:35am and close promptly at 8:55am. Arriving on time helps children start the day calmly and ensures they don't miss valuable learning. As an extra incentive, any child who is on time every day for the week will be entered into our Freddo Friday draw for a chance to win a chocolate treat! Thank you for your continued support.

Important Dates

Look out for the Christmas dates sent out last week.

Purple Monday - Monday 8th December (wear a purple accessory)

KS1 film night - Wednesday 10th December from 5pm

Y1/2 Nativity Thursday 11th December starts at 2pm

KS2 film night - Thursday 11th December from 5pm

Christingle Service – Friday 12th December

Pink Monday – Monday 15th December (wear a pink accessory)

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 17th December

Class Parties – Thursday 18th December

School closes Friday 19th December at 1.30pm

Star Awards

EYFS – Billie and Orla

Year 1/2 – Rosie-Leigh and AJ

Year 3/4 – Ben and Evie-Rose

Year 5/6 – Becky and Sienna

Well done to all our Star Award winners! You are brilliant!



Attendance

	This week
Reception	81%
Year 1	88.6%
Year 2	87.6%
Year 3	82.1%
Year 4	80%
Year 5	87.6%
Year 6	84.5%

Remember attendance as a school should be higher than 96% to ensure that children make the best progress and reach their potential. Over the course of the full year if children miss more than 7 days in total, for any reason, they will not reach this target and are at risk of falling behind.



It Didn't Go Unnoticed Awards

These are very special awards to acknowledge children showing their care and concern for others across the school day, responding to their call to serve others, without any desire for recognition. Well done and thank you to...

Thomas Perry



Freddo Friday
Attendance Hero Winners!

EYFS – Cassius
Year 1/2 – Harper
Year 3/4- Evelyn
Year 5/6 – Logan

Hero's Per class

EYFS – 5/14 - same
Year 1/2 – 19/24 Improved
Year 3/4- 16/27 Improved
Year 5/6 – 23/28 Improved

**Well done Year's 1/2, 3/4, and
5/6**

**EYFS Let's try to improve this
next week!**