



### Christmas – The Birth of Jesus

At Christmas, we celebrate the joyful birth of Jesus, born in a humble stable in Bethlehem. God sent His Son into the world as a sign of hope, peace and love for everyone. Surrounded by Mary and Joseph, and welcomed by shepherds, the birth of Jesus reminds us that God is always close to us, especially in simple and loving moments.



As we celebrate this special time, we are invited to remember the true meaning of Christmas and to share kindness, generosity and love with those around us.

Reflection:

Loving God, thank You for the gift of Jesus. Help us to welcome Him into our hearts and to share His love with others through our words and actions. Amen.

### Seasons Greetings from Mrs Lloyd

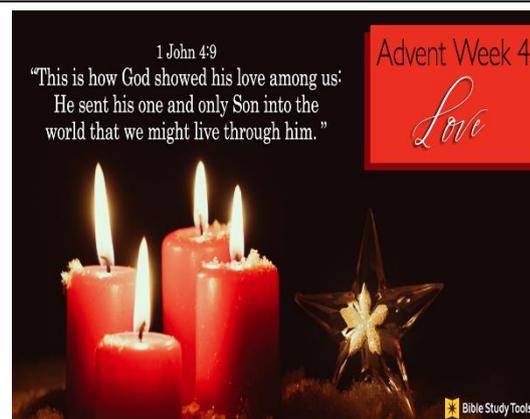
### Advent and Love

As we light the fourth Advent candle, the Candle of Love, we are reminded of God's great love for us, shown through the gift of Jesus. This candle invites us to reflect on the love that Mary and Joseph shared as they prepared for Jesus' birth, trusting in God's plan with open and faithful hearts.

During this final week of Advent, we are encouraged to show love in our words and actions—by being kind, forgiving, patient, and caring towards others. Even small acts of love can make a big difference in our school and community.

Reflection:

Loving God, as we light the Candle of Love, help us to prepare our hearts for Jesus. May we share Your love with everyone we meet, especially those in need. Amen.



### Thank You, PTA!

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising the recent film nights. Thanks to their hard work and generosity, an amazing £129 was raised, along with £51 from raffle ticket sales.

These funds have helped ensure that every child was able to come home with a lovely gift, bringing lots of smiles and festive cheer. We are incredibly grateful for the time, effort and support given by the PTA and everyone who contributed.

Massive thanks to all involved!

### Residential Visit – Year 6 (Robin Wood)

We would like to remind parents and carers that the Year 6 residential visit to Robin Wood will take place from Monday 5th January to Wednesday 7th January 2026.

Departure: Year 6 pupils should arrive at school by 9:30am on Monday 5th January 2026.

Return: We will return to school at approximately 2:30pm on Wednesday 7th January 2026.

Year 6 pupils should be collected at this time.

To allow pupils time to rest after the residential visit, Year 6 children should return to school on Thursday 8th January 2026 at 11:00am.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

### **Reminder: Revised Holiday Dates**

Please note that our holiday schedule has been updated due to an additional INSET day on Monday 5th January 2026.

As a result, school will now reopen for pupils on Tuesday 6th January 2026, doors open from 8:35am.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



### **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.

### **Attendance**

	This week
Reception	82.5%
Year 1	91.4%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	93.1%
Year 5	94.1%
Year 6	98.2%

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.



### **100% attendance for Autumn Term**

#### **Well done!**

- Cleo (Rec)
- Yazeed (Y1/2)
- Hetty (Y1/2)
- Piper (Y1/2)
- Chase (Y1/2)
- Ava (Y1/2)
- Wynter (Y1/2)
- Yaseeroh (Y3/4)
- Lily-Mae D (Y5/6)
- Logan (Y5/6)

**I hope to see more children getting 100% attendance during the Spring Term**



**Freddo Friday**  
**Attendance Hero Winners!**

EYFS – Mace  
Year 1/2 – Ava  
Year 3/4- Eddie  
Year 5/6 – Baazel

**Hero's Per class**  
EYFS – 7/14 - Improved  
Year 1/2 – 16/24 Decreased  
Year 3/4- 16/27 Decreased  
Year 5/6 – 20/28 Same

**Well done EYFS and 3/4.**  
**Let's try to improve this next week!**

**HOLIDAY LIST: 2025-2026**

**2025 Autumn Term**

STAFF		PUPILS	
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025</b>		
School re-opens	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	School re-opens	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
School closes	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	School closes	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>		
Half-term Holiday	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	Half-term holiday	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
School re-opens	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	School re-opens	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025
School closes	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	School closes	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025</b>		
<b>Number of openings</b>	<b>73 + 4 Staff Inset</b>	<b>Number of openings</b>	<b>73</b>

**2026 Spring Term**

STAFF		PUPILS	
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>		
School re-opens	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	School re-opens	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
School closes	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	School closes	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Half-term Holiday	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Half-term holiday	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
<b>TRUST Inset Day</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026</b>		
School re-opens	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	School re-opens	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
School closes	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026	School closes	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026
Easter Holidays	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026 – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Easter Holiday	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026 – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
<b>Number of openings</b>	<b>57 + 2 Staff Inset</b>	<b>Number of openings</b>	<b>57</b>

**2026 Summer Term**

STAFF		PUPILS	
School re-opens	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	School re-opens	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
School closes	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	School closes	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
Half term holiday	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Half term holiday	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
School re-opens	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	School re-opens	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
School closes	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	School closes	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 1.30 pm</b>
<b>Number of openings</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>Number of openings</b>	<b>59</b>