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GOD'S LOVE

God is love and all love comes from God. Ask your child what the words 'God's love' mean to them. We can often see God's love at work through the goodness in people around us. Where does your child see God's love in action? Who does your child know who stands out as someone who shares God's love with others? How does that person show love? It may help your child if you can give an example of your own.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help our family to grow in your love and to share your love with others through the way we live our lives. Amen.



SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

WORLD BOOK DAY

What a wonderful World Book Day we had yesterday! Thank you very much to Miss Singleton for organising it and to all our parents / carers for supporting our creative 'make a vegetable book character' idea. There were some amazing creations and the children loved sharing them with other classes. Thank you also to our 'Mystery Readers' who volunteered to read to the children. They absolutely loved your visits!



We work, learn and grow together in God's love



Weekly Awards



Congratulations to **Dominic Entwistle** for receiving the **Headteacher's Award** this week. Dominic has such a positive attitude to learning in school and is making great progress because of this. He shows respect and good manners to everyone. Well done Dominic!

Year Group	Worker of the week	Reader of the week	Values Award
Reception	Charlie Higginson	Lana Morris	Jasmine Gee
Year One	Lily Pickstock	Harrison Bain	Edward Butler
Year Two	Sienna Jones	Annie Higginson	Rohan Lal
Year Three	Grayson Reid	Joseph Hales	Lucas Butler
Year Four	Mathew Green	Buddy Haslam	Kayln Muirhead
Year Five	Poppy Law	Amy Berry	Harry Spamer
Year Six	Louis Tobin	Noah Grimshaw	Kobey Halliday

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	
Reception Class	96.9%
Year One	94%
Year Two	96.1%
Year Three	97.8%
Year Four	92.5%
Year Five	96.9%
Year Six	95.7%





Notices

YEAR SIX DODGEBALL

Good luck to the children who have been chosen for the **Dodgeball competition** next Thursday after school. Letters have been sent home with further details. Please let Mr Merrick know if your child cannot attend so that we can find a replacement.



FAMILY MASS

Sunday 8th March is **Family Mass** at St Joseph's church. All families are welcome to **11am Mass**. Many of our Year Four children are taking part as part of their 'With You Always' programme.



FOREST SCHOOL

We are very excited to inform you that our **Forest School sessions** will begin after the Easter holiday. **Reception class** will be attending each **Wednesday morning** for the half term. Chloe, who will be running these sessions, is a teacher and fully trained Forest School practitioner who comes highly recommended from another local school. She is very enthusiastic and keen to develop our outdoor areas even further. If you have any of the following items / resources we would be very grateful as we would like to add areas like those pictured below; pallets, off-cuts of decking or wooden planks, tree stumps, clean tyres and old pots and pans etc. We can't wait to start our sessions!



MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY

On Friday 13th March parents / carers of the children in Reception class are invited to join us for a special Mother's Day assembly. This will begin at 9:15am and takes place in our school hall. It will last until approximately 10am.



PTFA EASTER BINGO

Please see the information flyer below for more information about our PTFA Easter Bingo. This takes place on Wednesday 18th March at 6pm. There are limited places due to the numbers of people that we can have in the school hall so please get your tickets as soon as possible, These are available to purchase on 'School Money'. Next Friday is non-uniform day for Easter Eggs. Thank you again for your support.



Dates for Spring 2025—2026

Date	Event	Date	Event
8th Mar	Family Mass St Joseph's 11am	26th Mar	Benchball Year 4/5
12th Mar	Dodgeball Competition	30th Mar – 13th April	Easter holidays
13th Mar	Reception Class assembly for Mothers' Day Parents / carers invited 9:15am		
19th Mar	St Joseph's Feast Day		
21st Mar	Cross Country		
23rd Mar	First Kick football session AM Reception / Year One		
23rd—25th Mar	Y6 Residential to Robinwood		
26th Mar	Year Six Easter Markets		

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorly and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like PolyIno and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.



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St Joe's PTA
EASTER BINGO
WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH
DOORS OPEN 6PM
EYES DOWN 6:30PM
TICKETS ARE £1 PER PERSON WHICH
INCLUDES ONE BOOK OF 4 GAMES (MORE
BOOKS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE NIGHT).
PLEASE PREORDER YOUR FOOD, AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL SHOP ON
'TEACHERS2PARENTS'

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CARRS CHEESE & ONION PASTY £2.50
CARRS SAUSAGE ROLL £2.00

IF YOUR BUSINESS WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A
LARGER EGG AS A PRIZE, PLEASE ATTACH
YOUR BUSINESS CARD/DETAILS TO THE EGG
AND SEND IN TO THE MAIN OFFICE





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The CAYP Webinar Series

Tuesday 24th March 2026
8:00-9:00pm

What's Really Going on with My Child's Focus and Emotional Regulation?

With Consultant Clinical Psychologist
Dr Daniel Weisberg

This session is going to explore what may be driving ongoing difficulties with focus, emotional regulation and impulsive behaviour in children and young people.

We'll look at why some young people feel constantly overwhelmed or emotionally reactive, and how this can impact daily life at home and school.

Alongside this, we'll be providing practical strategies and tools to help support both your child and the whole family.

Overview:

- Why some children have focus and attention difficulties
- What's going on behind emotional reactivity
- Why small things can trigger such big reactions
- Co-regulation and supporting big feelings
- When focus and regulation difficulties raise bigger questions
- When to think about seeking an assessment or specialist support and how this may help
- Practical strategies to support focus, attention, regulation and behaviour at home and school

Who can join:

This session is primarily for parents and carers of primary and high school aged-children, but anyone working with children is welcome to attend.

[Click here to book your place.](#)



About Dr Daniel Weisberg

Dr Daniel Weisberg is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist and the Managing Director of CAYP Psychology, an award-winning psychological healthcare service for Children, Adolescents, and Young People across the UK and online. Daniel has over a decade of experience working in NHS children's services and specialises in paediatric neuropsychology.

Daniel completed his PhD in children's emotional development and later trained as a Clinical Psychologist at the University of Manchester. His work has contributed to national and international research into child development, rare genetic and developmental differences, and paediatric neuropsychology. Daniel's psychological knowledge and understanding has been shared in social, local and national media. He founded CAYP Psychology in 2016 to ensure that children and families can access timely, high-quality independent psychological healthcare. CAYP has since grown into a team of over 100 clinicians, across 40 UK-wide clinics and online.

About CAYP Psychology

CAYP Psychology (pronounced "cape") is an independent, clinical psychology-led service offering expert therapy and assessments for children and young people aged 0-18 (or up to 25 for autism assessments). We support a wide range of emotional, behavioural, developmental, and learning needs, and provide outstanding specialist assessments for autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and intellectual disabilities.

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