



NEWSLETTER

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21st November 2025

Year 3 Poetry Assembly Friday 14th November

Thank you to all those who joined us for the Poetry Assembly on Friday 14th November. I think we can all agree that the Year 3 were fantastic. This was a great opportunity to share the work they have been doing on oracy and spoken language and they spoke so clearly and beautifully.

Well done Year 3 on your superb performance.

Governor's Visit to School Friday 14th November

The Governors visited school on Friday and spent time talking to children about reading in school. The school council also talked to Governors about the different experiences and lessons in school including sports, trips and visitors to school. Governors had an opportunity to spend time in lessons. The feedback highlighted the exceptional behaviour of the children and also how much they enjoyed school. I was very proud listening to the children articulate their learning.

Once again, well done!

Year 5 Trip to Astley Green Colliery

The children in Year 5 had a fantastic day at Astley Green Colliery, learning all about the history of mining as part of their local History topic. They explored the museum, discovered how miners lived and worked and even got to see some of the original machinery up close. The visit gave them a deeper understanding of the vital role mining played in shaping our local community.



Upcoming Events

Christmas Hamper Donations – Friday 28th November

The children will be invited to come into school in their own clothes on this day and donate goods for the Christmas hampers. The friends will then make up the hampers which will be raffled at the Christmas Coffee morning.

The idea is that each class will be allocated a specific food group to bring in. The children are invited to wear their own clothes and donate an item of food from the list below. These items will then be used to

make the mixed hampers which will be raffled at our Christmas coffee morning to which all parents and carers are invited. **Please remember we are a nut free school.**

- Reception – e.g. Packets of rice, noodles, pasta, soup
- Year 1 – e.g. Crisps, Pringles, tortillas, Bombay mix, nibbles.
- Year 2 – e.g. Biscuits, chocolates, sweets – Haribo's, jelly babies
- Year 3 – e.g. Tins of savoury foods - soup, veg, beans, tuna, corned beef
- Year 4 – e.g. Tins of sweet foods – fruit, custard, rice pudding
- Year 5 – e.g. Jars – curry sauce, pickles, jam, pasta sauce
- Year 6 – e.g. 50p each – to supplement hampers with shortage items

Thursday 27th November Travelling Nativities

Sunday 30th November will be the first Sunday of advent - the season in which we prepare and wait in joyful hope for the coming of Christ on Christmas Day.

As part of this special season, we will be inviting all families to join together in prayer at home through our travelling cribs.

In the lead up to the Christmas holidays, every child will receive a travelling crib. This is a bag filled with stories, activities and prayers linked to this season of advent. It is an opportunity for you to stop, sit together, talk, read, pray and reflect. Last year, we had many wonderful photographs and lovely feedback about the experience of this at home. We hope that the travelling cribs bring as much joy this year.

We kindly ask that when you have had the bag, you return it the following school day. This ensures that all children in the class have the opportunity to take the bag home before the end of the term.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teachers.

Christmas Jumper Swap

The children are invited to come into school in a Christmas jumper on Tuesday 16th December for breakfast with Santa. We understand that children grow quickly, and last year's Christmas jumpers may no longer fit. If you have any Christmas jumpers that are now too small, we would greatly appreciate your donations. These can be handed into the school office and will be passed on to other families.

We also want to remind families that if you are finding it difficult to source a Christmas jumper for your child, please don't hesitate to contact the school confidentially. We are here to support you and ensure every child can join in the festive fun.

Christmas Charities CADOD World Gifts

This year we will be raising money throughout Advent for CAFOD World Gifts. We will be raising money in the following ways

Year 2 Christmas Nativity- we will hold a collection following the Year 2 Nativity

Christmas Bake Sale- Tuesday 9th December we will hold a Christmas Bake Sale. We will ask the children to donate home baked or bought cakes for the children to buy.

Advent Mass in School

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 2pm

Father Keiran will be celebrating mass here in school and everyone is welcome. He will be joined by the whole school and Year 4 will lead the mass.

Year 6 Residential Robin Wood

Wednesday 10th December- Friday 12th December 2025

Year 6 will be away on their residential trip to Robin Wood. If you haven't already, please complete any outstanding payments.

School Photographer Tuesday 25th November

The photographer will be in school taking individual portraits and siblings in school on this day.

Christmas Events

Year 2 Christmas Nativity Performances

Mr Follows and the children in Year 2 will be busy this term practicing for the Christmas performances. Parents and Carers are invited to watch this special Christmas performances on the following dates.

The children have been given parts to learn so please help your child to learn their words.

Tuesday 9th December at 2:30 pm

Tuesday 9^h December at 6:00 pm

There is no limit on the amount of tickets available, so please just turn up to the performance of your choice. There is no charge, but we will have a collection for our nominated Christmas Charity at the end of each performance.

Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Jumper Day Tuesday 16th December

The cost of the event is **£3** to cover the cost of food and a present, payable on ParentPay.



Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 17th December

If your child currently has a packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas Dinner, please let the school office know so your child can be added to the dinner system. The cost is £2.61 and all payments must be made online via Evolve by Friday 12th December.

Christmas Parties

Infants (**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**) – Monday 15th December at 1:30 pm

Key Stage 2- Wednesday 17th December at 1:30pm

Children will be invited to wear their own party clothes, but please remember they will still play outside at playtime and therefore need a warm coat and appropriate shoes. In addition, we ask that children bring a plate with party food covered up. This may include a cake, a carton of drink, a piece of fruit and packet of crisps.

Friends of Twelve Apostles Fund Raising Events

Second Hand Toy Sale – Friday 5th December

We are once again holding this annual event, so please can I urge parents and children to start sorting their toys out. Please send into school week beginning 1st December.



Star of the Week



We are
not SUCCESSFUL
because We are Smart.
We are
SUCCESSFUL
when we
work hard.

Congratulations and well-done to all our stars!

Friday 14th November 2025

Reception – Hunter B & Nellie E

Year 1 – Penny McK

Year 2 – Connie D

Year 3 – Paige S

Year 4 – Christina N

Year 5 – Jedidah P

Year 6 – Isla McC

Friday 21st November 2025

Reception – Hope S & Cody Y

Year 1 – Amy C

Year 2 – Victoria N

Year 3 – Matei V

Year 4 – Ruari B

Year 5 – Lincoln D

Year 6 – Jessica F

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



In school



On time



Week Commencing: 10th November 2025

Reception 92.26%	Year 1 91.61%
Year 2 91.33%	Year 3 87.10%
Year 4 89.00%	Year 5 95.64%
Year 6 91.33%	

Congratulations
Year 5 !

Week Commencing: 17th November 2025

Reception 97.42%	Year 1 96.45%
Year 2 96.33%	Year 3 93.55%
Year 4 83.67%	Year 5 98.33%
Year 6 87.67%	



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