

Youlgrave, All Saints' Primary

School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

School is feeling very festive at the moment and there is definitely an extra buzz with all the Christmas activities. The Christingle Service on Monday afternoon was a fabulous start to advent and captured everything that is wonderful about our school. Thank you to Geoff for leading the service. It was filled with joyful singing, lots of lovely contributions from the children and then, at the end, that special moment when the lights are dimmed, the Christingle candles are lit and we feel the strength and love in our school community. Amazing!

We are so grateful to all the people who help in school to make this season a special time for the children. On Wednesday afternoon all the children were involved in Christmas craft activities. This is lots of fun but also helps develop the children's Art and Design & Technology skills. There was a wide range of activities running throughout school including making cards and paper chains, glass painting and even baking festive biscuits. A big thank you to all the parents who were able to give their time to help out – it makes a huge difference to how much we can get done and ensuring everyone has fun. Thank you!

More thanks go to the PTFA and Preschool team who have planned the Christmas Fayre which will be after school on the last day of term. We are very appreciative of all their hard work which goes into making this a special event and a brilliant fundraiser. Please come along and join us if you can– there's lots of fun for everyone!

We have achieved such a lot this term. Thank you to all parents and carers, for your continued support for school. I hope you have a restorative and peaceful Christmas break and we look forward to all the good things that are to come in 2026.

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Best wishes

Teresa

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Dates for your diary:

- 10th December- 2pm Nativity
- 11th December– Save the Children, Christmas Jumpers and 6pm Nativity
- 15th December– Carol Service at 2.45pm
- 16th December– Christmas Festival of Fun for Class 1 (1-3pm) at The Arc
- 18th December– Christmas Dinner: Christmas jumpers
- 19th December– Christmas Fair with party clothes (time to be confirmed)

INSET Days and Holidays 2025/2026

- 22nd December to 2nd January- Christmas Holiday (return to school 6th January)
- January 5th– Inset Day
- 16th February to 20th February– Half Term
- 30th March to 10th April– Easter Holiday
- 4th May– May Day Bank Holiday

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93%	96%	95%	96%	98%	96%	97%

Roving Reporter

Reported by April and Niamh

For the past few weeks we have done multiple activities, including Children In Need. We came in our own clothing and we created a new eye patch for Pudsey. We also did a quiz. It was a fun day!

On the Christingle day, we put sweets, marshmallows and raisins on the Christingles. We also had children from the entire school reading things out in church. We all had to hold our Christingle with the candles lit and sing the Christingle song. The teachers turned off the lights and the Christingles looked beautiful.

In our science lessons, we have been doing presentations about endangered animals, on the laptops. We got to pick an endangered animal and then make a power point about them. We have all enjoyed the past few weeks of school!



School Highlights

Class 1– Christmas

We have been very busy getting into the Christmas spirit. We had a magical time at our Christingle service and enjoyed learning all about the different parts of a Christingle and what they represent. Two cheeky elves have also arrived in the class and are already getting up to mischief! The children have loved using clay to make tree decorations and enjoyed using different materials to create angel Christmas cards. Keep your eyes peeled for our upcoming nativity performance! We can't wait to show you our all singing, all dancing 'dazzling' show!

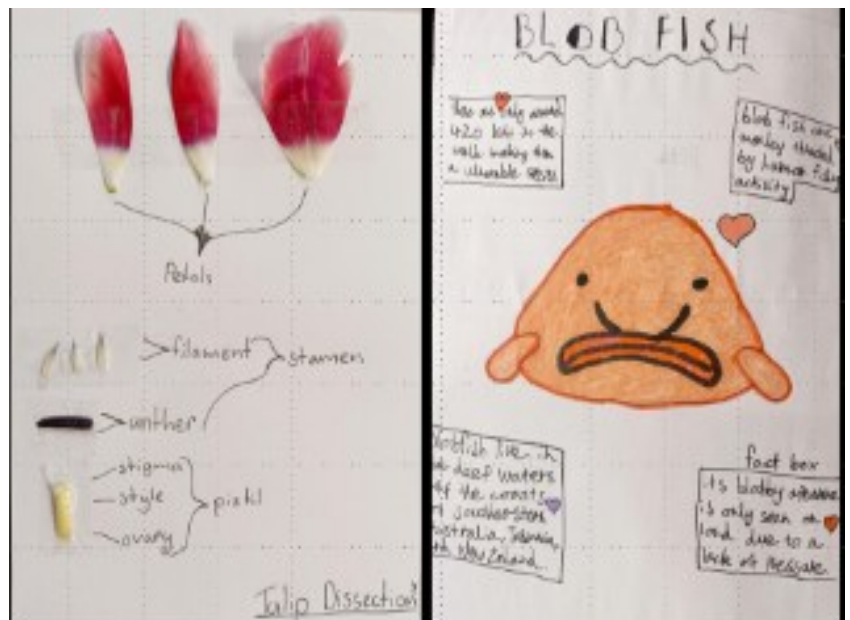


Class 2 - Design and Technology

We have taken part in cooking sessions where we've used new skills, tried new recipes, and worked as a team. Cooking has built skills across the curriculum. In maths, we have practised weighing, measuring, counting, and comparing ingredients. Through English, we followed written instructions, learnt new vocabulary, and talked about the steps involved in preparing food. In geography, we discovered where different ingredients come from and how traditional foods are linked to places around the world. Each child has also received a new apron and hat!

Class 3– Science

We have been exploring the topic of plant reproduction. The children enjoyed dissecting a tulip flower to identify its key parts and understand how flowering plants grow and reproduce. We also took part in an exciting online learning session run by Chester Zoo, where pupils learned about endangered species and the challenges they face in the wild. The class created informative posters about an endangered animal and followed this with a persuasive presentation explaining why these species, and their habitats, must be protected.



Thank YOU!

Thankyou!

A huge thank you to the PTFA and all involved for funding our children's trip to see the Aladdin Panto.

We would also like to thank them for supplying the refreshments for both Nativities and the Carol Service.



Thank You for Joining Our Christingle Service

We would like to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to all the parents, families, and friends who joined us for this year's Christingle service. Your presence and support helped make the event a truly joyful and memorable occasion for our school community.

This year's service was a *huge success*, thanks in large part to the enthusiasm, confidence, and hard work of our children. They led the celebration beautifully-sharing readings, songs, and reflections that captured the true meaning of the season. We could not be prouder of the way they came together to create such a warm and uplifting experience.

We also want to thank Geoff for his guidance and support in preparing the children and helping to shape a service that was both meaningful and engaging. His contribution added so much to the atmosphere and spirit of the event.

We hope the service brought a sense of light, joy, and togetherness to the start of your festive season.

- Food banks– should anyone require support from a food bank you can find your nearest at:
[Food Banks Near Me - Find your local food bank](#)
- Household support grant vouchers will be distributed soon.
- Citizens Adviceline (England): 0800 144 8848

Safeguarding:

PCSO Boswell came into school on 12th November to talk to the children about 'Stranger Danger'. Over the Christmas period, as children may receive new devices which enable them to connect to the internet or may be spending more time online, please be aware of the dangers strangers pose online too. Here is a link to resources for parents on the NSPCC website which you may find useful: [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Also with Christmas in mind, small batteries pose a very dangerous risk and can be fatal if they are swallowed. Please take extra care to keep them out of reach for young children.

[Five top tips to keep children safe from button batteries](#)

During the holidays when school is closed, please report any safeguarding concerns to Derbyshire Starting Point on **01629 535353**.

