



Youlgrave, All-Saints' Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Today we have enjoyed being together for school's Christingle Collective Worship in Church. What a wonderful way to start the festive season. The children were very excited and a credit to school. The readers did a fantastic job and the children's comments about the meaning of Christingle and how we can all make the world a better place were incredibly thoughtful and kind. Thank you to everyone who joined us in church – parents, families and members of the community – you made it feel very special. Big thanks to Geoff and Jane for helping lead the service.

As we think about the end of term, school is in a very positive place. We look back on lots of very hard work and all the fun we have had. We've enjoyed such a jam-packed curriculum, filled with sport, activity days such as Viking Day, Crime and Punishment Day, exploring how the Police do their job and even reading to Red the therapy dog. Class 1 are also busy practising their nativity performance, 'Baarmy Bethlehem', which is sounding amazing and getting everyone into the Christmas spirit. What a fantastic term!

Thank you for all your support for school and we look forward to a super start to the New Year.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Christmas,

Teresa Nicholls

Headteacher

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Key dates:

- Tuesday 10th December**
2pm - 'Baarmy Bethlehem'
 Nativity in church.
 PTFA selling refreshments and hamper tickets
- Wednesday 11th December**
6pm - 'Baarmy Bethlehem'
 Nativity in church.
 PTFA selling refreshments and hamper winners announced!
- Thursday 12th December** -
 Whole School Pantomime trip to Buxton Opera House
- Friday 13th December** -
 'Save the Children'
 Christmas Jumper day, donations via Just Giving page.
 Christmas dinner day
 Carol Service in church
2.30pm, all welcome.
- Wednesday 18th December**
 - KS1 (Class 1)
 Christmas party afternoon
 Come to school in party clothes.
- Thursday 19th December**
 - KS2 (Class 2 and 3)
 Christmas party afternoon
 Come to school in party clothes.
 Christmas Party lunch
- Friday 20th December** -
 Collective worship and Bright Plate award in church
9.15am
 Christmas fair with preschool
3.30pm-6pm
 Break up for Christmas Holidays
- Monday 6th January** -
 Back to school for everyone.



Attendance continues to be a big focus, both in school and nationally because it is such a big factor in children being successful in their learning. We would like to aim for a target of 97% attendance for the whole school this academic year.

In January's newsletter, look out for lots more information on how attendance is calculated and we will update you in more detail on how we are meeting our targets.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99.2%	97.52%	98.01%	98.07%	95.15%	97.42%	95.59%

Our current whole school attendance is **97.32%** which is just over where we want to be, which is great. Congratulations to YR, who continue to be the best attenders in school. All year groups are doing well, with 5 of the 7 groups exceeding 97%!!

We have found out today from our attendance tracker that attendance for our KS2 children for 2023-2024 was in the top 25% of all primary schools using this tracker.

Keep up the good work.

Support for families over the Christmas break

Christmas can be a difficult time for families, if you do need help, these links might be useful.

<https://familysupportderbyshire.org.uk/get-support/>

If you need to find a food bank:

<https://www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk/foodbanks>

Safeguarding:

If you are concerned that a child/young person is in **immediate danger**, please call 999 straight away.

If you are worried that a child is suffering or at risk of significant harm, please contact Call Derbyshire immediately on 01629 533190.

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Christmas Crafting morning

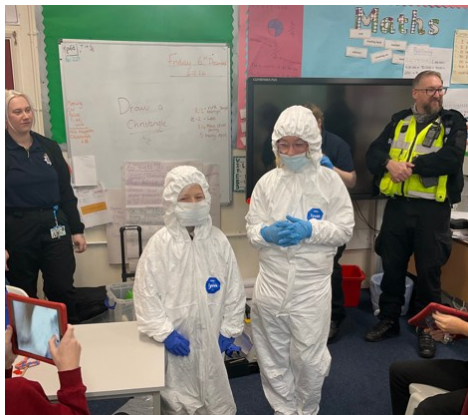
Last Friday 29th November we welcomed parents, grandparents and siblings into school to share our Christmas crafting session. There were some wonderful items made by the children! We would like to thank all those that came into school and we hope you enjoyed spending time with the children.



Crime and Punishment - Class 3

Today, Class 3 have had 4 special visitors in class. Crime Scene Investigators, a PCSO and a member of the Police force. The children learnt about how criminals are convicted using forensic evidence. The children took a print of their own fingerprint and learnt how scenes are screened for evidence.

We are really grateful to them for giving up their valuable time, the children really enjoyed it.



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And finally....

We celebrated the Christingle Service today in Church and it was a joyful time with parents, grandparents and parishioners. The Christingle oranges that the children bring home remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and how special Christmas is to us all. The next few weeks in school allow us to prepare for the birth of Jesus as a school and as part of our community by reflecting on how important and special this time of year is to us all.



“Today a Saviour has been born to us, He is Christ the King”.

We wish all our families and school community a very peaceful Christmas



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