

# Archbishop Temple Church of England High School

As we come to the end of term, Isaiah's words speak gently into our school community: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light." In the busyness, challenges, and joys of our work, we are reminded that God's light has been shining through us—in every interaction, every act of patience, every quiet moment of care offered to each other.

This week's theme of Love is not abstract; it has been lived daily in all areas of our lives. The Christ-child foretold in Isaiah brings a love that guides, strengthens, and renews. As we pause and reflect, may we recognise the ways we have carried that light for one another, often without even noticing.

May God's peace, wisdom, and gentle light continue to shine through us as we move towards the joy that is Christmas

## Message from Mr Catlow



I am absolutely thrilled to share some truly exciting news. This week, we officially signed the contract for brand-new, state-of-the-art sound systems. The first will be a fixed installation within our Main Hall Performance space and the second, a portable system that will allow great sound quality within both our whole school assemblies, worships and wider school events.

After months of research and planning, we are delighted to be installing equipment from one of the country's leading audio brands - KV2 Audio. KV2 Audio systems are used in some of the most prestigious productions in the world, including Broadway's The Lion King, touring stage productions such as Sister Act and the recent Ministry of Sound upgrade. To bring this level of professional quality into our school is an incredible achievement and a huge leap forward for our Performing Arts provision.

This investment builds on last year's installation of our new lighting and control systems, completing a transformation that places Archbishop Temple at the forefront of school performance technology. It is, without doubt, the icing on the cake for an already outstanding department. With these cutting-edge facilities, we will be able to inspire and train the next generation of lighting designers, sound engineers, musicians, actors, and performers. Our students will now work with equipment that mirrors industry standards - an opportunity rarely found in secondary schools.

## Headteacher's Pupils of The Week

Wendy M  
Yolanda N  
Eleesa B  
Amelia R

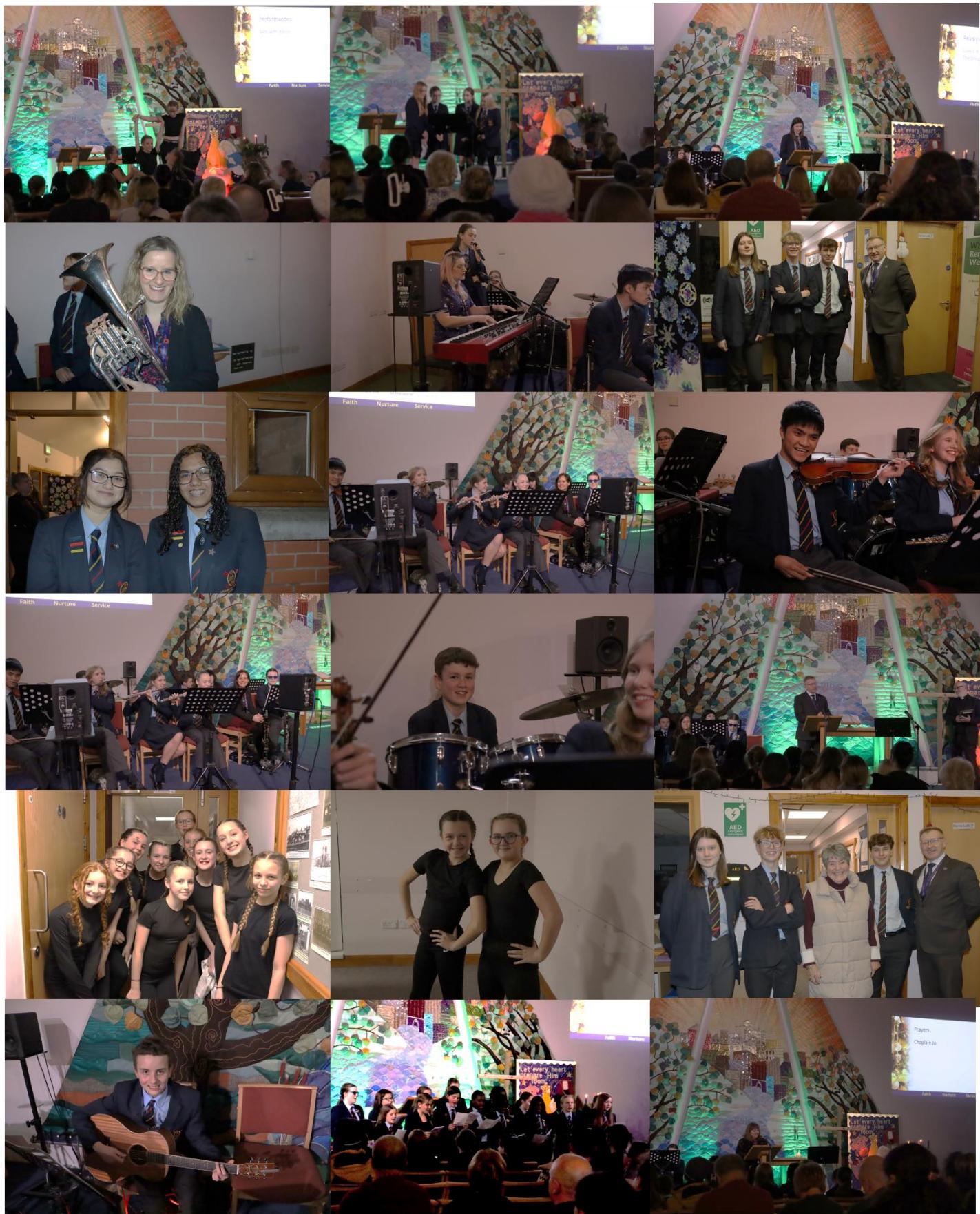
Manna B-S  
Faitfulness A  
Myar E

This week, our Pupil Council met with Mr Catlow and Mrs Dudaniec to share ideas on school improvement. Together, they explored ways to collaborate on key projects and address important issues, demonstrating thoughtful leadership and a strong commitment to positive change.

# Weekly Notices

## Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church

On Thursday 11th December, our school community gathered at the beautiful St Cuthbert's Church for a truly enchanting Carol Service. Pupils delighted us with heartfelt readings, joyful dancing, angelic singing, and impressive instrumental performances. The evening was filled with festive spirit and wonder—an unforgettable celebration that brought the magic of Christmas to life.



## Year 7 and 8 Netball Club

Their commitment has been fantastic in Term 1 of 2025... even in the wintry weather and dark nights. Matches have been played, and more are to come.



## English

*Weekly English awards*

Archbishop Temple

**Year 7 Award**  
Name: Khadijah  
Reason: enthusiasm in every lesson this term! (PEA)  
Name: Areeb  
Reason: Bringing humour and joy to our lessons (JOM)

**Year 8 Award**  
Name: Hope M  
Reason: Excellent effort and participation in Lord of the Flies lessons (PEA)  
Name: Maddox E-S  
Reason: Amazing improvement in effort in lessons (GEE)

**Year 9 Award**  
Name: Megan R  
Reason: Amazing attitude to learning (GEE)

**Year 10 Award**  
Name: Abi H  
Reason: excellent effort and attitude in every lesson (JOM)

**Year 11 Award**  
Name: Visha B  
Reason: excellent effort during revision sessions (GEE)

Celebrating progress, effort and excellence in English each week!



# Attendance Matters

Friday

December 12<sup>th</sup> 2025

Issue #03



## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

### PUNCTUAL

- Arrive at school on time
- Arrive to lessons on time
- Aim for 100% attendance

Daily lateness equates to...

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5 minutes late = 15 hours of learning lost  
3 days of learning lost

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10 minutes late = 30 hours of learning lost  
6 days of learning lost

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15 minutes late = 50 hours of learning lost  
10 days of learning lost

100%

Excellent attendance!  
Our aim for all students.

### 6 DAYS ABSENCE

30 hours of learning lost.  
On the right path - keep it up!

### 10 DAYS ABSENCE

50 hours of learning lost.  
Poor attendance gives you less chance of success.

### 19 DAYS ABSENCE

95 hours of learning lost.  
Poor attendance gives you less chance of success.

100%

97%

95%

90%

## All Day, Every Day

One day off means five missed lessons. Just one day off every few weeks would add up to over 50 missed lessons in a year!



### Top Attendance Forms By Year

Year 7: 7L - 96.5%

Year 8: 8P - 93.2%

Year 9: 9L - 93.7%

Year 10: 10T - 94.3%

Year 11: 11I - 94.9%

A child's right to education is protected by law in England, and it is every parent's legal duty to ensure their child receives full-time education suitable to their age, ability, and any special educational needs, in accordance with Section 7 of the Education Act 1996. Once a child is enrolled at a school, parents have a legal responsibility to ensure regular attendance.

### Absences:

Absences can now be reported using Synergy. If you look on Synergy there should be an option to create new message in the Inbox section of the app.

### Medical Appointments:

- Whenever possible, schedule appointments outside of school time
- Avoid making appointments between 8:20am - 9:20am, or 12pm - 1pm
- For any appointments during school time, please provide evidence such as an appointment confirmation

### Requesting a Leave of Absence:

- Any request for absence should be submitted at least two weeks in advance
- Complete a leave of absence request form, available on our website or from Reception in school, and email it to [attendance@archbishoptemple.com](mailto:attendance@archbishoptemple.com) or hand in the form to Reception.

Absences for holidays can not be authorised and may incur penalty notices from the Local Authority.

If you have any attendance related concerns please get in touch, we are always here to help in any way we can!

Attendance Ladder



The end of the first full term is only a week away. We have a lot of very excited students looking forward to next week's activities, most notably the rewards trip on Thursday. Well done to all those who qualified for this! Don't worry if your child didn't, there are many more rewards coming throughout the year that they can aim to pick up, so encourage them to be in school every day going forward.

# • BEHAVIOUR & ATTITUDES

At our school, we strongly believe that working in partnership with parents and carers helps us provide the best opportunities for our children. By working together, we can ensure a positive and supportive environment where every pupil can thrive. We would be very grateful if you could take a few moments to complete our parent voice survey regarding behaviour and attitudes at school. This survey also covers important areas such as safeguarding, attendance, and personal development.

Your opinions are extremely valuable to us and help shape the way we support and nurture all our pupils.



## Year 7

It has been wonderful to see such strong commitment to sport this week, with both the football and netball teams training hard and representing the school brilliantly in their matches. The vast majority of our Year 7 pupils continue to demonstrate a fantastic attitude to learning. Staff have been incredibly impressed by the high-quality work being produced across all curriculum areas. As a year group, we will be continuing to focus on the importance of kindness, particularly when interacting online and using social media. Thank you for your support in reinforcing this message at home.

## Year 8

Many pupils in Year 8 are showing kindness and generosity by donating presents to Mission Christmas Cash for Kids this half term and are already thinking about their upcoming charity fundraiser for YoungMinds next half term. Our form charity reps have been organising and consolidating plans within their forms. Pupils have also been practising for the Christmas Carol Concert in all areas dancing, band, and choir. We are encouraging parents and carers to be mindful of social media, as always: check age restrictions on apps such as Snapchat, TikTok, and WhatsApp, and keep in mind the potential dangers of social media. As we continue to educate and safeguard pupils in school, they also need to display positive and kind behaviour towards their peers and others.

## Year 9

Our Year 9 pupils are reaching the end of the term on a real high, demonstrating both generosity and community spirit. Many of our year 9 pupils represented school at our annual Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church. They have also continued their fantastic fundraising efforts to support Cash4Kids. Their kindness and willingness to help others at such an important time of year has been truly inspiring. As we approach the final week of term, we would like to remind all pupils and parents of the importance of maintaining our high uniform standards. Year 9 have shown real pride in their appearance throughout the term, and we ask that this continues right through to the Christmas break.

## Year 10

Our Year 10 pupils continue to demonstrate commendable dedication and consistently positive behaviour across the year group. Next week brings a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their hard work and achievements as we conclude the term with a rewards assembly, Christmas markets, a rewards trip to the Trafford Centre, and a range of enjoyable form activities on the final day. Year 10 have shown remarkable resilience throughout what has been a very busy and productive first term, and Mr Johnson could not be more proud of their efforts as we head into the break. We would like to remind all families that attendance remains just as important during the final week of term as at any other time. Every lesson counts as we work to maximise learning and ensure the best possible progress for all pupils.

## Year 11

Our Year 11 Prefects have really stepped up this week, providing excellent support around school during break and lunchtime. Their presence has made a noticeable difference, and we are grateful for their commitment. Prom points are available for prefect duty, so if any other pupils would like to join the team, we would warmly welcome a few more volunteers. It has also been fantastic to see pupils fully engaged in Thinking Ahead Day, exploring their future aspirations and considering the exciting pathways available to them after Year 11. Their enthusiasm and maturity throughout the day have been a real credit to the year group. As the oldest pupils in school, Year 11 continue to be important role models. We encourage them to remember that the small things matter—coats off inside the building, following the one-way system, avoiding loitering in toilets, and showing respect to staff and peers. These simple actions help create a positive environment and ensure they truly shine their light for all to see. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to another strong week for the last week of term.

## Careers Update

### Careers - Next Week: Week commencing 15th December 2025

As we wrap up the first term, a huge well done for all your hard work and energy!

Now it's time to enjoy a well-deserved festive break. While you're relaxing, keep an eye out for exciting careers events coming up in the New Year — from employer talks and workshops to apprenticeship and college taster sessions. There will be plenty of chances to discover new pathways, explore your interests, and start shaping your future.

Have a fantastic festive break — and get ready to spot brand-new careers opportunities coming your way in the New Year!

### Careers - Next Year:

- Yr 11 Training 2000 Assembly – Friday 9th January 2026
- Year 10 one-to-one careers appointments are currently being scheduled. Pupils will receive notifications regarding the date and time of their individual careers meeting.

## Important Dates for your Diary

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### Parent's Evenings

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
12 <sup>th</sup> March	15 <sup>th</sup> January	4 <sup>th</sup> December	26 <sup>th</sup> February	22 <sup>nd</sup> January

