

*Dear Armfield Parents and Carers,
A warm welcome to this week's newsletter! We are always delighted to share the fantastic achievements of our students and keep you updated with important reminders to ensure everything runs smoothly at Armfield Academy.*



Merry Christmas



Important messages

Reminder for families to encourage keeping standards high for our students.

We would like to remind all parents that students should arrive in full school uniform, no trainers, no jewellery.

All students should have a water bottle with them each day, which can be filled around school.

Toilets are open for students at break and lunch and there is ample time for them to visit them at these times. This allows all students to focus on their learning in lesson time.

We have lots of celebration assemblies planned where students get rewarded for their hard work and efforts this term. Please ask your young people about this when they get home.

Many thanks and we are looking forward to our last week of celebrations before the festive break.





Christmas activities

Christmas jumper and dinner day festive fun!



A heartfelt thank you to the primary choir for their fantastic singing and enthusiasm at last night's Winter Gardens Christmas concert. They were exceptionally well behaved and were great ambassadors for the school. Please make sure you watch them perform at next week's Christmas concert at Holy Trinity Church. Details to follow.





Penguin Pete production

This week saw the wonderful Year 1 and 2 production of Penguin Pete take place in Memorial Hall. The performance followed the adventures of a penguin who sets off in search of Santa, meeting a range of animals and characters along his journey to the North Pole. The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm and were a real credit to themselves, the school and the staff who supported them.



Well done Charlie!

Our fabulous year 10 student Charles and a great opportunity of being interviewed for BBC politics which will air on Sunday morning via the iPlayer. Discussions of poverty, crime and bringing the voting age to 16 as youth MP for Blackpool.

Loving the jumper!

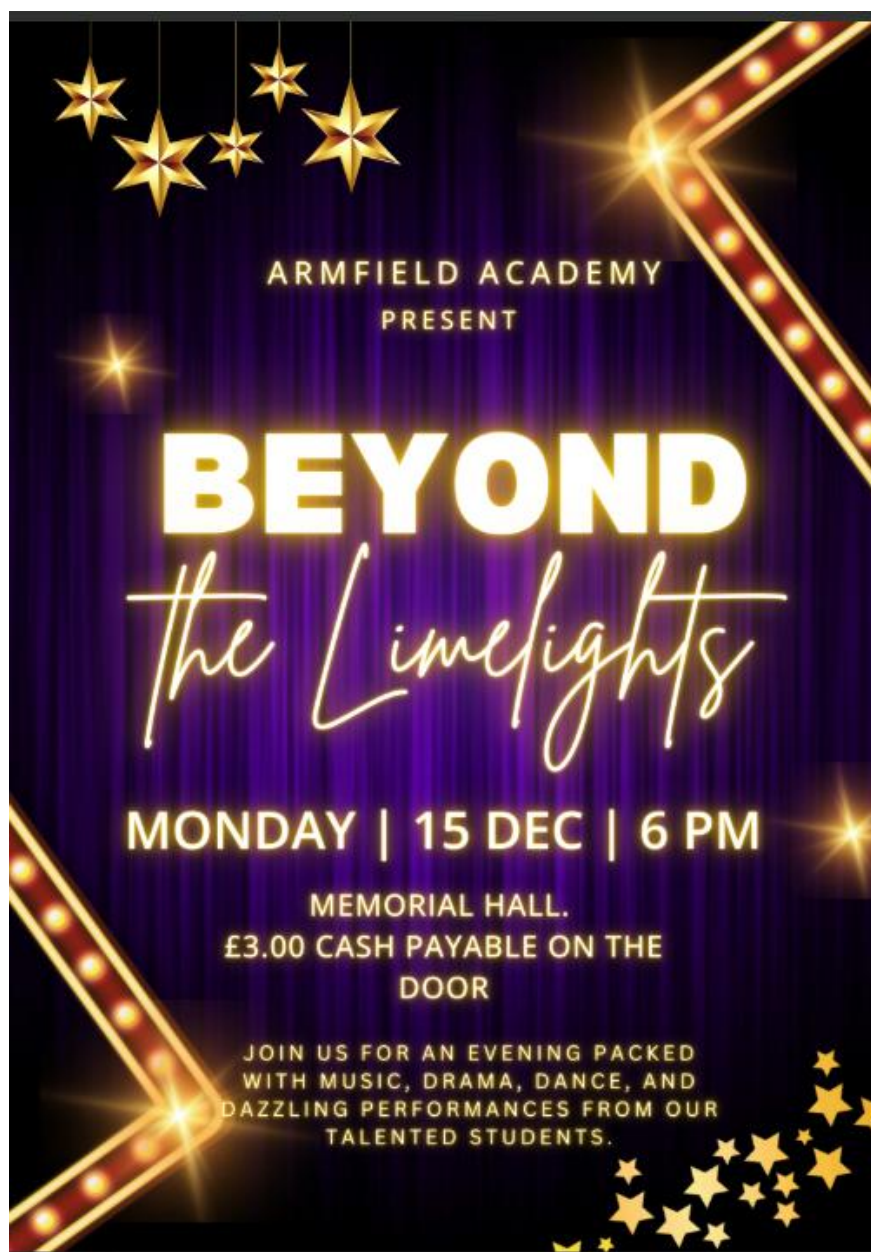




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Beyond the Limelights

We're excited for our upcoming show, *Beyond the Limelights*, taking place on Monday evening. The dress rehearsal went smoothly, and we're proud to present a range of talented performers, including piano, drums, singing, and dance acts. We'd love for you to come along and show your support. Tickets are £3 on the door, with entry via First Avenue. We look forward to seeing you there!





Fun and festivities in Nursery

Big smiles on Christmas jumper day this week, the little ones enjoyed writing their letters to Santa.





Year 7 Netball Team



We'd like to say a huge well done to our year 7 netball team, who played in the Blackpool Schools Tournament on Monday evening.

This is the first time that the girls have played together as a team and they represented the school with so much pride.

The girls showed courage, resilience and fantastic team work. We're looking forward to seeing you develop as a team over the next 5 years!

Fantastic basketball results

Brilliant effort by our teams!

Year 9's Basketball Team beat Archbishop Temple 30-28 after double overtime in the Lancashire Schools Cup.

Year 8's became Blackpool Basketball Champions after playing 7 and winning 7 on Tuesday at Stanley Park.

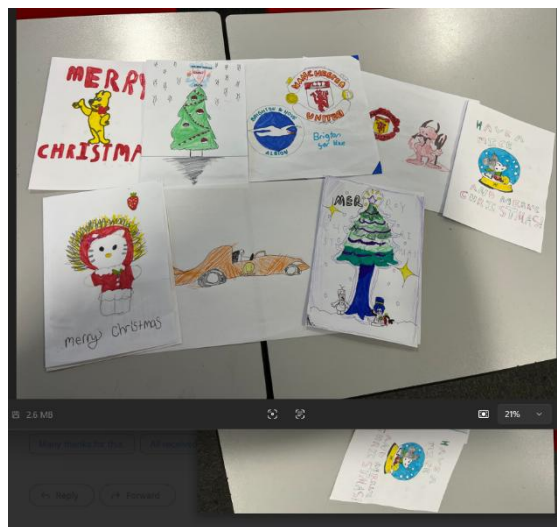




Creative charity project



In the spirit of good will and the Christmas season,
7D have been working on a charity project on behalf of 'PostPals'.
They have spent the past few weeks researching and hand crafting Christmas cards and personal letters to send to ill children in hospitals across the UK to spread the holiday cheer.





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Celebrating Success: GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening 2025

Last week, we were delighted to welcome back our Class of 2025 for a special evening of recognition, celebration, and pride. Our Presentation Evening is always a highlight of our school year, offering a chance to honour the hard work, determination, and journey of our students — and this year's cohort has set an exceptional standard.

The evening began with our individual subject awards, where students were recognised for *Excellence*, *Progress*, and *Achievement*. These awards reflected not only outstanding results, but the commitment, growth, and perseverance shown throughout their courses. Teachers spoke warmly about the maturity, drive, and character the Class of 2025 consistently brought to their studies.

We then moved on to our special school awards, celebrating students who have been true embodiments of our school values. These awards honoured individuals who have shown exceptional *integrity*, remarkable *resilience*, and deep inner *strength*. These students have made a lasting positive impression on staff and peers alike, contributing to the school community in ways that go far beyond the classroom.

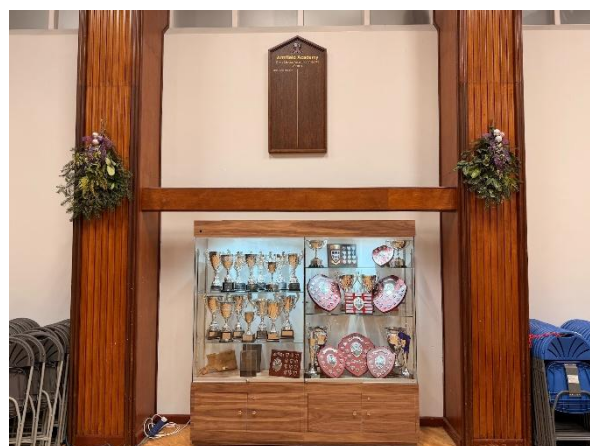
To close the evening, students were presented with their official GCSE certificates — a formal recognition of years of hard work and dedication. It was a proud moment for families, staff, and students, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of new opportunities ahead.

The evening was a wonderful reminder of everything our young people can achieve when they work hard, support one another, and believe in themselves. We are incredibly proud of each student in the Class of 2025, and we look forward to seeing the bright futures they will undoubtedly go on to shape.

Congratulations once again to all our award winners and to every member of the cohort — you continue to make our school proud. We would also like to thank our guest speaker Ashley Hacket for speaking and presenting our awards.



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House System Update

There was a flurry of house challenges this week.

On Tuesday, we held our annual 'Christmas Jumper Day', which coincided with our festive lunch. Our pupils were invited to attend the academy in a Christmas jumper for a £1 donation. In total, £238.40p was raised for the Jimmy Armfield Foundation. The house with the highest donation was **Emerald House**, earning 50 points in the process.

Running throughout the week was our 'Christmas Kindness Challenge. When children demonstrated random acts of kindness [RAOKs], staff logged these gestures on Class Charts. Between Monday and Thursday, there were 144 RAOKs showcased around school. The individual tallies were:

- 1st - **Emerald** – 50 points [37 RAOKs]
- 2nd - **Ruby** – 40 points [30 RAOKs]
- 3rd - **Citrine** – 30 points [29 RAOKs]
- 4th - **Amethyst** – 20 points [26 RAOKs]
- 5th - **Sapphire** – 10 points [22 RAOKs]



On Friday, the students engaged in a tournament based on one of the academy's most popular sports – volleyball. Every house demonstrated a good competitive spirit as they faced each other for house points. The overall winner was **Ruby House** with two victories and a draw.



Finally, the 10-point bonus was given to **Amethyst House** as a result of having the highest average attendance [91.60%].



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Primary feedback welcome

Armfield Academy Primary Families Survey: Autumn 2025

<https://forms.gle/pdurmkWLCpV3qVe29>

We're inviting all families to take part in our Autumn Parent Survey. Your feedback at the end of last year was genuinely valuable, and we have spent time reflecting on it and using it to shape our work this term.

Secondary Rewards trip

Y7-Y9 rewards trip payments deadline has gone. If your child is on the trip on Wednesday 17th December please ensure they are dressed appropriately for the weather. They need to bring a coat and wear sensible shoes. If a child comes into school in an outfit deemed inappropriate for the activities they will be sent home to change. Packed lunches are required on the day, if your child has free school meals and you requested one on the google sheet then school will provide one.

If your child is not on the trip and comes into school in non school uniform they will be sent home to change.

Any issues please don't hesitate to contact Miss Panepinto at e.panepinto@armfield.fcat.org.uk

Reminder

School ends for Christmas break at **12pm on Friday 19th December.**

Thank you for your continued support—we love celebrating our students' successes with you!

Best wishes,

The Armfield Academy Team.