



Newsletter Friday 8th December 2023

John 4:25

The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we get into the last couple of weeks in school in 2023, the signs of Christmas are sprouting from every corner. Mrs Fletcher, who is the biggest fan of Christmas I have ever worked with, has been sporting her festive attire since we tipped into December. The tree is up, the stage is up and classroom carpets have developed a glittery look. The infant's nativity songs are being sung up and down the corridors - mostly by the staff! School at this time of year is a magical place.

I would like to congratulate the choir who represented us at the local Church schools carol service today. Their singing was absolutely beautiful. It was another very proud moment.

It was pointed out to me that my recent letter regarding the KS2 show *assumed* many parents did not want an evening performance. So, to ensure that parental wishes are heard and acted upon, we will hold a parental voice exercise in the new year to ascertain exactly what types of events you would like us to host.

I must also apologise. My letter did not make explicit our approach to children on the SEN register and their return to evening performances. Any parents, with children on the register, who felt that committing to the 6pm show would be detrimental to their child just needed to indicate this on the return slip or have a conversation with their class teacher. Adjustments in our expectations would have been made immediately. No child with additional needs is ever placed at a place of disadvantage at our school.

Best wishes and prayers

Mrs M M Underwood



Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 13th December	-	KS1 Whoops a daisy angel nativity 2.30pm & 6pm
Thursday 14th December	-	Christmas Bingo 6-7pm
Monday 18th December	-	Christingle 9am
Friday 15th December	-	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party - bring your party clothes in
Monday 18th December	-	Christingle 9am
Monday 18th December	-	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party - bring your party clothes in
Tuesday 19th December	-	Rec, Year 1 & 2 Party - wear party clothes for the day.
Thursday 21st December	-	Christmas Service in Church
Thursday 21st December	-	School closes for Christmas Break 2pm
Monday 8th January	-	School starts at 8.45am

Tickets for our Friends Family Christmas Bingo are on sale daily in the yard before and after school. Ticket price includes Pie and peas and Bingo Game Card. Plenty of Prizes to be won.



**Christmas
Bingo**

Thursday 14th December
6-7pm

Join us for pie and peas.
All welcome
Cost £2.50

The poster features a red border with holly leaves at the top and bottom. It includes two small Christmas trees, a bingo card, and two pies with peas.



Don't forget to buy your tickets for our KS1 Nativity "Whoops a Daisy Angel". These have been restricted to 2 per child, however, from Monday 11th December the remainder of the tickets will be available on a first come first served basis.

Good News Announcements

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Our winners W/C 27/12/23 were:
Year 6



Our Poppy Appeal
raised a massive
£158.55!



This weeks Medal Winners are:

Khadija - Year 1 - Super Dooper Maths
Tommy - Year 2 - Being a beautifully behaved cast member in the nativity practice.
Charlotte L - Year 2 - Brilliant Diary Writing
Britta - Year 5 - Marvellous Maths
Jamie - Year 6 - Being a sensational scientist
Samuel - Year 6 - Making Great Progress in Writing

Parent Checklist



Lancashire Send Newsletter -

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/media/948287/send-newsletter-winter-2023.pdf>

KS1 Parents - Have you got your tickets for the Nativity on Wednesday 13th December. Please see your class teacher or the office.

Tickets are on sale for our Friends Family Bingo Night on Thursday 14th December

Head Lice - Remember to check your child's hair regularly. There have been several reports of headlice in school recently.

Is your child off sick or due an appointment? Please inform the office of any sickness or absences before 9am and try and arrange appointments out of school hours where necessary.

Please ensure we have your up to date Phone number and Email address. This is vital that we have the correct information. If you have any doubts please call in to the office and we can check.

Remember to ensure your child is wearing a correctly sized suitable coat and shoes, and also ensure that PE pump sizes are checked regularly as we do have a lot of children with incorrectly sized pumps.

You are warmly invited to celebrate Christmas with us

Sun 10th Dec

9:30am Join us for breakfast; Messy Christmas crafts

10:30am Worship for all ages

3pm Asian Carol Service in Urdu & English *followed by curry*

Sun 17th Dec

10:30am Pop up nativity— dress up as your favourite character.
photo booth. cake and brews

5:30pm Hope is Come!

Mulled wine—carols—drama—international buffet

Christmas Eve

10:30am Holy Communion

4pm There's a lion in my nativity!

fun, candlelight, carols, refreshments

11pm Midnight Mass in English & Urdu

South Asian traditional refreshments

Christmas Day 10am short Holy Communion

St John's Church Centre, Barkerhouse Road, Nelson

following Jesus together as family

HOPE IS COME

Sunday 17th December at 5:30pm

We would love you to join us in celebrating, with mulled wine or fruit punch, drama, music and carols with hot food afterwards.

Everybody is welcome!



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