



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Autumn 12



MEET THE TEACHER

What subject do you teach?

I teach English.

What inspired you to become a teacher?

I adore my subject! I've always loved looking for deeper meanings and exploring the writers' intentions in books, poems and films - now I get to spend every day helping young people discover the same.

What's a fun fact about you that pupils might not know?

I enjoy swimming and anything that allows me to be around water; so much so, I became a qualified Scuba diver in Cambodia in 2017 and I was a lifeguard in America for 3 months in 2019.

What do you like to do when you're not teaching?

I like to explore new places. Whether that means going to a village in Northumberland I've never been to before or getting onboard long flights to visit different continents, it's wonderful to have new experiences whenever you can.

Favourite books/movies?

The books that got me into reading were dystopian YA novels like 'The Hunger Games' and 'The Maze Runner' - I will always recommend those to pupils. However, my favourite book of all time is 'Brooklyn' by Colm Toibin, it beautifully explores what it feels like to miss home and find yourself in a new place, so when the film came out in 2015, that immediately took the No.1 spot on my favourite films list. Having said that... 'Wicked: For Good' is out now and I expect that will also find a place on my list.



Miss Old is our Enrichment Co-Ordinator

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST WILFRID'S



Christmas Concert: Wednesday, 3rd December
- All are welcome.

Christmas Card Competition Closing Date:
Friday, 5th December - Get your entries in!

Clay Snowman Workshop: Monday, 9th
December & Monday, 16th December - Pupils
can sign up with the Art Department.

Norah's North Pole Gifts Collection: Thursday,
12th December - Thank you for supporting
this wonderful cause.

Christmas Dinner Day: Thursday, 18th
December - Pupils can wear a Christmas
jumper to school on this day!

Early Finish: Friday, 19th December - School
will close at 12:15 PM.



ADVENT FAITH FOCUS

"Stay awake, because you do not know the day when your Lord is coming."
- Matthew 24:42

As we enter Advent, Jesus calls us to be watchful and ready. In the midst of our busy lives, especially at this time of year, this is an invitation to slow down and prepare our hearts for his coming. As a school community we prepare together, taking time to notice God's presence in the ordinary, in our classrooms, corridors, and conversations.



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ENRICHMENT SPOTLIGHT- CHESS CLUB

Chess Club has grown rapidly, with around 30 pupils now attending each week to play and watch. Many new players have learned the game under the guidance of their peers and staff.

Pupils have strengthened patience, problem-solving, and critical thinking; skills that support academic success and personal growth.

What's Next?

We're hosting a school-wide chess tournament, now at the semi-final stage, with the finals in the last week of term.

If you're interested in joining the club- come along on Wednesday lunchtimes.



Christmas Concert

Wednesday 3rd
December. 5pm-
6:15pm, Nichols Hall.

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SCHOOL COLOURS- LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

This week, our assemblies focused on School Colours, inspired by Matthew's Gospel: "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others." Our School Colours Awards are a way of celebrating those members of our community who live out our motto of: Excellence through faith, learning and support- not only through academic success, but also contributions to school life, local communities, and dedication to sport, music, and other activities.

Applications (Year 8+):

Submit an application form To Mr Mence along with three pieces of evidence (e.g., certificates, photos, testimonies) for achievements in Faith, Learning, or Support.

Deadline: Wednesday 10th December (open each term).



One Stripe Tie – one element
Two Stripe Tie – two elements
Full Colours Tie – all three elements
Pin Badge – personalised to the element achieved

As we approach the festive season, the Christmas decorations are now up in school, ready to bring a sense of joy and anticipation from Monday for all of our staff and pupils!

We are preparing for Advent by focusing on giving and community spirit, supporting wonderful initiatives such as Norah's North Pole and the Key Project. These efforts remind us of the importance of kindness and generosity, values that lie at the heart of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support as we journey together towards Christmas. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Concert on Wednesday.

Mrs C Lennox 28/11/25



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