



WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET – 21st NOVEMBER 2025

	STAR AWARD WINNERS
Reception	Paul
Year 1	Isla-Rose
Year 2	Hania
Year 3	Krystee
Year 4	All of Year 4
Year 5	Lamees
Year 6	Keaton

CLASS	% ATT	LATES
REC	95.56	0
YEAR 1	97.78	2
YEAR 2	98.95	0
YEAR 3	95.71	0
YEAR 4	92.34	3
YEAR 5	98.67	0
YEAR 6	89.00	3

HOUSE WINNERS
CONISTON & ULLSWATER

HEAD TEACHER'S THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

*"Getting knocked down isn't the end - rising again is where your strength is built.
Stand up, shake off & keep moving"*



Hello and welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter. Winter has definitely arrived with an icy cold blast and the first frost.

Firstly, well done to our Year 4 children who have been attending their Swimming sessions this week. Miss Kinsey is very impressed with your efforts and behaviour. Keep it up next week and keep making progress towards your goal.

Thank you to everyone who supported our non-uniform days, last week and this week, for the Church Fair. Please help support the Church Fair on Saturday from 11am if you can make it.

Well done to our Year 6 children who are thriving in their Forest School sessions with Mrs Lomax, despite the cold conditions! Year 6 have had a great start to the year and are really stepping up to their leadership roles in school.

As we enter the run up to Advent, I could hear the wonderful voices of Reception beginning to learn their Nativity songs. They sound amazing and we can't wait to see their fantastic production. With that in mind, do take note of all the activities and Christmas celebrations for your diary including Christingle, Jesse Tree, Panto's, Coffee Carols and cakes, Christmas Dinner, Party Days, Disco and Carol Concert to name a few!



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It's always the most wonderful time of the year in a Church of England school celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. However, there is still lots of learning to be done including our assessment week. Thanks for continuing to support reading, spelling and Maths at home, it does make such a big difference to the progress of the children.

We have seen a recent upturn illness across school which is usual for the time of the year. Thanks to those who returned their Flu slips, the NHS team delivered their scheme on Tuesday, let's hope this helps reduce illness in the next few weeks. Nurses will be back in for a catch-up session (date to be confirmed) for children who were off on Tuesday and children who have since returned their Flu slips this week. Please return your form stating whether you consent or do not consent to your child receiving the Flu nasal spray or injection.

Attendance remains the highest priority for school. Please ensure you inform the office on the day of your child's illness. Any child who drops below 90% attendance has a drastic effect on their academic achievement. This is also the same for persistent lateness, which deters the child from reaching their potential due to lost learning. We know how hard it can be getting children to school on time which is why we open at 8.40am and close the gates at 8.55am. Please help support your children developing good habits for life by creating a good routine which they can take with them into High School and adult life.

Next week we welcome new Reception 2026 parents at Open Day on Tuesday 25th November. Please do pass the word around to everyone in your community. We have such an amazing school including a brilliant EYFS Team, so let's spread the message. We also have some places available in current Reception, Year 2 and Year 4. As you know every school is funded through numbers of children in the school, so it's vital we can fill our places to ensure we can continue to offer the variety of activities in school. One of those opportunities is the Year 6 Egyptology trip next week, which is always a fantastic day.

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the MCAS app. This will be your way of consenting and paying for trips, clubs, dinners as well as booking parent's evenings etc. Any issues please come and see Mrs Wall in the Office and she will assist.

Finally, please send in your selection boxes for our raffles which we can hopefully start next week and every week on the run up to Christmas. Tickets will be on sale in classes from Monday 24th November.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Mr Puckey
Head Teacher

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FUNDRAISING

Our Year 4 student, Benjamin, is raising money through **GoFundMe** for the charity **MIND** in aid of men's mental health. To do this, he has to do 100 push ups a day through the month of November. So far, he has raised £355 and is currently 39th out of a total of 5114 people!

If you would like to support Benjamin in raising money for MIND, please visit <https://gofund.me/24b491f44>



CHRISTINGLE

Our Christingle Service will take place on **Wednesday 3rd December**. The service will commence at **2:15pm** in St Stephen's Church. Parents of children in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are welcome to collect their child from school at 2:00pm and escort their child to church. The children will enjoy the service sitting with their parents and grandparents or carers. These children will leave church with their parents and do not need to return to school. If you are not able to join us, your child will sit with their St Stephen's family and return to school to be dismissed in the usual way. Key Stage 2 children will take part in the Christingle Service and be dismissed from school as normal.

We will be making our Christingles in school. Please can your child bring in an orange to assist with this on Monday 1st December and we will do the rest at school. Please can you return the filled Christingle envelopes to school before our Christingle service. Thank you for your support.

SELECTION BOXES

As usual at this time of year, we will be holding our annual Selection Box Raffle in the lead up to Christmas. For the benefit of parents new to the school, every year we ask you to donate selection boxes to school for a Raffle. The children can purchase raffle tickets each morning from their Class Teacher for **10p** a ticket. All the tickets are put into a raffle which is drawn during our Celebration Assembly at the end of each week up to Christmas.

The first draw will take place on **Friday 5th December**. The proceeds of the Raffle go towards the cost of the Christmas parties and other Christmas activities. The children love this event and usually we have enough selection boxes for a winner in each class every time we draw the tickets. Please send your selection box donations to the School Office at any time. The tickets will be on sale from **Monday 24th November**.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

We are offering every child the chance to have Christmas Dinner with their friends and staff on Thursday 18th December. Letters have been sent out to children on packed lunches. If your child will like a Christmas Dinner, please can you **return the permission slip by Wednesday 26th November** to allow our Kitchen staff to pre-order the food.



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DANCING FEET

There are still a few places left to join Dancing Feet on Wednesday's this term. If your child would like to take part, please contact Carol directly on **07730 565 096**. Cost of the dance classes will be £15 (due to only 3 sessions left this term).

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

Please can you let the Office know if there are any changes to your child's name, address and/or emergency contact numbers to ensure we have the correct, up to date details on our system. This information can also be updated by parents/carers via MCAS; this will then automatically update your child emergency contact information.

RECEPTION 2026 - OPEN DAY

Our next Open Day for parents/carers of children due to start in Reception Class in 2026 is **Tuesday 25th November (9.30am, 1:30pm and 4:30pm)**

Please contact the School Office on 01204 333642 to book your place or visit <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/KaHsNzc8gS>

This is the perfect opportunity to meet the staff, hear about our vision for the school and ask questions about how our provision will ensure your child's potential is really fulfilled. We look forward to welcoming you and your child.

OPEN DAY
**IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL
IN SEPTEMBER 2026?**

Come and see our fantastic classroom with a large outdoor space and award winning eco area & forest school.

Tuesday 25th November 2025
9:30am | 1:30pm | 4.00pm

Ring now to secure your place OR Click on the booking link / QR below:

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NEXT WEEK - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Monday 24th November	Y4 Intensive Swimming KS2 Dodgeball Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Tuesday 25th November	2026 Reception Open Day 9:30am, 1:30pm & 4:00pm Y6 Egyptian Workshop - Bolton Museum 9am - 12pm Year 5/6 Football Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Wednesday 26th November	Dancing Feet 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Thursday 27th November	KS1 Multi-Skills Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Friday 28th November	



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Date	Event
Wednesday 3rd December	Christingle in Church 2:15pm
Thursday 11th December	Reception Nativity 9:15am
Friday 12th December	FOSSS Coffee, Cake & Carols 2:00pm
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Party Day Christmas Dinner Christmas Discos <ul style="list-style-type: none">- KS1 3:30pm - 4:30pm- KS2 4:45pm - 5:45pm-
Friday 19 th December	Carol Service in Church 9:15am Break for Christmas Holidays (KS1 3:10pm, KS2 3:15pm)