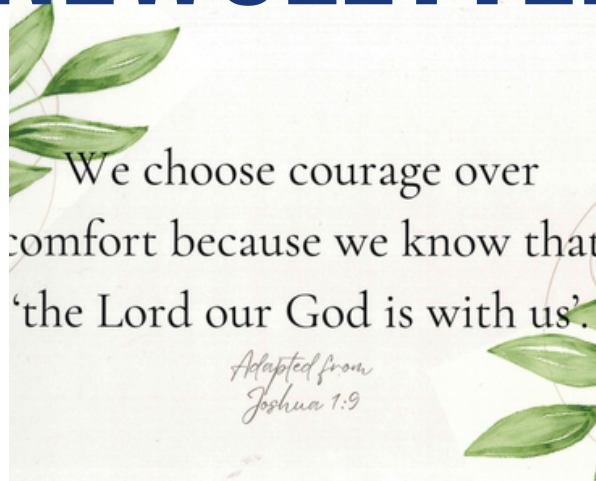


NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As we move closer to the end of term, I wanted to share some updates and reminders with you.

Christingle Service - Thank You for all your orange donations. The children had a wonderful time making their Christingles and thoroughly enjoyed the Collective Worship which entailed Mrs Clifford turning into a huge orange to share the meaning of the Christingle.

Special Visit from Paralympian Ollie Hynd

We were thrilled to welcome Olympian Ollie Hynd to school this week for Collective Worship. Ollie shared an inspiring message about perseverance, teamwork, and aiming high. The children were captivated and left feeling motivated—what a fantastic experience!

KS1 and Foundation Stage Nativity - Our KS1 and Foundation Stage children have been working incredibly hard on their Nativity performances. These will take place next week, and we can't wait to share their wonderful singing and storytelling with you.

Year 4 Church Service - Next week, Year 4 will also be leading a lovely Christmas Service at the Church. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and share their learning with the community.

Christmas Jumper Day - We Did It!

We are thrilled to announce that we met our target and raised £100 for Save the Children during Christmas Jumper Day! Thank you for your generosity and support—it will make a real difference.

Head Lice Reminder

Please take a moment to check your child's hair for head lice this weekend and treat if necessary. Regular checks help us keep this under control across the school.

Thank you for your continued support in making these events so memorable for the children. We look forward to celebrating together and wish you all a joyful festive season.

Warmest wishes,

S. Pearson
Mrs Pearson

Church Updates

There will be the usual 'Energise Sunday' for all the family. On Sunday 14th we have our Christingle Service at church at 4pm and every child who comes will receive not only a Christingle but also a free book.

On Christmas Eve there will be our Crib service at 4pm. Every child attending will receive a free Christmas book.

Rev. Julie

School Dates for the Diary

- 15.12.25 - KS1 Nativity @ 2:00 & 5:00
- 16.12.25 - Foundation Stage Nativity @ 2:00 and 5:00
- 18.12.25 - Y4 Christmas Service @ 1:45
- 19.12.25 - Last day of term
- 05.01.26 - School Closed INSET day
- 06.12.26 - Return to School
- 06.01.26 - Y3 Yorvik Trip
- 07.01.26 - Y4 Cromford Trip



Jesus embodies the love and compassion of God for each person, and Christians are called to follow him in this. In our family, love impels us to:

- put others' needs above our own;
- act with humility and without entitlement;
- empower all our community to flourish and succeed;
- provide a haven of compassion and safety, where children and adults know that they are cherished; and
- support those experiencing suffering and sadness - in our community and beyond

"Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16:14)

YR - Mrs Price and Mrs Dubowski

This week in English, we explored non-fiction texts about brown bears. We engaged in a variety of activities to enhance our understanding, including a fact-finding carousel, sorting activities, and a "fact or not" game. During the guided group session, the children wrote simple captions about the facts they discovered about brown bears. In math, we focused on 2D shapes, specifically triangles and squares. We examined their different properties using terms such as straight, sides, corners, long, and short. In our topic lessons, we began our geography unit by looking at simple maps of the school grounds. The children worked in groups to place picture cards on the maps, representing houses, roads, and other features. They then used toy cars to plan a short journey.



Our Christingle Service let by Kitty and Rev. Julie

Year 1 - Miss Bower

This week year one have started to explore non-chronological reports, we have been finding information on the King to help us with this. In maths we have started leaving about shapes, we have looked at the different between 2-D and 3-D shapes and started to learn some of their names. We did our first dress rehearsal for the school nativity and have been looking at the Christmas story in RE.

Y2 - Mrs Turvey and Mrs Marshall

In English Y2 have started their letters to the prime minister. So far, they've completed their introduction and their first paragraph telling him about the impact that plastic is having on the animals. Next week they'll finish them and write them up neatly to post them. In Maths we've started adding two, two digit numbers together using concrete resources and then moving on to pictorial representations. They've done well with this and next week we'll practise bridging into the next 10 and solving word problems. In art we've looked at our focus piece of art, they're going to create their canvas next week using scratch art. Y2 have been busy perfecting their nativity and they're looking forward to showing everybody on Monday!



Our Christingle Service let by Kitty and Rev. Julie

Y3 Miss Wain

This week Year 3 have been continuing with their multiplication and division in Maths, working on the 8 times table this week. IN English we have begun to write our non-chronological report about the Romans. The children have a broad range of knowledge on the topic and have been excited to get started! In Art, the children built their sculptures. We are leaving them to dry over the weekend and painting them next week. In RE, we looked at how the areas of the Trinity might be represented by artwork and created their own interpretations. In Computing, the children finished their online safety and looked at how we can foster a healthy routine. In Science the children made their own rocks and used these to compare features. In P4C they looked at the meaning of a stereotype and why these might be negative.



Our Christingle Service let by Kitty and Rev. Julie

Y4 - Miss Buckley

It's been a busy and productive week in Year 4!

In Maths, we have moved on to exploring the area of shapes, learning how to count squared units accurately and beginning to compare the area of different rectangles. The children have enjoyed the practical element of this topic and are growing in confidence with the new vocabulary.

In English, we have been analysing a missing chapter from *Orphans of the Tide*, thinking carefully about how the plot might develop and how we would like the rest of the novel to unfold. The children have produced some brilliant ideas and had rich discussions about character choices, tension, and how authors shape a story. We have now begun planning and writing up our own version of the chapter, using descriptive language and dialogue to capture the style of the book. The class are absolutely loving this text!

In Science, we have been exploring how sound changes over distance, measuring different sound levels around school using simple equipment. The children were fascinated to see how volume and clarity vary depending on location and barriers.

In Art, we've begun working on our final piece inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe, focusing on contour, tone, and scale. The children are planning larger compositions influenced by her bold, flowing style.

In Music, we've moved into composing, creating short pieces that the children will rehearse and perform next week. They've been experimenting with rhythm, layering, and structure to build their own musical ideas.

Stepping Stones - Miss Cave

Stepping Stones have had another busy week! Our Mellow Monday gave us a lovely start to our week and we baked some Christmas cupcakes! We absolutely loved taking the time to carefully decorate our cupcakes and turning them into reindeers. Plus it really helped us to get into the Christmas spirit. Our emotional literacy sessions have been all about what it means to be 'focused'. We have explored how this is a normal, comfortable emotion where we normally feel calm with a clear mind which helps us to concentrate. However, like other emotions, it's only temporary and that's okay! In PE, we had a 'Mini Olympics' session where we brought together all our athletics skills to have a little healthy competition. We all really enjoyed this and were able to accept if we didn't get first place!

Y5 - Miss Evans

This week year 5 have enjoyed lots of different things. They made their Christingles on Tuesday and learnt all about how it represents Jesus and Christian beliefs around Christmas. In particular this week year 5 have been working hard on their D&T project of bandanas. So far, the children have tie dyed their fabric and had a go at using the sewing machine to complete their design. Next week they will be evaluating their design. They have also started the web warrior's topic this week to understand the importance of staying safe online. The children had some brilliant ideas to contribute to the conversation.

Y6 - Mrs Woodward

Year 6 have had a lovely week. In English, they have taken part in an imaginary community where they recreated the streets of London during WW2. They will use this next week to write their very own setting description as a child living in London. In Maths, they have learnt how to multiply, divide and find fractions of an amount. They were super at this! In RE, they have considered who helps the world to thrive and why some people don't do this. In DT, they have started to compose their planes using different pieces of K'nex. In RSE, they have considered how mental health can affect people and how they should respond to different situations. Next week, they are going to watch the nativity by KS1 and EYFS and will finish their pieces of writing.



The Olympian Ollie Hynd leading a Collective Worship



Y6 exploring K'nex in DT



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OPAL



Highlights

This week in OPAL many children have enjoyed playing in the sandpit. Water managed to creep in which has helped many children create tunnels with a stream running through the middle. There's been lots of collaborative creations which has been lovely to see!

Many children have been supported each other to be able to successfully cross the slack lines without falling off! It takes a lot of balance and coordination!

We're looking forward to having a mud kitchen extension after Christmas and seeing the completion of the outdoor stage and seating area!

If you're having a clear out of toys over Christmas, please considering donating to the school for the children to enjoy during their OPAL times.

Welly Award

Year 1

Golden Broom

Emerson

Reminders

Please ensure children have coats, hats and gloves as the weather turns colder.

Resources needed:

- Guttering
- Prams
- Scooters
- Balance bikes
- Ride on toys
- Hard hats
- Road signs
- Traffic cones
- Hi vis jackets