

NEWSLETTER 12th December 2025

"Rooted and grounded in love"
Ephesians 3:17



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Headteacher's Message

This week we have had fun preparing for Christmas. This morning we had a special advent activity morning, organised by Mrs Cawood where the children worked together with other classes to complete activities to help them understand the meaning of advent. It was lovely to see all the children working so beautifully together with the older children supporting the older ones with such care and kindness. On Thursday afternoon our newly-formed and fantastic choir visited Thirsk to sing in a nursery, supermarket and for a community group. This was a great first outing for them and a lovely way to spread some festive Dishforth cheer out in the community. We look forward to more trips in the future and to hearing them sing at our Christingle service in Church on Friday 30th January.

And lastly a huge thank you to everyone that took part in our wonderful Christmas Fayre this afternoon. It was a really special afternoon and early indications are that we have raised an incredible amount of money. Particular thanks needs to go to all our wonderful Class 3 stall holders who put amazing effort into designing and making their games and our wonderful young musicians who entertained us all and helped put everyone in the Christmas spirit. Thanks also must go to the Friends of Dishforth who did a tremendous job of setting up and providing the ever-popular tombola, refreshments and festive cheer! Lastly to everyone that made crafts, donated tombola prizes to name just a few, and to everyone that came and spent their money for the good of the school – thank you.

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

[Link to website class page](#)

This week in Early Years we have been reading the story "Dear Santa". We have enjoyed our Christmas Post Office, writing letters and making cards to send to friends. We have enjoyed lots of different Christmas activities that support our learning, including practising our cutting skills to help us make our Christmas cards.

Class 1

[Link to website class page](#)

Class 1 have had a fun week writing riddles using descriptive phrases. We have really enjoyed reading our work to our friends so they can guess what we have written about. In maths everyone is having fun making 3D shapes using sticks and plasticine, then Year 2 have been counting the vertices, edges and faces. Everyone had a great time on Friday morning taking part in the Christmas journey and thinking about getting ready for Christmas.

Class 2

[Link to website class page](#)

We have had a fantastic time in our English lessons planning our own Christmas advert for Dishforth School. We have appraised other Christmas adverts, written an advert for a newspaper and created a storyboard for our television advert. In RE we looked at how Humanists celebrate key events in their lifetimes. In History we looked at Roman Gods and Goddesses and in DT we embellished our Roman Coin Purses. Our Science learning this week saw us create a working model of the diaphragm and lungs. We had a great time on Friday morning learning all about the significance of advent. A big "Thank you" needs to go to Mrs Cawood for organising it!

Class 3

[Link to website class page](#)

Class 3 have had a wonderful week this week preparing for the Christmas fayre and trialling the games. They have also finished printing their baubles on the 3D printer. In science, they have created sundials to investigate day and night and time zone across the world. The children have planned a European road trip in geography, choosing several stops and justifying this using human and physical features.

Please follow this link to our website to find out about our curriculum [Website Curriculum Page](#)



Celebrating our Success

Stars of the Week

EYFS	Our EYFS star this week is Miles. Miles has made such amazing progress in his phonics. This week he has been attempting to write labels for his models and write longer words in his writing, including attempting to write "Christmas". Miles – you are a star!
Class 1	The Star for Class 1 this week is Tommy because he has been working so hard during his reading and phonics lessons. It is joy to hear him read.
Class 2	The star in class 2 this week goes to Fred G. Fred has had a great week and has impressed us with his confidence and eye for detail in Science and in his French lesson this week he wrote his own French Colour Song and performed in front of the whole class.
Class 3	The star of the week is Finnian for his excellent behaviour on the playground and for listening carefully to instructions and trying to stay focussed in class.

The Values Award



This week Matthew has nominate Tom T for respect because at breaktime he got hurt and Tom came over and helped him straight away.

The stars and the values award will be given out in collective worship on Monday morning.

Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
90.4%	89.26%	94.15%	93.33%



Christmas Dates



Tuesday 16 th December afternoon	EYFS & KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal - village hall
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas jumper day & Christmas lunch
Thursday 18 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity performances 2.15pm and 5.30pm – village hall
Friday 19 th December	Christmas party day (party clothes) Early finish 2.30 - no celebration assembly or after school club

Safeguarding

Attached to the newsletter this week is a Wake Up Wednesday guide to virtual and Ai friends.

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the Dog House
IS BACK!

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Breakfast included!

Have the most magical Christmas Eve!

December 24th
9.30am - 11.30am
Children: £19.95
Adult: £4.95

Enjoy breakfast with Santa and a sack load of Christmas fun!

- Meet and greet with Santa with photo opportunity
- A gift from Santa with every child's ticket
- Soft play
- Bacon or sausage sandwich with every child's and every adult's ticket
- Play games and lots of Christmas activities and fun throughout.

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