

NEWSLETTER 28th November 2025

“Rooted and grounded in love”
Ephesians 3:17



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Headteacher's Message

A quieter week in school this week with everyone busy with teaching and learning, getting work completed before the Christmas festivities start. On Monday morning we were delighted to welcome Reverend Dianne into school to lead our Collective Worship. During worship she shared with us that she has recently been made a Canon of York Minster, a huge honour. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing all about it and seeing her dress in her new robes. It was fascinating to hear the significance of each part and we're looking forward to seeing her wearing them again in Church at our Christingle Service on 30th January. Lunchtime clubs are going strong with Mr Duffy leading Lego club on a Wednesday lunchtime and Mrs Cawood leading our newly formed school choir on Tuesday lunchtimes. Our choir is preparing some Christmas songs ready to perform at the Christmas Fayre and hopefully to bring some Christmas cheer to some local community groups.

Just a little reminder for anyone with pre-school children, toddler or babies. Our Tiddlers group is running each Tuesday afternoon between 2 and 3pm in the hall with Mrs Hainsworth. Everyone is welcome for a drink and snack, play and some songs and games. If you know anyone with a pre school child who you think might like to attend, then please encourage them to come along.

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

[Link to website class page](#)

This week in Early Years we have really enjoyed looking at one of our favourite books – Owl Babies. We have enjoyed using our art skills to make 3D salt dough owls using tools to shapes and make feathers. We have learnt about nocturnal animals and can now name several animals you only see in the dark. In maths we have been recognising 4 sided shapes and can talk about the differences between a square and a rectangle. We have been on shape hunts in our outdoor area.

Class 1

[Link to website class page](#)

Class 1 have had a fantastic week reading a new story called "The Day the Crayons Quit". Everyone has enjoyed learning why the crayons were cross. In maths Year 2 have begun learning about the 2D and 3D shapes and Year 1 are showing fantastic knowledge of addition and subtraction. We are working hard learning the songs and words for our Christmas production A Magical Christmas Journey.

Class 2

[Link to website class page](#)

This week in Class 2 we have been very busy! In English we have been looking at the features of a Non-Chronological report which we are going to be writing next week, all about the Roman Empire. In History we looked at the Celtic rebellion led by Boudicca and in Science we investigated how our muscles help our bodies move. We loved our DT lesson this week, where we began constructing our Roman Money purses, we certainly have some budding designers and sewers!

Class 3

[Link to website class page](#)

Class 3 have been busy making their own planets and learning about the heliocentric model with the sun in the centre. They have also been drafting their non-chronology reports about Charles Dickens in English, ready to publish for next week. In maths they have been learning how to add, subtract, compare and order fractions. The children have been enjoying their DT unit and making the Christmas stalls. Thank you for all of your ongoing support with this! They are having a blast using DT and maths skills to design their games.

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



Celebrating our Success

Stars of the Week

EYFS	This week our star is Freddie. Freddie has made amazing progress in his independent writing. He can sound out words and write them without help and he is forming all of his letters correctly – you are a star Freddie!
Class 1	The star for Class 1 this week is Violet because she has made fantastic progress with her writing, especially re reading what she has written.
Class 2	The values award this week goes to Rosie. Rosie has had a great week in school this week. She has worked hard, as she always does, and has been a fantastic help to Mrs Chester and I in the classroom. Well done Rosie.
Class 3	The star of the week is going to Abigail for her brilliant attitude to learning in lesson time! She has been working incredibly hard in maths and English lessons to make sure her work is the best it can be!

The Values Award



This week Alice nominated Emi for trust and compassion helping her outside and also in Maths lesson. Well done Emi!

Attendance this week

Safeguarding

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
96.43%	100%	99.47%	97.2%



Attached to the newsletter this week is a National College 'Wake Up Wednesday' parent guide to emojis and this month's Knowsley Online Safety newsletter.



Christmas Dates

(more details to follow)



Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

Friday 12 th December	Christmas Fayre, doors open 2.45	5 th December	EYFS and Class 2
Tuesday 16 th December afternoon	EYFS & KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal - village hall	12 th December	No Celebration assembly – Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas jumper day Christmas lunch	19 th December	No celebration assembly – early finish 2.30
Thursday 18 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity performances 2.15pm and 5.30pm – village hall	The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.40. We look forward to welcoming you.	
Friday 19 th December	Christmas party day (party clothes) Early finish 2.30 No after school club		