



*'How wonderful, how pleasing it is when all God's people come together as one.'*

**Belonging & Respect**  
**COMPASSION AGAPE STRENGTH PEACE SERVICE**

**NEWSLETTER –3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**Dear Parents and Carers**

This week children in Year 2-6 have had the opportunity to share their knowledge and what they have retained in their learning through the form of **formal assessments**. There are differing views on these particularly from the children with some relishing this opportunity whilst for others it brings around some anxiety – I overheard one teacher telling a pupil – it is just going to help make sure I teach you the things you don't yet know! A **snapshot of the data** will be with you before the end of term to show you where your child is attaining and highlight some areas to focus to help them move forward. This all then feeds into our Spring term teaching and focus, not only for year groups and classes but as individuals also.

Also this week, we celebrated the start of **Advent** with this year's theme from the Church of England being **Joy**. We shared a story called the Grumpy Owl and thought about how we can turn grumpiness into joy. We listened to the first part of the Christmas Story where Mary is told she would be having a baby – a special king. We had a further session of **Bikeability** today and the children did super well in mastering some aspects of riding a bike.

**Clubs have now finished** for the Autumn Term, and we will send out a new offer in January. Sparks and Splinters are owed one session on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas things!**

We have begun to bring Christmas a little more to the forefront of our minds and today have our Let's Make Christmas afternoon where children have made a craft, a Christmas craft and done other Christmas activities.

We also have the Christmas Fayre after school today which is very exciting! Next week more Christmas events are occurring with the Nativity – A Miracle in Town. KS2 will watch this on Monday afternoon with Puddleducks also watching and some residents from Brackley care home. Then Tuesday and Thursday we have the performances. Children are allocated two seats per performance so two seats on Tuesday and two seats on Thursday meaning four people can come and watch! KS2 will also rehearse their Christingle, Choir will sing at Brackley Care Home and we also have other non-Christmas events too!

*Have a lovely weekend,*

*Kind regards, Mrs. Sarah Smith*

	Headteacher Value Award	Class Award	RE
<b>OAK</b>	Scarlett M	Freddie S & Maggie J	Charlotte C
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	Penny M	Alfie S & Hudson R-T	Ayah H
<b>SYCAMORE</b>	Jack C	Kellan J & Tabytha DeR-H	Amelia A
<b>MAPLE</b>	Myla S	Amelie P & Betsy T	Leo D

**House Point Scores for the week:** Air:45 Earth:67 Fire:57 Water:60

**Attendance figure** - Whole school for academic year: **95.4%**  
**Authorised:** 3.5% **Unauthorised:** 1.1%  
**Class attendance this week:**  
**OAK: 96.1% SYCAMORE: 98.7%**  
**CHESTNUT: 93.75% MAPLE: 95.5%**

**Safeguarding** is everyone's responsibility. **Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Mrs. S. Smith  
**Deputy Safeguarding Leads:** Mrs. K. Green & Mrs L. Tite **Gov responsible:** Rev'd Sara Cliff

**Diary – WB 8<sup>TH</sup> December**

**Monday**

PM Nativity Dress Rehearsal

**Tuesday**

NMPAT Contemporary Music group in 2pm Nativity Performance 1

**Wednesday**

Dentist in School for Yr R, 1 & 2

**Thursday**

KS2 Invasion festival am– selected chn

2pm Nativity Performance 2

**Friday**

Choir to Sing at care home – am  
KS2 Christingle Rehearsal at Church

**\*\*\*Christmas Post Box\*\*\***

This year the Treehouse will have a post-box where pupils can send Christmas cards to each other, and they can be delivered at the end of each day. Please ensure name and class are written on the envelope.

**Healthy School** As a reminder we request healthy lunchboxes being sent in. Children must only drink water or milk and snack time is fruit and veg. Please could we remind our policy on sweets. Birthday sweets are not something we wish to encourage and will therefore not hand them out to children. It might be nice for a gift for the class to be bought instead.

**READING CHALLENGE** This has been so popular with so many children on their journey at various points! I have handed out 100 raffle tickets already! The 4th checkpoint can first be reached on 16/12.

**ONLINE SUPPORT – we value your support in this area and understand how tricky it is navigated.** This week's support guide link is on online games  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

Yr R Primary School application link if live in West Northants **Closing date 15.1.26:**  
<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions-and-appeals/school-application>