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November / December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The second part of this term is busy, but always an exciting one.

Please find important information in this newsletter.

Attendance: for October 2025

Our school target is 96% for all pupils

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Mrs McQuillan YR	93.4%	Mr Maguire Y1	94%
Mrs Hudspith Y1/2	98.6%	Mrs Hawthorn Y2	97.6%
Mr Thompson Y3	93.8%	Mrs Byrne/Connon Y3/4	94%
Mr O'Doherty Y4	97%	Miss Austin Y5	96.5%
Mr Hall Y5	94.6%	Mrs Taylor Y6	93.4%
Mrs Hodgkins Y6	91.2%		



This month's winner for the best attendance is **MRS HUDSPITH'S class!** Well done everyone... you won last month too!

Children In Need fundraising

We raised the sum of £169.40p. Thank you everyone.

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What a great success this was! We had a fantastic evening and raised over £760! Amazing!!

Northern Children's book festival author visits

We are delighted to have had one author visiting school this November. All pupils in years five and six enjoyed listening to the author reading their books and discussing how they wrote their stories and what inspired them.

Non uniform day – Donations for Christmas Tombola - This Friday, 5th December

We will be holding our annual Christmas evening on Monday, 15th December. We will be selling a range of decorations made by the children to raise money for school funds. We will also have hot chocolates and sweet treats, singing by our school choir, tombolas and other Christmassy things.

On the 5th of December, can:

Nursery, Reception, year one, year two and year three pupils please bring chocolate items into school for the chocolate tombola

Years four, five and six, please bring bottles for the bottle tombola.

These can be dropped off into the school hall or office from 8.30am, on that day. (5th December).

Many thanks in advance.

Stay And Play in Early Years

Reception class held a stay and play afternoon on Friday 28th November. Parents and carers enjoyed a fun afternoon making a range of arts and crafts.

Our Nursey class is holding a stay and play session on the 16th of December in their classroom too.

Christmas performances

We are really looking forward to our Christmas performances this year.

If your child is in year 1, 2, 3 or 4, there are two productions on the dates in the table below. We are doing this due to the large numbers of parents/carers who will want to watch these performances.

PLEASE ONLY ATTEND ONE OF THE PERFORMANCES – either 9.15am or 2.15 pm. Thank you.

Sporting events

This term many of us have enjoyed Judo sessions, Access coaching sessions, athletics at Marden Bridge middle school, netball at St Thomas More High school, football training and competitive games and they have all been great successes.

Christmas Lunch in school

On Wednesday, 17th December we will have our traditional Christmas lunch. We are all wearing our Christmas jumpers that day too, raising money for Save the Children.

Safeguarding

Please remember to check your child's phone/tablet on a regular basis, so you are aware of what they are accessing and who they are communicating with.

Sunday 30th November was the first Sunday of Advent, a time when we prepare for the birth of Jesus. The four themes of Advent are: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.



Key dates:

Date	Event	Time
2 nd December	Advent service for Y5 and Y6 pupils at St Edward's church	5.30pm to 6.30pm
4 th December	Rocksteady performance	2.30pm
5 th December	Non uniform day. Donations for Christmas tombolas etc	More details above.
w/b 8 th December	Swimming week for Y5 pupils	PM
9 th December	Reception Christmas production	9.15am
10 th December	Nursery Christmas play	9.15am
11 th December	Y1 and Y2 Christmas production	9.15am or 2.15pm (choose one)
12 th December	Y3 and Y4 Christmas production	9.15am or 2.15pm (choose one)
w/b 15 th December	Party week: Monday 15 th : Nursery, Reception and Years 1&2 Tuesday 16 th : Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	All day All day
15 th December	Christmas drop in for parents after school	3.20pm – 4.30pm
16 th December	Nursery stay and play	10am – 11am
17 th December	Christmas lunch Christmas jumper day for Save the Children	All day
17 th December	Y4 go to the Pantomime!	1pm
19 th December	Break up for Christmas holiday	Early pick up (1pm – 1.30pm)
5 th January	Inset day – school closed to pupils	All day
TUESDAY 6 th January	Start of Spring term	8.45am

Kind regards
Mrs K DiMambro
Headteacher