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Value of the Week
Faithfulness

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'.....Let love and faithfulness never leave you.....' Proverbs 3:3

Congratulations

Congratulations to Year 3 on their super performance of the Nativity this week.



Well done to our Y6 sewing club children who have been making Christmas decorations with Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Murphy. Some of our children wanted to show off what they will be hanging on their Christmas trees this year.



Stay and Pray

Thank you to all families who supported our Christmas Stay and Pray this week.



Christmas Carols at Olivia's Tree

Thank you to everyone who supported Christmas Carols at Olivia's Tree yesterday. This was a special event of remembrance and community spirit.



Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure (Please refer to key later in the newsletter)
3CF	Matthew	Noah	Olivia	98.8%
3GT	Santanna-Marie	Jude	Lillie-Mae	94.8%
3HM	Ezmay	Ryan	Romi	95.4%
3ST	Nyle	Harrison	Joseph	97.2%
4CD	Olivia	Eden	Brendan	81.7%
4HW	Shea	Madyson	Kian	92.6%
4KH	Mary-Jane	Lucas	Brody	94.4%
4SC	George	Alfie	Imogen	95.8%
5AH	Michael	Ella-Rose	Liam	97%
5JK	Nell	Ivey	Daniel	96.1%
5KL	Colbie	Isabelle K	Luca	94.7%
5PS	Oliver	Emma	Delilah-Jae	95%
6AC	Edward	Finley	Sydney	96.8%
6JP	Scarlett	Livia	Olivia	93.2%
6LT	Diya	Maisy	Laura	90%
6SA	Mason	Thomas	Gbemi	96.8%

Attendance for the whole school is 94.4%

Dinnertime winners:

Attendance

One of our school priorities this year is to raise attendance and to reduce Persistent Absenteeism (a persistent absentee is defined by the Government as a pupil whose attendance is 90% or less. A child's success in school (both academically and socially) relies on good attendance. If they are missing from school, they are not only missing out on valuable lessons but they are also missing out on the opportunity to forge friendships. If any parent would like some support in securing good attendance for their child, please contact the school.

As a rough guide to how good your child's attendance is, please refer to the chart below:-

Equates to	ATTENDANCE	
	100%	PERFECTION
4 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	96%	GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	95%	NEARLY THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
19 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS
29 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	85%	GRAVE CONCERNS

THIS KEY WILL IDENTIFY HOW WELL YOUR CHILD'S CLASS IS DOING (SEE ATTENDANCE ABOVE)

Please note that holidays taken in term time are never authorised by school (other than VERY exceptional circumstances) and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice Fine.

Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Gabrielle	Karthik	William	Diya
Class with the best engagement	3GT	4SC	5AH	6LT
Most Improved	Harry	Franklin	Adon	Evie

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	178	56		266	
St David	156	48		235	
St George	195	59		210	
St Patrick	184	51		252	

Choir

Our School Choir has been very busy this week preparing for Christmas

The Choir enjoyed leading the Carol Concert for the residents of Thingwall Hall and performing at this week's Stay and Pray. We look forward to entertaining the parents at this Monday's Carol Concert 9.30 in our school hall.



Congratulations

A huge well done to Daisy-Cheryl in 6JP who had the opportunity to play on the pitch at Anfield on Monday night as part of Liverpool's testing of the new Anfield Road stand and our ongoing work with LFC in the Community. Daisy even got to meet Jurgen Klopp!



Well done to all girls who have taken part in football this term!



Congratulations Heidi!

We are very proud of Heidi Jackson from year 3 who has been performing at the Gladstone Theatre in Beauty and Beast Panto. Well done Heidi!



Christmas Activities

17th December - Parish Carol Service - St Margaret Mary's Church at 3pm (Sunday)

18th December - Christmas Carol Service (9.30am) - **Parents Welcome**
Christmas Party

19th December - Children to the Christmas Pantomime at M&S Arena.

Thank You!

Thank you to all families who supported last week's Christmas Fair which managed to raise £1,300. Special thanks to members of the PTA for the super organisation of the event.

Connect The Classroom



DfE's Connect the Classroom is a government-funded programme to improve internet speed in schools. We are happy to announce that we have now gone live without any issues or network downtime. Our new improved network infrastructure and wifi 6 access points. The school has excellent coverage for internet connectivity. Now that all of our pupils have access to Chromebooks, we can use them simultaneously without experiencing any connectivity problems, allowing us to truly innovate in the classroom and integrate ICT into engaging, everyday learning experiences. By improving speed and security, upgrading the wifi has helped our school prepare its network for the future and improve the experience of teaching and learning in the classroom.

Parental Control Guidance

Please see the link below to a Parent Online Safety booklet, which includes an overview of key parental controls. This document has been created by Knowsley CLC. At this time of year when the children may be receiving various electronic devices this booklet will be really useful to ensure you safeguard your child against any inappropriate content which could leave them vulnerable.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Parental-Controls-booklet-2023.pdf>

Christmas Party

Monday is Christmas Party Day

The children may wear their own clothes for the Christmas Party. They can bring in a small treat and a soft drink (not fizzy) for themselves to enjoy in the afternoon. A disco has been booked which includes party games.



Rainbows

Mrs Perry and Mrs Culley have been working with the most delightful group of children over the past term in our Rainbows sessions. This particular cohort of children will be finishing the programme just before Christmas. A new group will start in the Spring term, if you would like for your child to be considered please do contact your child's class teacher for more information.



Choir Event

Join us in the hall on Monday (18th December) the school choir will lead us in a Carol Service-all welcome between 9.30am - 10.30am.



Sleeping Beauty

Next week, the whole school will attend the Christmas pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty* at the Echo Arena. Please ensure that your child arrives early for school as we will be leaving school at approx. 9am. We aim to return back at 1pm in time for lunch. The PTA have kindly donated money in order to reduce the cost. They will also provide each child with a goodie bag to take with them. School uniform must be worn. *Spending money is not needed.



END OF TERM

School finishes for the Christmas Holiday next Wednesday (20th December) at the earlier time of 1.30pm.

Happy Christmas!

As this is the last newsletter of the year we would like to wish all our families a very Happy Christmas!

We will see you all bright and early on Thursday 4th January

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



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