



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2024



Headteacher end of term update

Dear Parents/ Carers

This time of year is one of the busiest in the school calendar and one of the most enjoyable. We have so much to celebrate with our children thriving in all areas of school life. I enjoyed the EYFS nativity, comparing the confidence of the children to when they sang Big Red Tractor at Harvest and when they came through our doors back in September. Everyone was so proud and everyone enjoyed the performance and the joy of children's singing and acting.

The KS1 nativities and KS2 assemblies have all been highlights. As I watch children learn and listen to their amazing ideas I can see they are the heart of everything we do, working towards our vision together.

I continue to be so proud of all our pupils, the successes they have achieved this year, the charities they have supported, and the love they show one another and the wider community gives me hope that even in difficult times we will find a way forward together.

Christmas is a time for families and as a school one of our biggest strengths is our family feel. The ability to support one another and share in each other's joys, successes and struggles is what makes us strong. Despite my being off site two days a week, or maybe because of it, I feel the connection and strength even more.

I hope you all have an amazing holiday and find time for yourselves and your family. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th January ready and revitalized for another exciting term!

Merry Christmas!

Jayne Watson





Message from the Governors

Another busy term comes to an end with the usual exciting flurry of Christmas activities. Unfortunately, I have not been able to be a part of as many of the Christmas activities as usual until the Carol Services on Wednesday, but hopefully the children have enjoyed being them, and you have enjoyed watching them.

After last academic year which saw our school subject to two inspections, the governing board (GB) has been pleased to see progress made from the recommendations that were made. We have been excited to see the continued development of the EYFS area, and the introduction of Mrs Spence's pastoral provision which has had an immediate impact. We are also so proud of our staff as they have once again risen to the challenges that have come as we have supported another school through a challenging term. They all deserve a well-earned break! Just a reminder that we still have vacancies on our GB so if you might be interested, please get in touch via the school office.

This Christmas I have been thinking about the many lights that we see around this time of year. This reflects the title of Jesus, 'The Light of the World' and reminds me of the lines in the carol that says 'but in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light'. Light so often pictures hope, and as we come towards the end of another year, take some time this Christmas to consider why Jesus came into the world, and what hope He might be able to bring in your circumstances.

Best wishes for the Christmas break and 2025.

On behalf of the governors,
Michael Buckeridge



Reception



We have enjoyed our new topic, 'Humpty and friends'. We have been singing nursery rhymes and making different walls for Humpty to sit on safely, and to see how he could land safely. To add to the theme, we looked at liquids and solids, and what happens to an egg when it is heated up. Counting blocks were also used to build 'brick' walls for Humpty and for us to utilise our maths skills. Incy Wincy also joined us to make webs and count spider legs.

The class had so much fun dressing up as nursery rhyme characters, and we had some great costumes!



We had our very first Nativity performance, and the children were all amazing! The teachers were very proud! Well done, Pathfinders!



Year 1



We picked a great time to begin our new topic about the Arctic! We set ourselves a challenge of how to stop our ice cubes from melting, and what kind of environment they needed to be in to do this.



The children had so much fun playing in the snow and building snowmen, so thank you for sending them with cosy clothes so that they could enjoy the outdoors.



We have been learning adding and subtraction in maths. Our reading topic has been 'The Storm Whale', and we have looked at different statements, exclamations and questions.



In PE we have used wheelchairs to learn new skills and play games.

Year 2



We have walked around the school grounds, looking for signs of autumn, drawing leaves and taking bark rubbings. In PE we have been enjoying wheelchair sports and developing new skills to move around using the equipment.

We have been reading 'Mog' in English. She visited our classroom and made such a mess with leaves! In the story, Mog is stuck on the roof, so we wrote her a note on paper aeroplanes to fly up to her.

The snow arrived just in time to our Arctic topic! We had a great time playing and building snowmen.



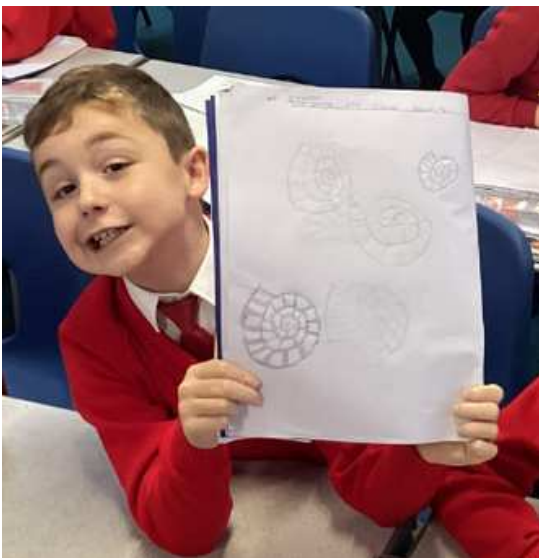
Year 3 and 4



The children have designed and made some fantastic ammonite clay fossils, based on our Dimensions learning. This has been supported in Science where we have looked at how fossils are formed. We have also sketched different types of rock.

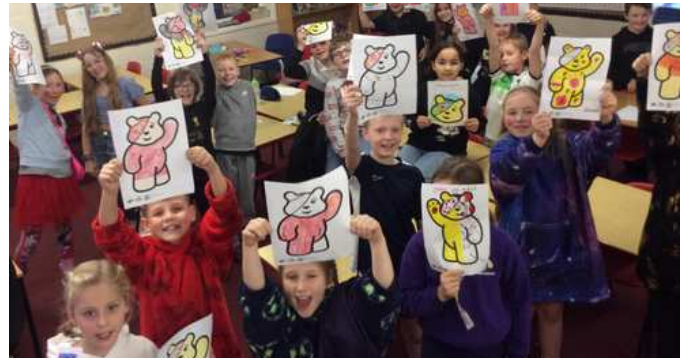
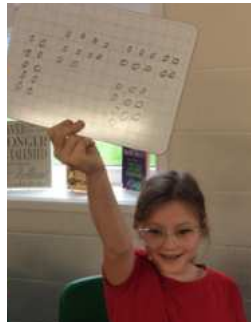


In PE we have been taking gymnastics lessons, learning lots of new poses and positions. We have also taken part in wheelchair sports, discovering lots of new skills whilst also having lots of fun!



In maths we have been investigating area, and have used counters to support with our times tables learning.

Year 5



Navigators had their first assemblies of the school year, and we were very proud of all of the children taking part. We have been having lots of fun learning wheelchair sports in PE. In maths we have been exploring square and cube numbers. We also worked in pairs to use the column method, and were so supportive of our partners.



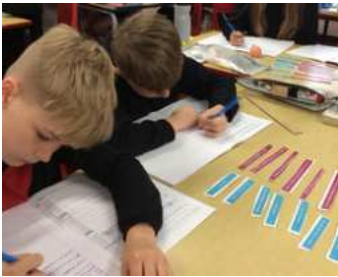
RE has introduced us to the topic of Islam, and we have explored the meaning of Tawhid.

In PSHE, we collected natural objects, such as leaves, and then drew them. This was to show the difference between life and death, and how objects are still beautiful. We have some amazing artists in year 5!

We all enjoyed this years 'Children in Need'. The children all wore non uniform with the theme of showing their personality, and they took part in lots of fun activities throughout the day.



Year 6



In PE, we have learned the difficult dynamics of carrying objects whilst manoeuvring a wheelchair and keeping safe. The children were fabulous and are really starting to understand the struggles wheelchair users face, whilst also having lots of fun.



In PSHE we have been talking about death and grief, and the cycle of life. The children's discussions on this topic have been very thoughtful.



In maths we have been working with prime and square numbers in order to test our collaborative skills and find solutions.

In literacy we have been learning how to use dashes.

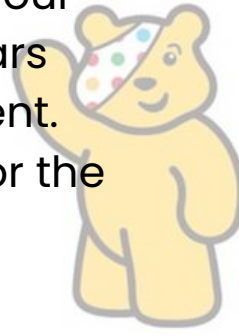


We all had a fabulous 'Children in Need' day, taking part in lots of fun activities and having our faces painted for a charity contribution - thank you to everyone for your support again this year.

Let's celebrate!



Thank you for all of your support with this years Children in Need event. We raised £342.98 for the charity!



Our children always give us reason to celebrate! Well done to everyone who entered the autumn picture competition - here are our winners! What great creations.



Boundary Outlet were blown away by all of the entries for their bauble decoration competition - well done to the winners and their wonderful designs.



A huge thank you as always to our FSA for arranging, amongst many things, our family craft afternoon, where families visited school to make Christmas crafts with their child. We had a wonderful turn-out and everyone really enjoyed the activities. Our Christmas fayre was also a huge success and we raised a huge amount for the FSA, so thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it so.



A big congratulations to our school captain team, our school council, and our mini police! You are all amazing!



St Wulfram's Christmas Tree Festival



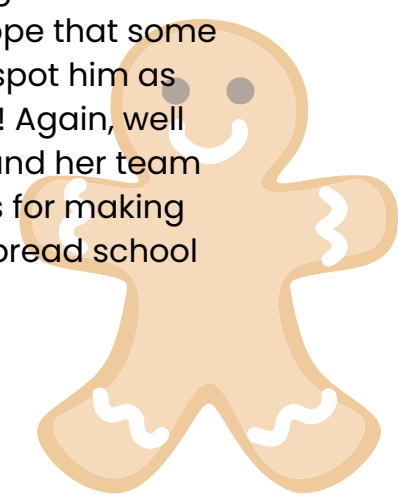
This years theme is "This little light of mine, what makes me shine?" We've all been very busy making decorations. Reception have drawn pictures of themselves shining, Year 1 decorated wands with "who helps us shine", Year 2 made beautiful shiny candles and KS2 made lots of sparkly lanterns ✨ Well done to Miss Tudor for her hard work arranging it all.

The children have all taken part in a competition run by Boundary stores to design an ornament, and these have also been displayed by them on a seperate tree at the festival. What creative children we have!

Grantham lights gingerbread trail



GHF school are taking part in the gingerbread trail, which has been organised by the council as part of the town's Christmas celebrations. The children helped to decorate a huge gingerbread figure for one of the trail clues. We hope that some of you managed to spot him as part of the festivities! Again, well done to Miss Tudor and her team of Christmas helpers for making such a great gingerbread school boy!



Christmas at GHF



NSPCC Share Aware Parent Booklet

The internet is an amazing place, so we want to help your child to get the most out of it, and to do that safely. However, we know some parents feel confused by the internet. It's constantly changing, and it can be hard to keep up with the latest apps and trends.

The NSPCC have put together this really simple guide to reassure you, and give you the information and advice you'll need to keep your child safe online. It's all about talking to your child, getting the family involved, and finding out what you can do. The booklet can be accessed in the related document of this page:

[Online safety, information pack for parents, NSPCC - Stay Safe Partnership – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

Remember Parental Controls are accessible on Smartphones, Broadband, Gaming platforms and social media. Whilst these can not offer complete protection from all online risks consider them the stabilisers of the internet. There are lots of easy to use guides on www.internetmatters.org.uk

Our top tips for managing devices at home:

- No tech in bedrooms

Keeping technology from behind closed doors reduces the likelihood they will search for inappropriate content.

- Watch and learn about apps together

Learn about the apps and games they are interested in to better understand how it can be used positively but also to understand the risks and how they manage them.

- Periodically check what they are watching

YouTube and Netflix will show you what has been recently watched. Social media can be a little more difficult to check but encourage them to show you themselves through regular conversations.

- Discuss together and agree boundaries

Keep talking about the good and the bad of being online, and explain why rules are necessary sometimes so they understand it's about their safety not spoiling their fun.