



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

## Dear Parents and Carers

This week has certainly been eventful. It began with year two's visit to Main Street Chapel, to take part in the Christmas journey. We are very grateful to all who re-enact this very special story.

This was a perfect lead in to the EYFS and Key Stage One Nativity.

Throughout the week our school choir has been very busy performing at several events. All good practice for their lead role in our Carol Service next Monday evening.

Next week, will again be eventful, please check the dates below.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Church Carol service 5pm

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Phoenix basketball match day clinic (KS2)

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Class 5 Violin concert 9.30am

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol service 6.30pm

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school panto trip to The Brindley

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner day

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas party day – non uniform day

## Attendance

Lower than 90% Attendance

90-95% Attendance

96-100% Attendance

Class 2  
Class 3  
Class 4  
Class 5

Reception  
Class 1  
Class 6

Overall Attendance this week **94.7%**

Across the school, **2 hours and 20 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

**98%** attendance means **4** school days missed

**95%** attendance means **10** school days missed

**90%** attendance means **19** school days missed

**80%** attendance means **38** school days missed

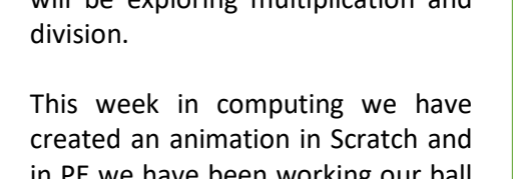
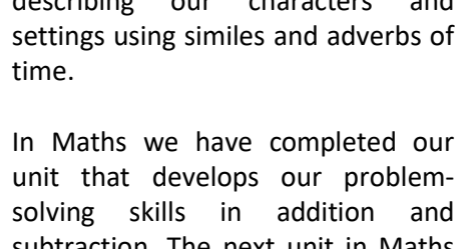
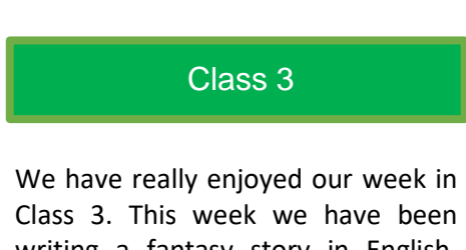
**5** minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

**Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.**

**Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).**

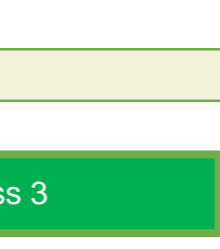
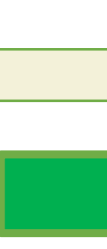
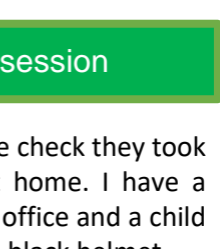
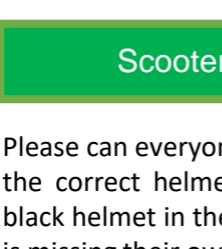
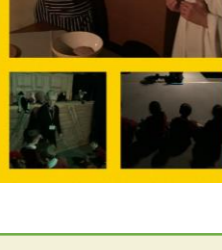
## EYFS and KS1

This week, EYFS and Key Stage 1 came together for their Nativity - Everyone Loves a Baby! After working hard in rehearsals, the children put on an amazing performance and brought huge smiles to the faces in the audience as they retold the story of Christmas. Well done, everyone!



## Y2 Christmas Journey

Year 2 had an enjoyable visit to the Tin Chapel last Friday to learn all about the Christmas journey



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## Scooter session

Please can everyone check they took the correct helmet home. I have a black helmet in the office and a child is missing their own black helmet

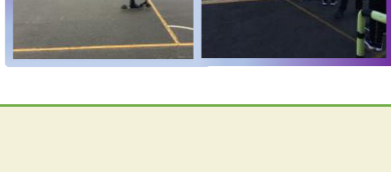
## Class 3

We have really enjoyed our week in Class 3. This week we have been writing a fantasy story in English, describing our characters and settings using similes and adverbs of time.

In Maths we have completed our unit that develops our problem-solving skills in addition and subtraction. The next unit in Maths will be exploring multiplication and division.

This week in computing we have created an animation in Scratch and in PE we have been working our ball control in hockey.

We have been fortunate this week to enjoy watching the Key Stage 1 nativity performance, as well as attending a church service and learning all about being active through scooter safety! Great work Class 3!



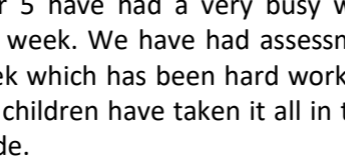
## Class 4

We have had such a fun week in Class 4. We have decorated our classroom to bring some extra Christmas joy! We attended Mass on Thursday, and it was so wonderful to be in church and for the children to be involved with the Mass; they were all amazing and the readings were read so confidently.

We've completed all of our assessments this week, the children have worked very hard and they should be so proud of themselves! We've almost finished our hot write - I am very much looking forward to reading all of their writing, the snippets I've seen, I've been very impressed with.

We are really looking forward to all of the fun events next week and celebrating Advent, with the lead up to Christmas.

Wishing everyone a great weekend.



## Class 5

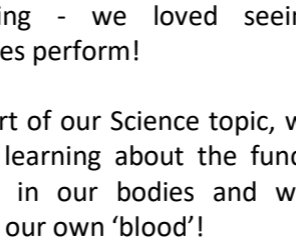
Year 5 have had a very busy week this week. We have had assessment week which has been hard work but the children have taken it all in their stride.

They have also been completing their hot tasks in English and writing their own version of a forest fairy tale.

The children also enjoyed Science as we were investigating air resistance and how it effects objects.

We also has some snow today which everyone found very exciting!

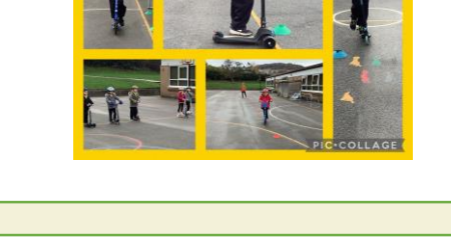
Have a great weekend everyone,  
Mr Sutton



## Class 6

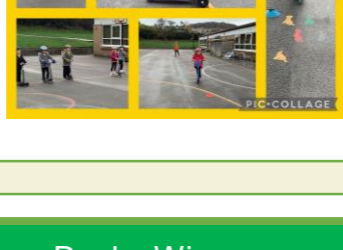
This week, Class 6 have been working exceptionally hard! We have all been busy completing assessments and our Hot Task in English. We were also fortunate enough to be invited to watch KS1 & EYFS's Nativity on Friday morning - we loved seeing our buddies perform!

As part of our Science topic, we have been learning about the function of blood in our bodies and we even made our own 'blood'!



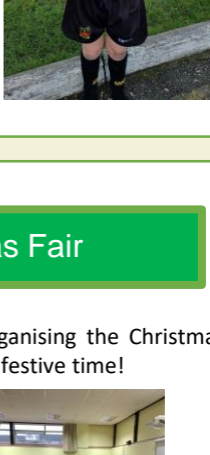
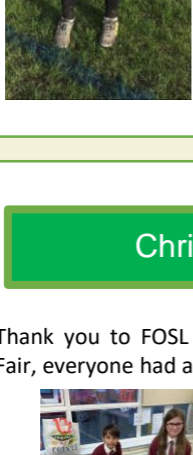
## Y2/3 scooter session

Thank you to Sustrans for coming to school on Monday and delivering the scooter sessions. The children really enjoyed themselves and learnt valuable information.



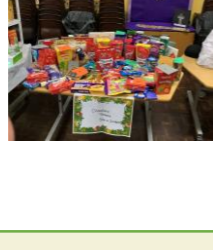
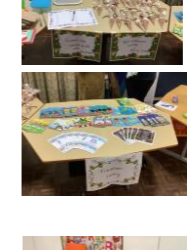
## Rugby Winners

Well done to Louis and George for winning player of the week awards as part of their Under 8s Helsby Rugby Team



## Christmas Fair

Thank you to FOSL for organising the Christmas Fair, everyone had a lovely festive time!





## Choir

Our fabulous school choir have been spreading lots of Christmas joy this week! After performing at our Christmas Fair on Friday, we had two very special events this week, where we performed for very big audiences. On Wednesday, we were invited to sing at M and S Bank at Chester Business Park for their staff Christmas Lunch. There were two performance slots, and the choir were incredible for both. There were lots of lovely comments about how polite and well-mannered the children were and how they were a credit to our school. Everyone left with big smiles on their faces (including the choir who were gifted a selection box each from Father Christmas!). Thank you to M and S Bank for inviting us, funding our coach and also making a donation to FoSL to say thank you for bringing festive cheer to their Christmas Lunch.

On Thursday, we were part of Bound in Sound, a concert involving schools in our local area, held at Chester Cathedral. We sang as part of a large choir and then performed on our own in front of hundreds of people in the most beautiful setting. Once again, the choir were amazing, full of confidence and were excellent representatives for our school. Thank you for parents for bringing the children and supporting the evening.

