

**Friday 25th  
November 2022**

Dear Parents and carers,

### Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Dexter	Esmae	
1	Dylan	Stanley	
2	Joey D	Bobby	
3	Zara	Francesca	
4	Alfie	Cameron	
5	Archie	Lucas	
6	Morgan	Jacob	
Headteacher Awards: Kaitlin (1) & Amelie (3)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year Reception with 100% Whole School Attendance: 95.1% (Target 96%)			



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# Shilbottle newsletter

### *Dates for the Future (please add to your home calendar/phone calendar)*

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	3&4	Swimming (last session 21st Dec)	
Tuesday 13th December	All	Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day	Jumpers optional
Wednesday 14th December	R/1/2	Nativity (School hall)	2pm-3pm -Families with children
Thursday 15th December	R/1/2	Nativity (School hall)	2pm-3pm Adults
Thursday 15th December	All	Carol Service at St James Church	5:30—6:30
Monday 19th December	6	Christmas celebration	
Monday 19th December	All	Movie Night	Collect at 5:30pm
Tuesday 20th December	5	Christmas celebration	
Wednesday 21st December	R/1/2	Christmas Party & 'Visitor'	(New date)
Thursday 22nd December	3&4	Christmas Party	(New date)
Friday 23rd December	All	School closes for Christmas break	Close at 2pm <i>No After School Club</i>
<b>2023</b>			
Tuesday 10th January	All	School reopens 8:30am	
Monday 8th May	All	Additional Bank Holiday—King Charles III coronation	School will reopen Tues 9th May
<i>Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May</i>	Year 6	SATS week ( <i>New dates confirmed</i> )	
Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th June		Year 6 London Visit	
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th July	Years 3&4	Robinwood Residential	

**This week in our school the children have been learning about the following topics:**

Reception: Light and dark  
Years 1&2: Who was Buddha?  
Years 3&4: Christianity  
Year 5: Judaism  
Year 6: The Christmas Story

**Next week in our school the children will be learning about the following topics:**

Reception: Light and dark  
Years 1&2: Why do Christians give gifts?  
Years 3&4: Christianity  
Year 5: Judaism  
Year 6: The Christmas Story

**Whole School Assemblies**

This week our theme was ‘What can football teach us about the wider world? This was linked to the World Cup starting in Qatar and Fundamental British Value of the Mutual Respect and Tolerance and our continued links to the United Nations Rights of a Child, particularly number 41 which states if the countries law protects a child better than the Convention then the best law should be applied.

**Parents Meetings/Questionnaires**

Many thanks to all those parents who attended this week. We had a 98.5% attendance rate! We also greatly appreciate the time taken to complete the feedback and questionnaires, so far we have had 49 responses. If you have not yet completed these we would be very grateful if you could take 5 minutes of your time to do so as your opinions do matter to us.

**Kevin, King of Egypt—Workshop (3/4/5/6)**

On Monday Robin Gee carried out a workshop with all our KS2 children to help develop their writing and communication skills, including creating poems. This is was part of our enrichment programme in conjunction with Rural Highlights and the Community Foundation charity.

**Reading for Pleasure Books (All)**

Thank you for the donations received so far! If you have any children books, comics or magazines (in good condition) that you wish to donate to the school for the children’s ‘Reading for Pleasure’ book areas they would be greatly appreciated. *We have a very limited stock of comics so any spare ones you may have would be very much appreciated.*

**Christmas Raffle Donations**

Thanks to those who have bought our raffle tickets sent home earlier. If you require any tickets please do Miss Hood or the class teacher and we will send you more. Again, thanks to the donations we have received for prizes, we have approached some local businesses for donations and when we have had all our responses we will update you with the prize list. If you would like to donate a gift towards our raffle please send these to the school office. Many thanks

**Christmas Party Date Changes (R/1/2/3/4)**

Please note the Christmas Party for R/1/2 is now Wednesday 21st December and Years 3&4 is now Thursday 22nd December.

This is due to us planning a ‘special visitor’ on Wednesday for our younger children. Years 3 and 4 will also be swimming on Wednesday 21st December. The calendar has also been updated to show these changes. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

**Movie Night—Monday 19th December**

Staff will once again be holding a ‘Movie Night’ on the above date. This will allow parents a few extra hours to do some last minute preparation before the children finish school. Children will have a selection of movies to watch and we will provide popcorn and juice. If you would like to donate toward the cost of the movie/popcorn/juice please send this to the school office. The movies shown will be available to all ages and will therefore be rated PG, it is assumed that by allowing your child to attend you are given permission for them to watch the movie. If you would rather your child be collected at the usual end of day times please feel free to do so. We will also be writing to our Year 5 and 6 parents to confirm the dismissal arrangements for those who are happy for their child to walk home unaccompanied at this time, but ask that you consider the fact it will be much darker than usual dismissal times.