

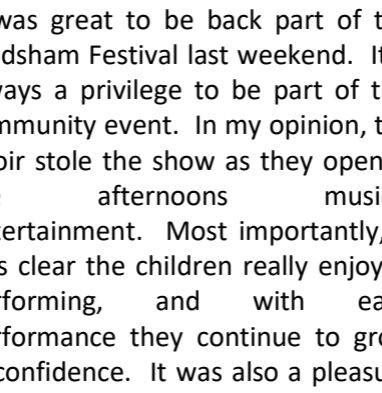


Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 2nd December 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent - December 4, 2022

An Advent wreath with two burning candles. The second Sunday of the advent season is on December 04, 2022. The day is called the Second Sunday of Advent. The second candle is lit on this day along with the first candle.



Dear Parents and Carers

It was great to be back part of the Frodsham Festival last weekend. It is always a privilege to be part of this community event. In my opinion, the Choir stole the show as they opened the afternoons musical entertainment. Most importantly, it was clear the children really enjoyed performing, and with each performance they continue to grow in confidence. It was also a pleasure to speak with some of our past pupils who were performing with Helsby High.

This year our year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the lantern parade. There was lots of excitement as they paraded through the town to the cheers of the by standers.

The excitement continues today as the children look forward to the Christmas Fair. We have heard the sound of jingle bells today, we are hoping that means a special visitor will be heading our way. Thank you to all parents and staff for your continued support.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Please see the list below of upcoming events

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Class 2 Scooter session AM  
Class 3 Scooter session PM

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & Class 1 library visit

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Choir performance at M and S Bank Christmas Lunch

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – ‘Bound in Sound’ - evening choir performance at Chester Cathedral

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity (9.30am and 1.30pm)

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  
Class 5

90-95% Attendance  
Class 1  
Class 2  
Class 4  
Class 6

96-100% Attendance  
Reception  
Class 3

Overall Attendance this week **93.5%**  
Across the school, **1 hour and 24 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

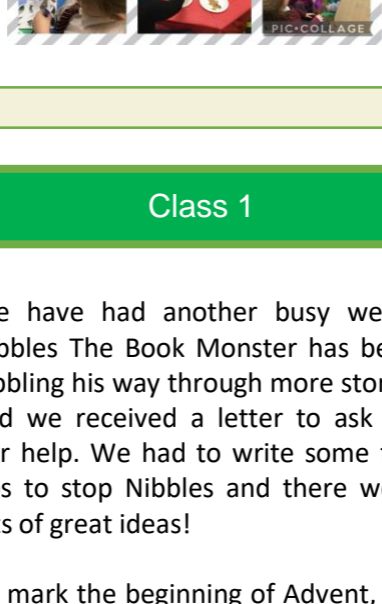
**Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.**

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

## Reception

What a wonderful week we have had! To mark the beginning of Advent, we have enjoyed making our own Advent wreaths in the creative area. We learnt about how Advent is a very special time and is the time that we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

The highlight of the week was our Stay and Play session on Thursday afternoon. We really enjoyed welcoming some of our parents into our classroom and enjoyed an afternoon of Christmas crafts and activities. We have also been rehearsing for our first Nativity and can't wait to perform for our parents next Friday.



## Class 1

We have had another busy week! Nibbles The Book Monster has been nibbling his way through more stories and we received a letter to ask for our help. We had to write some top tips to stop Nibbles and there were lots of great ideas!

To mark the beginning of Advent, we have been learning about the Advent wreath and discussed how Advent is an important time of preparation. We have also been working hard during rehearsals for our Nativity and can't wait to perform for our parents/family members next Friday.



## Scooter session

Class 2 and Class 3 – don't forget your scooter on Monday for your scooter session!

## Class 2

This week we have been very busy in preparations for our Nativity performance next week.

The children really enjoyed watching the CAFOD schools assembly with Class 1. As we have started the season of Advent, the children enjoyed making Advent promises, opening the Advent calendar and changing the cloth in our prayer area.

With Mrs Harrogate the children started learning the recorder and have been continuing writing about the Owl who is Afraid of the Dark.



## Class 3

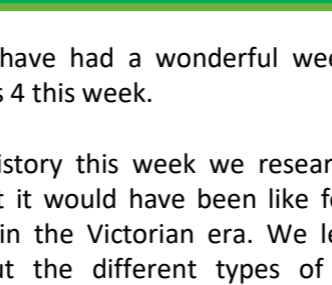
Another great week in Class 3. This week we have been working on our teamwork in our English and Maths work and we have really enjoyed the new methods!

In Maths we have been building our problem-solving skills to support addition and subtraction.

In English we have been writing a letter to a character in Winters Child using conjunctions and similes to describe. We have also finished our reading text Ice Palace by Robert Swindells which we have really enjoyed!

In History we have travelled back in time to the Bronze Age to explore how this metal helped humans progress.

This week we have also continued developing our programming skills in computing and our ball skills in PE using hockey sticks. Great work Class 3!



## Class 4

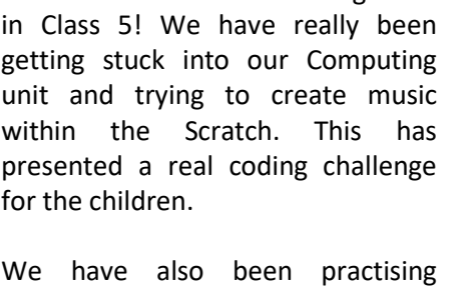
We have had a wonderful week in Class 4 this week.

In history this week we researched what it would have been like for to live in the Victorian era. We learnt about the different types of jobs children had, the working hours and the working conditions. Safe to say that we are all happy to be living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

In religion we have been hearing the stories of Mary and Joseph, thinking about the trust they had to place in God. We reflected on how both Mary and Joseph may have felt.

Wednesday was a particularly excellent day because we went to Frodsham library (special thank you to our helpers). We had chance to explore many of the books that the library has to offer and got to spend some time enjoying some great books in the relaxing atmosphere.

On Thursday we opened the first window on our Advent calendar and we are very excited for the countdown to Christmas!



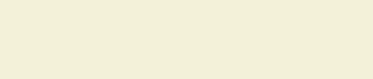
## Class 5

We have had another amazing week in Class 5! We have really been getting stuck into our Computing unit and trying to create music within the Scratch. This has presented a real coding challenge for the children.

We have also been practising speech punctuation through role playing characters from our book.

In PE the children are enjoying our football sessions, this weeks session focused on moving into space before taking a shot.

Have a great weekend everyone,  
Mr Sutton

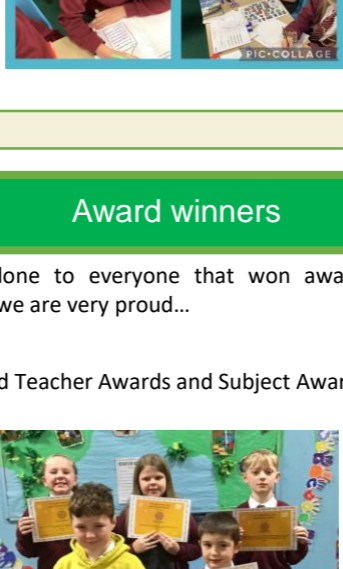




## Class 6

This week has been a busy one in Class 6! We started the week by designing waistcoats for teddies. We are so excited to make them in the coming weeks.

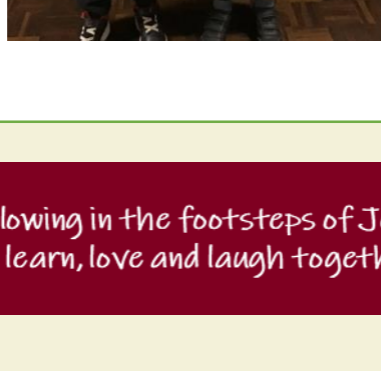
On Thursday, we attended mass at St Luke's Church to celebrate the beginning of Advent. Class 6 represented our school beautifully. We continued this celebration into Thursday afternoon and watched the Cafod Advent Assembly and wrote our own Advent pledges.



## Award winners

Well done to everyone that won awards this week, we are very proud...

Head Teacher Awards and Subject Awards



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