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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

19th December 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful festive time we've had in school!

Our Christingle service at St Mary's Church was truly special, and we've loved seeing the children shine in their performances, craft activities, pantomime fun and all the joyful learning happening across school.

From welcoming special visitors to watching our pupils spread kindness, confidence and brilliant teamwork, they've made us incredibly proud.

A huge thank you for your continued support and a special thank you to everyone involved in our school discos, including our bakers Hanna and Karen, DJ Web, all the fantastic staff (especially Katie!) and of course our amazing children. Together we raised £97.57 for school!

Wishing all our families a joyful, peaceful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Mrs Burgess x



Dates for your Diary

19th Dec - Break up for Christmas holidays until Monday 4th Jan 2026

15th Jan - Emergency Services Museum trip for Y1

30th Jan - Young Voice Choir

12th Feb - break up for half-term

13th Feb - school closed for children - INSET training

23rd Feb - School re-opens for children



Year 1

Pantomime Trip - A Fantastic Day Out!

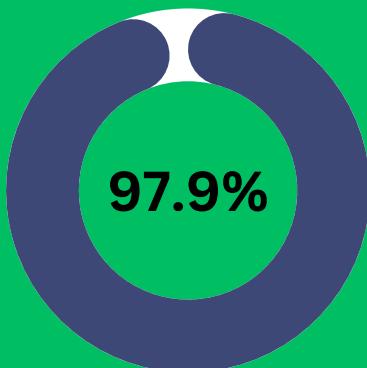
We are delighted to share that Year 1 had a truly fantastic time at the pantomime! From the moment the curtain went up, the children were completely captivated by the colourful costumes, lively music and hilarious characters.

There were plenty of laughs, lots of cheering, and more than a few “He’s behind you!” moments!

The children represented our school beautifully -showing great enthusiasm, lovely manners and wonderful excitement throughout the performance. It was a joy to see them so engaged and enjoying the magic of live theatre.

Thank you for your support in helping make this special experience possible. We are sure it will be a highlight of their year!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



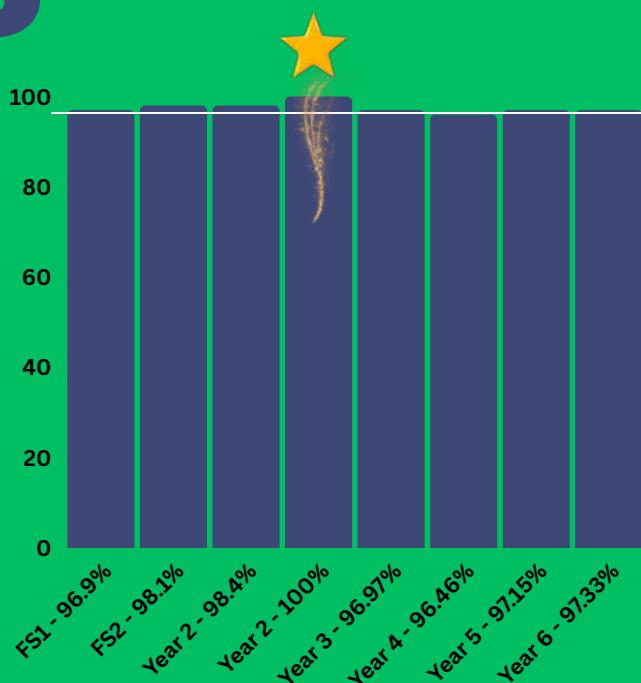
Our whole school attendance for the week (10th - 17th Dec) is 97.87%

All classes that have achieved 97% and above will get an extra 10 minute break.

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Well done to Year 2 with an amazing 100%

WELL DONE Year 2





Year 1

Nativity Celebration – A Huge Thank You! from Miss Emes

What a truly fantastic time Year 1 had taking part in this year's nativity!

The children were an absolute delight and performed with such confidence, enthusiasm, and big smiles throughout. They worked incredibly hard learning their songs, lines, and actions, and it was wonderful to see their efforts come together so beautifully.

The nativity was a special opportunity for the children to shine, and they should be very proud of themselves. From singing and speaking clearly to supporting one another on stage, Year 1 showed teamwork, resilience, and joy every step of the way.

We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as the children enjoyed performing it.

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers, and family members who came to support the performances.

Your encouragement means so much to the children and helped make the event extra special.

We would also like to thank everyone who helped with costumes, rehearsals, and preparation behind the scenes – your support is greatly appreciated.

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting term, we would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you all again in the new year!





A JOYFUL CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

On Monday, we celebrated the St. Mary's Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 participated, showcasing their talents with readings and singing carols.

The Year 1 and Year 2 students delighted us with Nativity songs, while Year 3 and Year 4 performed carols they had practiced with Mr Pinto, the Choral Director from The Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul. The highlight of the service was the moment when the christingles were lit, and the entire congregation joined in singing the beautiful carol, 'Hope of Heaven'.

It was a truly magical experience enjoyed by the whole school, along with friends, family, and the Walkley church community.





Foundation

A GREAT PERFORMANCE AND CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

The children in Foundation Stage performed amazingly in their Christmas performance this week.

We are all so proud of them!

Thank you to all the parents/carers that joined us for our Christmas stay and play.

The children enjoyed taking part in a range of craft activities and showing their grown ups around our classroom.

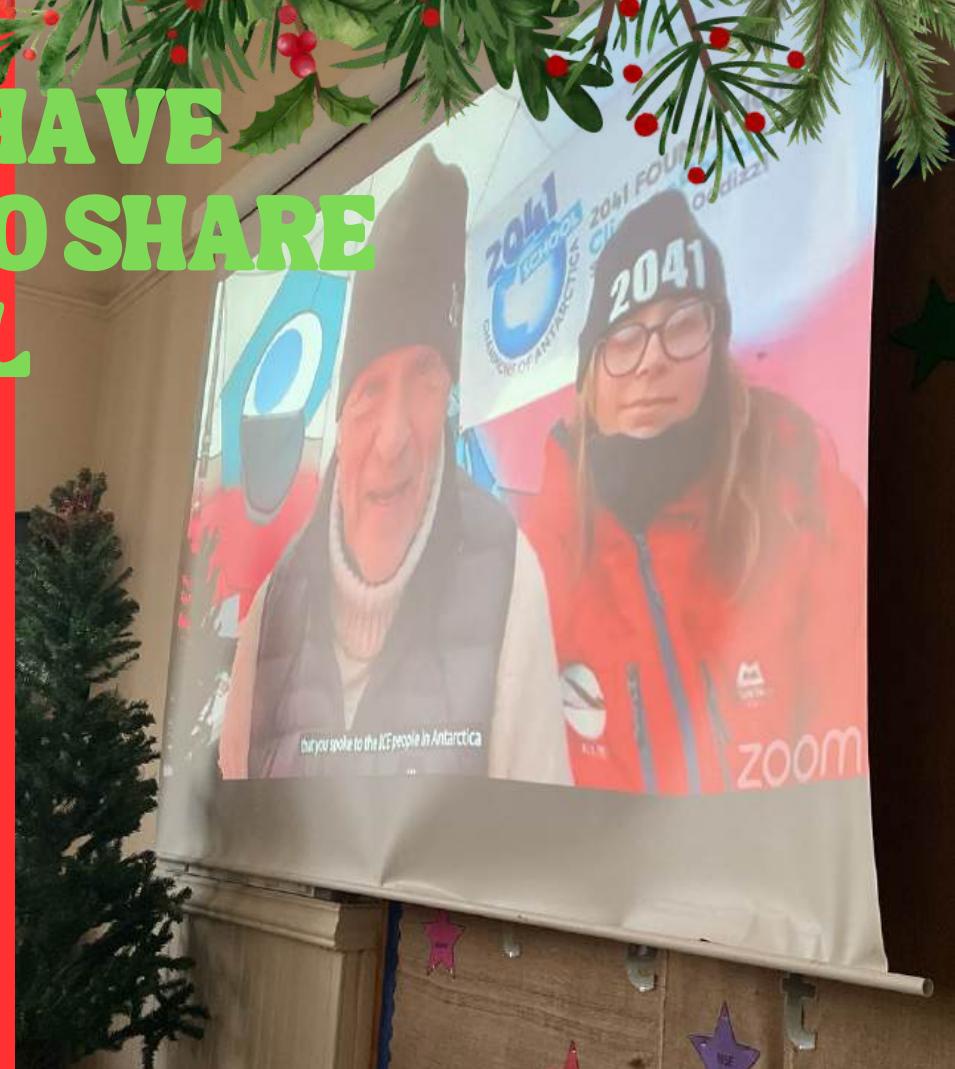




LUCKY TO HAVE VISITORS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

We are really lucky that we have lots of people come in to share our collective worship.

This half term we have had a few visits where people have shared the gospel with our children and have even zoomed with Antarctica to learn all about the 2041 School project.





Year 6

What a Week! Year 6 Spread Joy, Talent and Festive Spirit

What a fantastic week Y6 have had.

We were lucky enough to be joined by Mrs Gibbins and students from Sheffield University who led a fantastic theatre workshop on The Sheffield Flood.

On Monday, we had a lovely Christmas service.

On Tuesday, Y6 went to Moorend Care Home to bring some Christmas cheer to the residents with their amazing singing.

We finished off the week with fun games and a fantastic disco with our very own DJ Webb.