



# Newsletter



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## St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

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Christmas is very much upon us at St Mary's Primary School. If you are new to our school you may not be aware that the Reception Nativity and the evening Candle lit service are our two main events to celebrate Christmas. The Reception Nativity is held on Wednesday morning at church. The evening carol service is the opportunity for all of our Year 1- 6 pupils to perform. Each class performs a song or carol intermixed with readings. Both events are very special. We encourage our families to join us at church, we don't provide tickets and it does end up being standing room only.

On Christmas dinner day everyone except Nursery will go over to QES and we wear our Santa and Elf Hats on mass. Please book via Wisepay if your children wants to take part and doesn't normally have a school dinner.

Here are some pictures from previous Carol Services:





## St Mary's School. Kirkby Lonsdale

### Christmas Events

<p>Tickets for parents from Miss Loy for those in the school choir</p>	<p>29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> November Y6 residential to Liverpool</p>	<p>Y6 residential to Liverpool</p>	<p>Year 5 traditionally join other schools to take part in this event.</p>
<p>Y1 – 6 perform carols together. No tickets – often standing room only.</p>	<p>30<sup>th</sup> November PTA MUFTY DAY – Bring items for PTA</p>	<p>PTA MUFTY DAY – Bring items for PTA</p>	<p>Whole school join Reception parents at church for our annual nativity.</p>
<p>Please order on wisepay even if you normally have packed lunch. Please wear Santa Hats</p>	<p>6<sup>th</sup> December Life Bus for all children (£1)</p>	<p>Life Bus for all children (£1)</p>	<p>Running kit and a change of clothes needed in case of wet weather.</p>
	<p>7<sup>th</sup> December Y5 Rewind to Christmas, Ingleton</p>	<p>Y5 Rewind to Christmas, Ingleton</p>	
	<p>10<sup>th</sup> December PTA Christmas Fair</p>	<p>PTA Christmas Fair</p>	
	<p>12<sup>th</sup> December Jn36 Auction Mart Concert 7:00pm</p>	<p>Jn36 Auction Mart Concert 7:00pm</p>	
	<p>13<sup>th</sup> December Reception Nativity at Church 9:30am</p>	<p>Reception Nativity at Church 9:30am</p>	
	<p>14<sup>th</sup> December Candle Lit Service (Y1-6) Church 6:00pm</p>	<p>Candle Lit Service (Y1-6) Church 6:00pm</p>	
	<p>17<sup>th</sup> December Music Concert 9:30am - School Hall</p>	<p>Music Concert 9:30am - School Hall</p>	
	<p>18<sup>th</sup> December NISCU Christmas Puppet Show 2:30pm</p>	<p>NISCU Christmas Puppet Show 2:30pm</p>	
	<p>19<sup>th</sup> December Elf Sponsored Run (pm) - St John's Hospice</p>	<p>Elf Sponsored Run (pm) - St John's Hospice</p>	
	<p>20<sup>th</sup> December Yr4 – Imperial War Museum North Visit</p>	<p>Yr4 – Imperial War Museum North Visit</p>	
	<p>21<sup>st</sup> December Experience Christmas (am)</p>	<p>Experience Christmas (am)</p>	
	<p>CHRISTMAS DINNER at QES (Santa/Elf Hats)</p>	<p>Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party (pm)</p>	<p>For all Christmas parties, classes will send out notes for items to bring into school.</p>
	<p>Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party (pm)</p>	<p>Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party (pm)</p>	
	<p>Christmas Cinema Morning</p>	<p>Christmas Cinema Morning</p>	

One other feature which is becoming a regular item on our Christmas Agenda is the Carol Service at the Auction Mart at Jn 36. Children have volunteered themselves to take part in the Christmas Choir and practice at lunchtimes with Miss Loy. The service is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and tickets are available (£5) on entry at the Auction Mart, the funds going to their nominated charity. 50 children have asked to be in the choir this year – WOW!

## Christmas Art in Kirkby Lonsdale

Many children have been very active and have created 24 Angels as part of the Advent preparations for Christmas. Each day a new Angel is posted in a shop in Kirkby Lonsdale. Please look out for Year 3's Angels.

Thomson Hayton and Winkley Estate Agents have been holding an art competition to design Santa Houses. The prizes are in school and are being given out this week and the winners are in the window. Please go and visit the window if you have time whilst in Kirkby Lonsdale.

Various children entered the Tim Farron Christmas Card Competition this year. We didn't manage to get a winner from Kirkby Lonsdale but we have five certificate winners from Year 2. Certificates from Tim are being given out this week also.

What a superbly creative time has been had with all of these art events. Well Done.

## Rewind to Christmas – Year 5



Each year our children from Year 5 visit Ingleton along with the many local schools in the area to take part in craft and activities thinking about Christmas. This is an advent activity exploring the different parts of the Christmas Story. Once again our children took part with enthusiasm and interest and had a super time. I suspect staff enjoyed his mince pies as well!

## PE Lessons and Elf Run



I was approached by a parent today who wanted to talk about PE in the rain in KS2. We discussed some concerns about doing PE in the rain and potential cold. After the discussion I thought I would mention this in our newsletter also. We have come to an understanding that we will always be safe in PE eg in icy/snowy conditions, storms and wind etc.. However we do go out in rain as we probably would not go out otherwise, being in the Lake District. As always, we expect children to have warm clothing and it is obviously advisable to have a waterproof. There will be times when PE kit comes home wet. You may wish to leave a spare pair of socks in the children's PE bag also.

Thankfully this doesn't happen too often but children do need to be ready for cold and wet weather. If parents do want to discuss this please get in touch with me via the school office or on the school yard – I am not on Facebook so can't respond to comments on social media. – Mr Jones.

On our Elf Run next Friday – (we will now be holding this in the morning). Children can come in appropriate running clothing/footwear. Children will need a full change of clothing which can be non uniform as we will expect wet weather. It should be a super morning and we have already arranged warm drinks and biscuits for the

children. Anyone with an allergy may want to send an appropriate snack for after the run. Please bring a suitable bag to take wet items home. Thank you.

Additional note:

Cross country club takes place on Fridays. The children who take part are reminded each week to bring spare socks each week as the conditions tend to be wet. This week we even needed to use the school shower to wash down muddy legs caked in mud—cross country know how to get stuck in whatever the conditions!

## Life Education Bus



Thank you for your donations towards the Life bus coming to school. This typically costs £500 for two days and your £1 donation helps in a small way to make this possible.

The children have explored a whole range of subjects which has brought the subjects to life and the sessions have been memorable and fun. Thank you for your support and to the volunteers who bring the Life Education Bus to schools. The bus is here on Thurs and Fri

of this week and is a superb PSHE resource.

## PTA Christmas Fair

A very big thank you to the PTA for all of their hard work in making the Christmas Fair a wonderful success. Many thanks to everyone who supported the fair on the night either through donating prizes or coming along and enjoying the evening.

Thank you very much.