



# NEWSLETTER



# 5

24th November 2023

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## Diary Dates

**Monday 27th November**

**9:00am – 10:00am**

KS1 Computing Family Learning

**Tuesday 28th November**

**9:00am – 10:00am**

KS1 Computing Family Learning (repeat)

**Thursday 30th November**

St Andrew's Day - wear blue, white or tartan. Bring a bottle for the Christmas Fayre.

**Friday 1st December**

**9:05am – 9:30am**

**Year 1 Family Worship**

**3:30pm – 5:00pm**

**Christmas Fayre**

**Monday 4th December**

Christmas Post begins  
Posadas (travelling cribs) begin

**Tuesday 5th December**

**2:20pm – 2:50pm**

Nativity (Class 2 & Class 5  
parents/carers invited.  
Ticketed event)

**Wednesday 6th December**

**2:20pm – 2:50pm**

Nativity (Class 1 & Class 6  
parents/carers invited.  
Ticketed event)

**Thursday 7th December**

Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 8th December**

**9:15am – 9:45am**

Nativity (Class 3 & Class 4  
parents/carers invited.  
Ticketed event)

**Tuesday 12th December**

Year 2 to watch Junior School  
Nativity

**2:30pm – 3:00pm**

Year 2 Topic Showcase

**Wednesday 13th December**

**2:30pm – 3:00pm**

Year 1 Topic Showcase

## Family Learning

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Bread Making Family Learning sessions, we hope you enjoyed your bread at home. Thank you to Mrs Ainley and Bradford West Rotary for your hard work organising and running these sessions.



## St Andrew's Day – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, children are invited to come to school dressed in blue, white or tartan to celebrate St Andrew's Day. If your child would prefer to come in their normal uniform, they are welcome to. We ask in return that children bring a bottle (fizz, beer, bubble bath etc.) to be donated for our bottle tombola at our Christmas Fayre.

## Children in Need

It was great to see everyone supporting Children in Need by coming in their pyjamas and onesies last Friday. With your generosity, we raised an amazing £124.50. This money will support Children in Need projects, helping children in the UK and the wider world.



## Nativity

You should have received confirmation of your Nativity tickets via text. We will only be able to allow those who requested tickets to enter the hall in order to abide by fire safety regulations and will refer to our ticket register upon entry. If you have not received confirmation and believe you should have, please contact the office as soon as possible. The children have been working hard on the production and are looking forward to performing it to you!

## Christmas Fayre – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 3:30pm - 5:00pm

We hope to see you at our Christmas Fayre next Friday. There will be many stalls including our popular bottle tombola! You will have chance to take part in our Christmas Quiz as you walk round the school and the lucky winner will receive a prize. Our café will be open with hot drinks and sweet treats. Children can also visit our Secret Room to buy a present for someone special. Santa's Grotto will be open and children can meet Santa and have a photo taken with him. All the money we raise will be spent on our children and enriching their education through experiences and resources. Thank you to everyone who has donated presents and bought raffle tickets so far for our Christmas Fayre. We would be extremely grateful for any donations of gifts for our 'Secret Room'.



Mrs Swallow, Head of School

### Diary Dates

**Thursday 14th December**

**9:05am – 9:30am**

**Class 5 Family Worship**

**Friday 15th December**

Christmas Dinner Day  
(children can wear their  
Christmas Jumper)

**Monday 18th December**

Pantomime in school –  
Cinderella

**Tuesday 19th December**

**2:00pm – 2:45pm**

Christingle Service at St  
Martin's Church  
(parents/carers welcome)

**Wednesday 20th December**

Overgate Hospice Reindeer  
Run in school time

**Thursday 21st December**

Christmas Party Day  
Children can come to school  
wearing party clothes

**Friday 22nd December**

**9:05am – 9:30am**

**Always Assembly**

SCHOOL CLOSING FOR  
CHRISTMAS

**Monday 8th January**

SCHOOL REOPENS

### Christmas Dinner Day

You will have received a text with a link to request your child's Christmas Dinner choice for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please complete this choice no later than **9am on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**.

Children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumper on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate the festivities.



### We Keep Children Safe By...

...ensuring all gates on the school grounds are locked during the school day. The gates around school will only be unlocked during drop off and collection times.

We ask that if you open the blue gate leading up to the main office from Lightcliffe Road, you shut this behind you. Thank you for your cooperation.



### KS1 Topic Showcases

Year 1 are holding a Topic Showcase for parents/carers/grandparents on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm** and Year 2 are holding theirs on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm**. We would love you to join us to see what your child has been learning across their subjects. If you're attending, please come to the school office at 2:30pm on the day to sign in.

### Christingle Service

We will be visiting St Martin's Church for our annual Christingle Service on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**. After the service, children can be collected from the church to go home. We understand this is not always possible and any children who are not collected will walk back to school with the staff and be dismissed at 3:15pm as normal. Children will leave their bookbags and water bottles in school on this day. Water will be



refreshed for the next day. We are looking for volunteers to help us walk the children to and from the service; if you would like to do this, please contact the school office.

### Posadas – Travelling Crib

Our Posadas (travelling cribs) will begin to go home on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Each class will have 2 Posadas that will go home with 2 children each day; these will contain a Nativity scene as well as a book, a CD and more. If your child comes home with the Posada, please ensure this is returned to school the next day in order to allow every child to have the opportunity to take it home.



Thank you for your help.



### Chat Around the Table

This half term our value is compassion. Why not discuss these questions with your child/ren:

- What is compassion?
- Can you think of a time you have shown compassion to someone?
- How did it make you feel?
- Can you think of a time someone has shown compassion to you?



### Y is for YOGA

All over the world, settings where young people practice mindful activities such as meditation and yoga are seeing enormous benefits, particularly in helping those children who struggle with emotional regulation and behaviour.

Just short bursts of simple breathing and movement techniques calm the nervous system, generating the biochemicals which promote learning & mental health.

### TODAY...

Notice how you feel. Now take some deep breaths. Stretch your body. Try to switch off your thoughts. Feel the ground beneath you. Notice how you feel...

### Every Mind Matters

The focus is 'Yoga and Promoting Positivity'. Why not have a go at these activities:

**01. Think over your day so far.**

**02. Identify 3 good moments.**

**03. Jot them down.**

**04. Relive them by remembering them in detail.**

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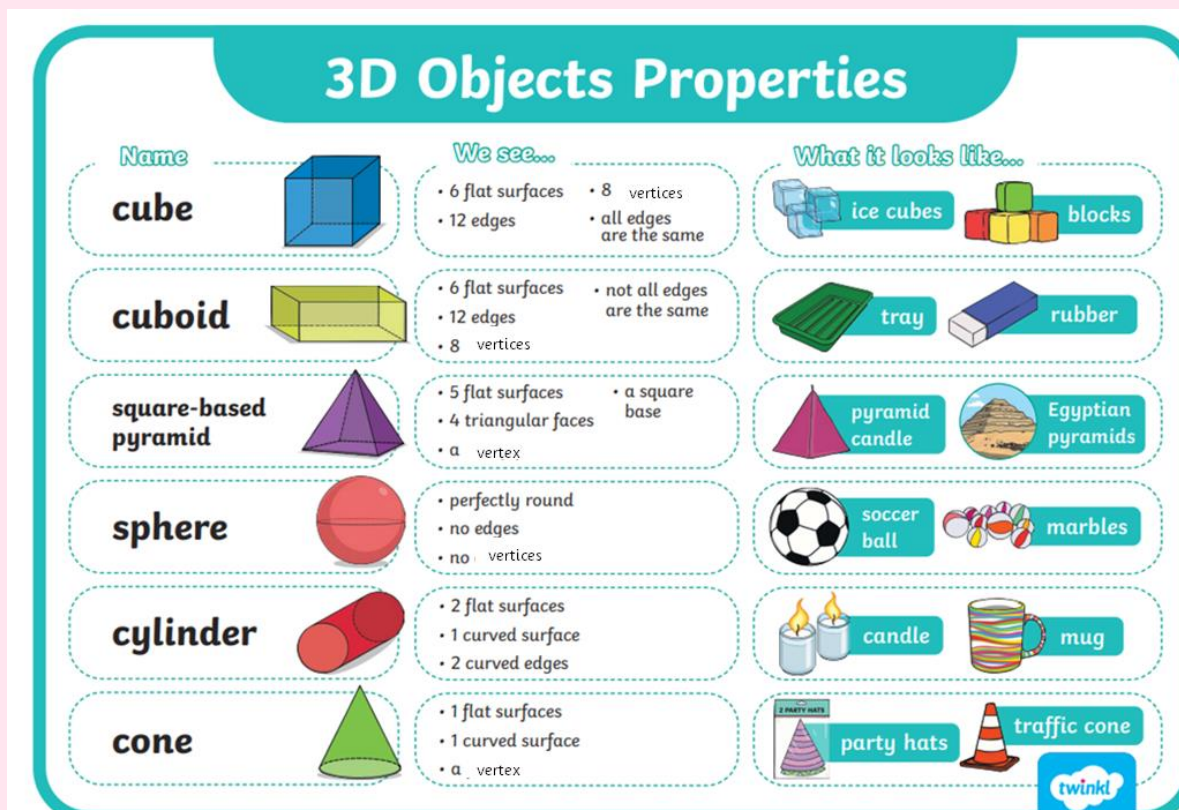
### Casual Vacancy at the Junior School – General Kitchen Assistant

The Junior School are looking for a casual General Kitchen Assistant to work 10 hours a week, Scale 1b pt2 (hourly rate £11.48). This position would start in February 2024.

Please contact the Junior School office on 01484 712895 if you are interested.

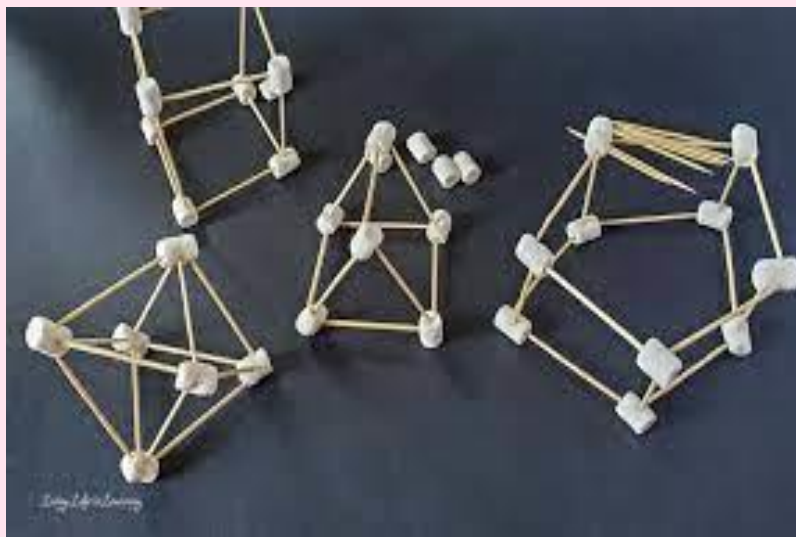
### Magical Maths

This week, we are focusing on 3D shapes. The picture below will help the children to remember shape names, what they look like and the properties of the shapes. As mentioned when we looked at 2D shapes, when looking at the properties of the shapes, we are keen for the children to use the mathematical term of '**vertices**' rather than corner when describing the shapes.



The children can go on a shape hunt, comparing the size of the 3D shapes and ordering them. They could then go around the house, garden or local area and spot different shapes. They could create a tally chart to mark down what they see on their shape adventure.

Using marshmallows, playdough or modelling clay and matchsticks, cocktail sticks or straws they could make 3D models. Models could also be made out of Lego or building blocks. Why don't you email photos of your models to school to show your class teacher?





Dear Lord,

Thank you, God for this new day, in my school to work and pray.

Please be with me all day long, in every story, game and song.

May all the happy things we do, make you, Our Father, happy too!

Amen.

## OUR SCHOOL VISION

Promoting excellence within a  
caring, Christian community

**Confident** - We embrace challenge and  
persevere

**Aspire** - We aim high

**Respectful** - We are friends and  
cherish God's world

**Inclusive** - We welcome everyone and  
are all of equal worth

**Nurturing** - We look after each other  
so we can all flourish

**Generous** - We give to each other and  
our community



"Love each other as I have loved  
you."

John 15:12



**St Andrew's Infant School**

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE



**1st December - 3:30pm - 5:00pm**

**JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS QUIZ, A CHANCE  
TO MEET SANTA, STALLS, MINCE PIES AND MORE!**



## deck THE halls

We are very lucky to be based in a Grade 2 listed building on Harrison road in Halifax.

But this means we have more floors to decorate!

We need some little elves to help us decorate

EdShift on:

2nd December 2023

You can pop in between: 11:30 - 2pm

Activities include:

- Festive Bauble Making
- Seasonal Bunting Making
- Christmas Card Crafting
- Window Snow Stenciling
- Dressing the EdShift Xmas Tree
- Interactive games
- Festive Music
- Seasonal Buffet

If you would like to come and help us email Liz:  
info@edshift.co.uk  
or call 07596855364



We know that Xmas can be a difficult time for some so come and enjoy yourself and pay as you feel.



# BRIGHOUSE LIBRARY COFFEE MORNING



Junior School  
**CHOIR**  
DECEMBER 15th  
10.30am

16  
DECEMBER

9.30-12noon  
CALDERDALE MUSIC  
THE OLD COURT HOUSE  
BLACKWALL  
HX12DL

# CHRISTMAS FAIR



SANTA|STALLS|MULLED WINE|MINCE PIES|CAROLS|GAMES|CRAFTING



Calderdale  
Music

@calderdale\_music  
@rhythmnbrewshxl



Calderdale  
Music

## Table Top Sale

Calderdale Music are holding  
a Table Top Sale  
in the Performance Space at  
The Old Courthouse on  
the 25th November,  
9am - 12pm

Overgate Hospice and  
the Bodyshop will be  
joining us and Rhythm  
and Brews will be open.

\* Special offer of a breakfast  
sandwich (either Bacon,  
Sausage or Vegan Sausage)  
And a standard tea or coffee  
for £4\*



## To book a table please contact

roomhire@calderdalmusic.co.uk  
01422 401260



# JOIN THE FUN THIS WINTER AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

## HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE WINTER PROGRAMME

2nd January – 5th January 2024

This Winter, during the school holidays in January 2024, children and young people across Calderdale aged 5-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals are getting the chance to access free holiday club places through our Healthy Holidays Calderdale programme.

The scheme provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe and fun environment during the school holidays.

You can book your free place at a holiday club taking place near you this January by visiting: [www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays)

Please book your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

For more information on the programme and support in booking a place on the winter programme please contact:

Email: [healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk)

Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

Twitter: @HAFCalderdale

No internet? Visit a local Calderdale Library and they will support you in registering your children onto available activities.



SCAN ME



Book your place now to join the Healthy Holidays fun, taking place this winter across Calderdale.

BOOK HERE: [www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays)



# ПРИЄДНУЙТЕСЯ ДО РАДОСТІ ЦЬОЇ ЗИМИ! НАСОЛОДЖУЙТЕСЯ ЗДОРОВИМИ КАНІКУЛАМИ!

## ЗДОРОВІ КАНІКУЛИ ПРОГРАМА ЗИМОВОГО СЕЗОНУ КОЛДЕРДЕЙЛ

2 січня – 5 січня 2024 року

Цього зимового сезону, протягом канікул у січні 2024 року, діти та молодь віком від 5 до 16 років з району Колдердейл, які мають право на безкоштовні шкільні обіди за пільговими показниками, отримають можливість скористатися безкоштовними місцями відпочинку під час канікул через нашу програму "Здорові Канікули Колдердейл".

Ця програма надає розвивальні заходи, смачні ситні страви та можливість для молоді зустрічатися нових друзів в безпечному та веселому середовищі протягом шкільних канікул.

Ви можете забронювати безкоштовне місце у канікулярному клубі, який відбудеться поблизу вас у січні, відвідавши: [www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays)

Будь ласка, забронюйте ваше місце безпосередньо через провайдера. Також можливі сесії для платних дітей, які не мають права на безкоштовні шкільні обіди.



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Забронюйте своє місце зараз, щоб долучитися до веселощів Здорових Канікул, які відбудуться цієї зими у всьому Колдердейлі.

ЗАБРОНЮЙТЕ ТУТ: [www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays)





# Primary School Book Gift Guide 2023



Recommended for **ages 3-5**

## NEW for this Christmas



## Recommended Bedtime Stories



## Super-fun Stories



## Classic Stories



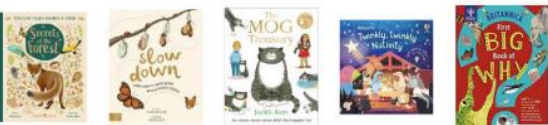
## Non-Fiction Books



## Award Winning Books



## Gorgeous Gift Books



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# Primary School Book Gift Guide 2023



Recommended for **ages 5-7**

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