



19th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, this is it! Our final newsletter of 2025! As always at this time of year, things have gone a little crazy... Crazy but fun, lovely and filled with plenty of smiles!

The children have definitely made us all very proud with their wonderful Christmas Performances, a beautiful Christingle service at St Andrews and the hard work they have put in over this term.

THANK YOU so much for your support and coming to watch your little ones perform, it really does mean the world to them.

Key achievements so far this academic year

- We raised **£1093.35** in the Christmas Fayre this year. A huge thank you to Mrs James and Miss Rennoldson for organising it and for all the staff and children's contributions. This is brilliant and all money is already sitting in a 'pot' waiting to pay towards trips for the new year.
- Congratulations to Miss Waters and Miss Rafferty who both gave birth to baby girls this term. They will both be on maternity enjoying time with Charlotte and Eloise until next academic year.

Staffing changes

- Mrs Heseltine returned from her maternity leave this week and will continue to work 3 days per week in Strive. Strive has struggled with staff shortages this term due to the absence of Mr Brown. Having Mrs Heseltine back will certainly support the team and the children have definitely missed her.
- We have recently appointed a new caretaker to replace Mr Bryant who left at the start of December.
- Due to the high number of children with SEND needs that now attend Red Hall, we have appointed an additional apprentice in Early Years, some of you will have already met Ms Kelly and Miss Grey was appointed to work in KS1 after Miss Robertson left to live in another part of the country.

Some exciting key dates for your 2025 diary...

Date	Event	Year Group
5th January	Spring Term Starts	Whole School
21st January	Intra- School Competition	Whole School
22nd January	Visit to Bowlees Education Farm	Class 1
23rd January	Visit to Bowlees Education Farm	Class 2
29th January	Visit to Bowlees Education Farm	Class 3
28th January	Physical Activity Experience Day – Football Freestyler Jamie Knight	Whole School
30th January	PD Day	School Closed to all pupils
6th February	Number Day	Whole School
9th -13th February	Children's Mental Health Week 2026	
13th February	Stay and Play Event (pm)	Class 4
20th February	School Closes for Half Term	
6th March	#LetGirlsPlay Football Event	Girls across school
9th March	Dr Doolittle – Musical Theatre Production in school	
10th March	Phonics Stay and Play (pm)	Key Stage 1
17th March	Esh Winning construction event (pm)	Class 3 and Class 4
18th March	Intra- School Competition	Whole School
25th March	Physical Activity Experience Day – Olympian Visit	Whole School
2nd April	School closes for Easter	

Polite reminders

- First, let's talk about e-scooters. With the Christmas shopping season upon us, it's crucial that we all understand the rules. E-scooters are not permitted on our school site, and for good reason. In fact, privately-owned e-scooters can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission. They are not legal on public roads, pavements, cycle paths, or in parks. Safety is our top priority, and we want to ensure everyone understands these guidelines.
- We also need to have an honest conversation about respect. We've noticed increasing incidents of verbal abuse towards our staff, both in person and over the phone. Our team are human beings who are dedicated to supporting your children. Such behaviour is hurtful and absolutely unacceptable. If you have concerns, please use our appointment system to schedule a meeting through the school office. Communication should always be constructive and respectful.
- Lastly, a quick reminder about our school car park. Morning drop-offs have become quite busy, and we ask parents to use the designated spaces at the top of the car park and walk down with their child. This helps maintain safety and reduces congestion.

We're committed to creating a supportive, safe environment for everyone in our school community. Your cooperation and understanding make a real difference.

And lastly...

Have a wonderful break. Be happy, make memories and spend time with each other, instead of money on each other. Children remember the effort made, not the money spent, don't put pressure on yourselves financially when things may be tough right now.

We want to thank those families from the bottom of our heart who continue to really support us in the work that we do with your children, who understand that it is not always easy and who recognise that we are all trying our best to support your children, not only with their education but with them as people.

We reopen on Monday 5th January. We will see you all then.

Merry Christmas, everyone! xx