



Week ending: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Upcoming dates

#### Week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January:

National Story-telling week

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January:

Y4 – trip to Liverpool Museum

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January:

EYFS visit to Cherry Tree Library

Y1 visit to Cherry Tree Library

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January:

Whole-school Panto! Oh yes it is!

#### Week beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:

Children's Mental Health Week

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February:

Y6 visit to St. Francis Church

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February:

Messy Church after school – Candlemas

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February:

EYFS charity event – NSPCC Number Day

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February:

St. Francis Church Parade

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February:

Internet Safety Day

### Week three of the Spring Term:

We have been thinking about the journeys made by refugees this week in worship, using Mary and Joseph's exile to Egypt as our starting point. We heard how King Herod plotted to kill all baby boys to try to get rid of the baby Jesus, making it too dangerous for his parents to stay in Jerusalem. We then thought about modern-day refugees and the hardship they will have faced, when leaving their own homes and going somewhere new. From this we began to think about how we can be more welcoming to people who visit our school. Our children shared some wonderful ideas to make visitors feel welcome, "You can say hi and ask what their name is. You can make them feel more welcome by giving them a nice smile as well," suggested one of our Y6 children.

We have begun to start our acts of worship with different ways of saying hello and good morning. You may be aware that we use Makaton to sign 'good morning', but thanks to one of our children who speaks Ukrainian, we have been practising the greeting 'привіт всім' (preevyet vsim) each day (while still using our Makaton signs!)

Meanwhile, our Reception class went on a hunt around school this week, to look for gingerbread people, who had been into their classroom without permission! They were confident they had seen the culprits, and from various descriptions from the children themselves, they were looking for a fast, fat, invisible gingerbread man. Please let us know if you see him/them, there's a reward of £1,000,000!



Mrs. Foster

Reporters: Bonnie, Nancy and Florence

### Year 2 trip to Turton Tower



On Wednesday we went to Turton Tower because we have been learning about the Great Fire of London. We had fun dressing up in traditional clothes, trying on armour, playing games and learning a dance. We liked exploring the bed chamber and learnt that the mattresses were made out of straw. Spencer got to demonstrate beating the mattress to get rid of the bed bugs and flatten any lumps. We learnt lots about what life was like in the time of The Great Fire of London! All our adults were super proud of our impeccable behaviour. We listened carefully and waited for our turn to talk. We were respectful and polite. Even the staff told Mrs. Lovick how fantastic we had been.

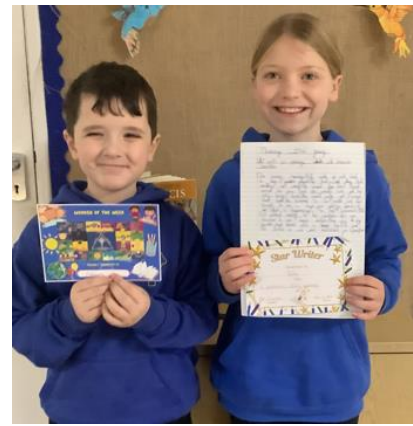
**Y6 Award winner**



**Y5 Award winner**



**Y4 Award winners**



**Y3 Award winners and special mentions**



**Y2 Award winners and special mentions**



**Y1 Award winners and special mentions**



**Reception Class Award winners**



**Well done to our award winners and special mentions this week!**

**Remember, if your child isn't on one of these photographs, reassure him/her that that doesn't mean they haven't been noticed!**

**Our staff celebrate achievements – great and small – every day in class, whether its through praise, a postcard home, a sticker or a thumbs up.**

**Petition**

We have a number of signatures collected for a petition to persuade our council to install traffic calming measures/a zebra crossing/crossing patrol personnel, in response to last week's road traffic incident. Thank you to those parents/carers/friends of St Francis, for taking an active role in this, especially Lucy's grandma.

If you wish to sign our petition, please pop into the office.

**Thank you to...**

...Fraser, dad of Zachary and Elias, who has begun to create more play equipment for our OPAL provision. He braved a very drizzly day this week to make a start on some structures for children to crawl through.

...Wayne, dad of Max, who has been 'encouraged' to join the carpentry crew along with Fraser!

We look forward to their creations!

## Cherry Tree Library Visits

As you know, we are lucky to have our local library on our school doorstep, and as such, we visit it regularly with our classes. When a class ends their day at the library, parents/carers are encouraged to pick their child up from the library at home time, with the aim that some of our families might stay for a while together, and choose some books to borrow.

Please be aware that the library sessions for each class are quite short, and there isn't enough time for children to renew library cards at these times. If your child does need to renew a library card, please feel free to call in at any other time, to do this and then our library sessions can be focused on reading and sharing books.

## School Uniform

This is a reminder that large hair bobbles, hair bands and ribbons are not part of our uniform, neither are 'unnatural' hair colours and/or hair styles including extreme shaved styles.

All long hair (for girls and boys) needs to be worn in a pony tail, plait, or a bun using a small, plain bobble or elastic band.

We still have a few children wearing brightly coloured, or white trainers, and branded leggings or shorts, which are also not part of our uniform.

If your child borrows an item of uniform from school, please do send it back to us once its been washed and ironed, so we can lend it to other children who need it.



Next Friday our school will be watching Sleeping Beauty in school: a little treat for the end of January!

## Y5/Y6 Sportshall Athletics

Well done to our Y5 and Y6 children for taking part in the athletics tournament at Witton Park High School last night.

They represented our school amazingly well, with organisers commenting about how impressed they were with their manners, good behaviour and sportspersonship.



Parents/carers are asked to make sure they clear any debts from children's lunches, breakfast club and trips as soon as possible please.

We have a number of large, outstanding accounts, which has an impact on our school budget. This results in us not being able to pay for services and goods needed in school.

Please speak to the office staff if you are struggling to pay.

**MINI MOVIES**

**HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES?  
IF SO WE WANT TO HEAR  
FROM YOU!**

ITV's hit kids' show, **Mini Movies**, is returning for series 2 and we're looking for movie-loving kids to take part.

You could star in exciting video clips full of visual effects, pitch your own movie ideas, create amazing animations and show off your costume skills!

If you'd like to get involved, ask your parent or guardian to email your name and age to...

[casting@thechancercollective.com](mailto:casting@thechancercollective.com)

After that you'll receive further information on how to apply. Be quick though, as spaces are filling up!

**CHECK OUT MINI MOVIES SERIES ONE ON ITVX  
TO SEE WHAT KIDS GOT UP TO LAST TIME!**

The promotional graphic for 'Mini Movies' features a vibrant, action-packed scene with a dinosaur, a robot, and a plane. The text is bold and eye-catching, with a mix of red, white, and yellow colors. The background is a dark blue gradient.