



Newsletter Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's hard to believe we've reached December already — nearly the end of 2025 — and we're proud of how our pupils continue to thrive through meaningful learning experiences outdoors. We've seen some fantastic examples of outdoor play and learning since our last school newsletter. Part of our commitment is to use our school grounds and the local area as a rich resource. Here are some great examples:

Year 5 clearing the pond area.



Year 3 clearing part of our den making area.



Year 4 on their geography fieldwork trip to Grinton



Year 6 in Leyburn, visiting places of worship in RE.



This picture says it all - children have also loved enjoying time outside with friends, despite the weather!

We have already had a very successful PTFA Christmas fair – thank you to everyone who supported this festive occasion and an extra special thank you to the PTFA and volunteers who helped to make it a real community event.



Elsewhere in school, as part of our continued focus on reading for pleasure, children in years 3 and 5 took part in a Reading Café where they read to each other, discussed their favourite books and authors and enjoyed each others' company. What a lovely way to spend a Friday afternoon!



We hope that some of you will be able to join our Winter Story Café next week. There will also be our first free book shop in the hall and we intend to hold this every month so please keep any spare books, including any 'grown up' books which can also be swapped.

Christmas time!

And of course, it's Christmas and we're leading up to a busy time, both in school and at home.





Here are the Nativity costumes all ready for action. It is every exciting and there was a real buzz when the children put them on for their dress rehearsals – we can't wait to share the performances with you all. There will be lots of proud families in the hall next week!



Thank goodness for the year 1 children who took time out of their busy rehearsal schedule to decorate our main school tree in the school hall. It wouldn't be the same without it.

Thank you year 1!

Dates for the Diary:

- 9th December – Winter Story Café 10 am
- 9th December – KS1 Nativity 2-3 pm
- 10th December – KS1 Nativity 2-3 pm
- 10th December – Year 3 visit to the library
- 11th December – Christmas in a Day!
- 11th December – Christmas jumper/hat day, Christmas lunch day, Christmas Craft afternoon AND PTFA Secret Santa!
- 12th December – Year 4 Carol Singing at Kirkwood Hall
- w/b 15th December – Christmas parties
- 15th December – Rock Steady Termly Concert
- 17th December – Leyburn Band Carol Assembly
- 19th December - St Matthew's Christmas Service – 1.30 pm

BREAK UP for Christmas

