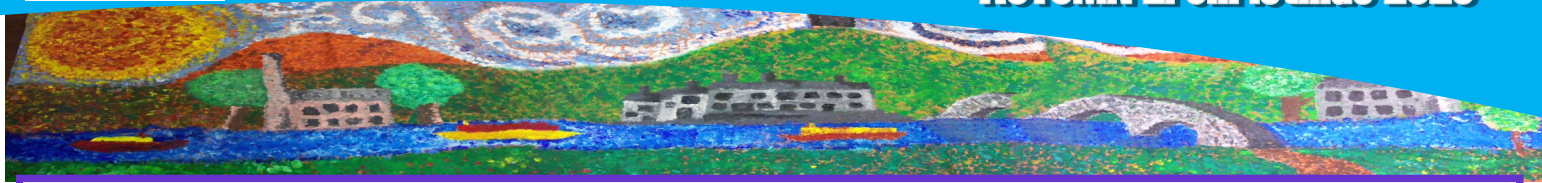




NEWS letter

AUTUMN 2: Christmas 2023



Merry
Christmas

A Christmas message from our Vicar Rev. Ruthi



Hello everyone my name is Ruthi and I'm the new vicar at St. James Church. I am so excited to have moved here and I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone.

It's been rather manic arriving in October and being thrown straight in to all things Christmas, but I've already started doing some assemblies and was there for both the nativity play and the carol concert, which were both fantastic! Every so often I've found myself singing "born in Bethlehem toniiigghht!" I've seen the artistic talent of some pupils (and some parents too) with the amazing Christmas decorations you have created for the Christmas trees at church, thank you for your help. Already I can tell that we are going to have lots of fun together.

My first Christmas here has already been memorable not only for the amazing singing and acting I've seen from school but I've done a crib service with the exciting visitor of Flapjack, the Guinea Pig, who was very well behaved in the stable and then joined me for the prayers and happily squeaked into my microphone. I'm looking forward to the other services we have planned over the festive season, have a look on Facebook or the church website for details. Perhaps you are also feeling very excited about Christmas, perhaps you are dragging yourself to the end of term, or maybe you are a bit of both. No matter how you are feeling I hope and pray that you will have a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year. See you all in the new term.

God Bless,
Rev. Ruthi

Our Eco School Council has grown! We now have 16 Eco Councillors, we have split these children into focus groups. Four teams will be driving the changes this year:

TEAM 1: Healthy Living

TEAM 2: Transport

TEAM 3: Energy

TEAM 4: Informing & Involving



**We look forward to getting our teeth into these topics come 2024,
with the help of our amazing Eco-Coordinators led by
Jamie Wardley**





PTFA NEWS:

Thank you to our school community for your support over the festive season! Our PTFA Christmas fundraising events have been amazingly successful once again. The profits from the Fair totalled over **£400**, The Little Photo Company have added **£112** profit from the sale of nativity photos and our PTFA Christmas Raffle made **£380**. For such a small school this is a phenomenal total, over **£800** raised to go toward resources and enrichment activities for the children.

SAVE THE DATES:

- * **Friday, 23rd February: Open Mic Night 6:15—7:30pm in the school hall**
- * **Friday, 15th March: Trades Club 90's Disco—tickets on sale soon!**

Thank you!
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Finally, we still need support from our school community to help with PTFA fundraising events, if you have any spare time or are willing to offer help please see Mr. Paton or one of the PTFA team.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:

WINNING TICKETS:

PRIZE	Name of winner	PRIZE	Name of winner	PRIZE	Name of winner
1	Louise Morley	10	Rachel Hawthorn	19	Gill Shaw
2	Emma Rickard	11	Caroline Holdsworth	20	Nicola Seanor
3	Rachel Pincock	12	Pauline Jamieson	21	Mike Burke
4	Susan Goonoo	13	Chris Plommer	22	Melissa King
5	Thea Monk	14	Frances Phillips	23	Linda Longton
6	Becky Wild	15	Sarah Price		
7	Norman Thomas	16	Barry Luby		
8	Carol Hawkins	17	Gill Shaw		
9	Nicola Seanor	18	Harriet King		

HX7 Sports

A thank you must go to Mr. Robinson for organising, ferrying and accompanying many of our children to various sporting events this academic year, to compete with the other primary schools in the Upper Calder Valley Cluster. Mr. Robinson is passionate about encouraging children to get involved in sport. Since September, we have taken part in multiple cross country events (2 of our children going through to the Calderdale finals and 1 managing to get through to the West Yorkshire finals!). We had 2 teams take part in the HX7 Football Tournament and the Hockey Festival. More recently, a few of our Year 5/6 children attended the Indoor Athletics event in Mytholmroyd. There will be many more events in 2024 for our children to attend. The children who are actively engaged in sports, both inside and outside of school, are proving to be great role models for their peers.

EYFS & KEY STAGE 1 Nativity & Christmas Carol Service

December 2023

This year's Nativity performance went down a storm! The EYFS & Key Stage One children bedazzled all with their utterly fabulous singing, their cute little dances and their Hollywoodesque acting skills; Midwife Crisis was, possibly, the best nativity we've ever had! Well done to the children for being so awesome and our amazing infant staff team for their hard work producing such a fine performance.

Our Carol Service was really well attended by members of the school community and St. James Church. The children performed brilliantly, lighting up the stage with song. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children.





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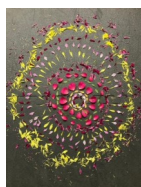
- ◆ An updated Club Timetable is attached for the spring & summer terms.
- ◆ Breakfast Club Invoices for November were sent out recently (please ensure these are paid promptly) December invoices are due to be sent home week beginning 8th January.
- ◆ **POLITE REMINDER:** If you are dropping off/picking up and park over the road—opposite school -PLEASE be mindful of how you park, as this is a private road and the residents require access at all times.
- ◆ We have a litter problem! After school we are having to pick up a lot of litter from the front and backyards, it is also a problem on Church Lane, near the entrance to the school. Please make sure your wrappers are taken home or disposed of in the bins on Church Lane.

Thank you for your support and kindness this year. Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

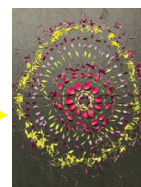
Dates for the Diary

SCHOOL RE-OPENS TUESDAY, 9th JANUARY

- ◆ **FOREST SCHOOL YEAR 5/6—first session Friday, 12th January**
- ◆ **Multi-Skills, Yoga & Singing Clubs will start week beginning 15th January—letters will be sent out in the first week back.**
- ◆ **Karate will restart on Thursday, 11th January**
- ◆ **PARENT FORUM: Wednesday, 17th January 1:15—2:45 held in the school hall**



This is a beautiful flower petal mandala that our Yoga Club children made with Kaye



Kaye, has kindly offered, to continue to run Yoga Club in the New Year. It will now be on a Monday. See attached Club Timetable

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



Hebden Royd Staff Team



Club Dates & Times Spring & Summer Terms 23-24

SPRING TERM	DATES												
MULTI SKILLS (Year 1-3) £3.00 per session	TUESDAYS 3:10pm – 4:05pm	16.01.24	23.01.24	30.01.24	06.02.24	27.02.24	05.03.24	12.03.24	19.03.24				
YOGA (Year 1-6) £5.00 per session	MONDAYS 3:15pm – 4:15pm	15.01.24	22.01.24	29.01.24	05.02.24	26.02.24	04.03.24	11.03.24	18.03.24				
SINGING (Year 3 – Year 6)	WEDNESDAYS 3:15pm – 4:15pm	17.01.24	24.01.24	31.01.24	07.02.24	28.02.24	06.03.24	13.03.24	20.03.24				
SUMMER TERM	DATES												
MULTI SKILLS (Year 2-6) £3.00 per session	TUESDAYS 3:15 pm – 4:15pm	16.04.24	23.04.24	30.04.24	07.05.24	14.05.24	21.05.24	11.06.24	18.06.24	25.06.24	02.07.24	09.07.24	
COMPUTING CLUB (Year 5/6)	<i>Day to be confirmed – watch this space!</i>												
SINGING (Year 3- Year 6)	WEDNESDAYS 3:15pm – 4:15pm	17.04.24	24.04.24	01.05.24	08.05.24	15.05.24	22.05.24	12.06.24	19.06.24	26.06.24	03.07.24	10.07.24	

*Karate club will be running every Thursday from 3:30 – 5pm. This is run by **Budokai Karate**. If you would like your child to attend, please speak to the office staff who will be happy to give you further details of how to sign up.*