

# St Michael and All Angels CE VA School Newsletter

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December



### A Christmas Message



September seems like a distant memory! It has been a long and busy Autumn Term. We are all looking forward to Christmas and our whole staff team and governors would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

This term has been packed with activities, visitors into school, educational visits outside of school and of course, our annual visit to Robinwood. This has all been in addition to our staff and children working extremely hard to cover the national curriculum and to ensure our children all fulfil their potential.

One of highlights for me this year was the amazing Christmas productions where over 300 people attended to watch fantastic acting, singing and dancing. It was great to see the confidence grow in our children, children stepping out of their comfort zone to perform and the smiles on their faces as a consequence! Another highlight was the Year 6 residential to Robinwood where the children experienced a host of outdoor activities- again challenging themselves. These events enrich the curriculum and allow education and lifelong skills and mindsets to take develop.

We wish Miss Roberts all the best as she commences her maternity leave. We will be welcoming Miss Pickles in January as she will be teaching Year 4 for the Spring term alongside Mr Mason and Miss Driver. Many parents met Miss Pickles at the Christmas workshop on Tuesday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support and wish you all well at this special time of the year. I hope you have a very happy and relaxing Christmas and that 2023 brings even more amazing experiences.

Merry Christmas to you all from the staff and governors at St Michael and All Angels school!



### **Christmas Message from our Head Boy & Head Girl**

As it's December and Christmas is coming up, all the children are very excited. Every year on the run up to Christmas every class from Reception to Year 6 prepare by making different types of decorations. In our school hall (where we do all our Christmas productions) we always put a colourful Christmas tree up. We decorate it with all different kinds of baubles and put presents under the tree and a star on top.

In December KS1 and KS2 always put together a play. This year KS1 performed 'The Nativity' and KS2 performed Cinderella & Rockerfella. Yesterday Santa came to the school to give everybody a Christmas present. Thank you for reading and have a Merry Christmas.

For more pictures of school looking magical please click [here](#)





### Well done Tait!



Tait did a sponsored swim! In November he completed fifty five lengths and raised £170. This money will be used to provide Christmas dinners in the Pendle area.

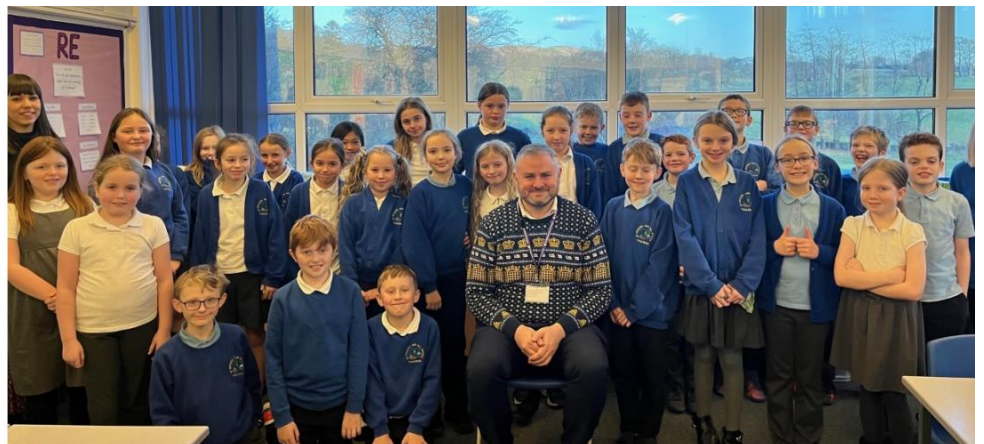
**Well done Tait we are really proud of you!**

### Spreading Christmas Cheer!



On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Key Stage 2 entertained the residents of Bank Hall Care Home in Colne singing carols via Zoom. Amongst the favourites were Christmas Conga, Starry Night and Child in a Manger born. Year 3 also made Christmas cards for the residents too.

### Year 5 Traffic Survey



On Friday 9th December Andrew Stephenson MP visited the Year 5 children at St Michael and All Angels Primary School Foulridge. He came as a result of some geography fieldwork that the children had carried out about the amount of traffic on the A56 (Skipton Road). The children had previously sent their letters to Andrew Stephenson to share their findings and to offer some solutions to help make the road outside their school safer. The children had a lovely afternoon meeting with Andrew Stephenson in person to discuss their work



## Sports News



On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November our Year 6 football team competed in the Pendle Schools' knockout cup to find a team to represent Pendle in the Lancashire finals in January. We played 4 matches winning them all (1-0 vs. Sacred Heart, 3-1 vs. Trawden, 2-0 vs. Christchurch & 1-0 in the final vs. Church, Barnoldswick). It was an amazing team effort, well deserved on the night. We now go to Fleetwood Town FC for the finals on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January! Well played boys. For more pictures please click [here](#).



Year 4 were invited to an interschool's athletics taster event at West Craven Sport's Centre. The children participated in lots of event including running, jumping and throwing. Everyone had a great time and did really well!

We are extremely proud of all the children who have represented St Michael and All Angels this term. We endeavour to ensure every child has a sporting opportunity over the year and that this starts an interest in activities that perhaps they may have not considered from the outset. We thank Mr Phillipson for his hard work this term and support from parents/carers at these events.



## Art and Poetry Day

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December, the whole school took part in the Art and poetry day. This resulted in the school looking amazing ready for the festive period!



For more images click [here](#)



## 9 Lessons and Carols Church Service 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

On Monday the whole school enjoyed a Christmas service in church. Thank you to the parents, governors and church congregation who joined us for a memorable service. Nine Lessons and Carols, also known as the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, is a service of Christian worship traditionally celebrated on or near Christmas Eve. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings or lessons from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir anthems. The teachers and governors told the story and the children acted out the lessons.





### After School Club Activities

Please contact school if you would like your child to attend next term!



Look at all the fabulous things we made at after school club.

### Curriculum News Year 4



Year 4 made Christingles as part of their R.E. curriculum this half term.



### Year 4 Ultra Violet Dodgeball Reward Session

Year 4 were the proud winners of Mr Phillipson's running track "lap challenge" this term. Out of the whole school, they managed to complete the most laps, with the least points deducted if Mr Phillipson overtook them! As a reward, they had an ultra violet dodgeball session! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves!





## Winter Days!

We have been enjoying our beautiful grounds playing on the field in the sunshine- and this week in the snow!





### **Father Christmas at St Michaels!**

As the children at St Michael and All Angels have been so well behaved and worked so hard this term, Father Christmas decided to visit! He spent time with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and made a flying visit to Year 3, before he had to return to his sleigh!



### **.Christmas Parties**

Yesterday the children enjoyed the Christmas parties- with food, singing and games!





## Starting school - Reception 2023



If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, you must apply for a Reception 2022 place online.

The deadline is **Sunday 15th January 2022.**

Reception places are offered by the Local Authority. To apply, go to

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

We also have places available in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 4 – please get in touch with the school office for more information.

## Help for over the Festive Period

### Nelson Town Centre Warm Hub

Nelson Town Council have designated the Revive Café at the Unity Well Being Centre on Vernon Street, Nelson as a WARM HUB which will open to the public throughout the winter which opened on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10am. The Warm Hub offers-

- A warm space
- Newspapers
- Free wi fi
- Tea and coffee
- Microwave
- Toaster
- Board Games
- Books

Warm drinks and light snacks will be provided free of charge all day.

### Libraries

Libraries are safe/calm spaces if things become difficult at home.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/cost-of-living/warm-and-welcome-places/>

What's on list for LCC

libraries: <https://events.lancashire.gov.uk/search/index.asp>

Our libraries are all warm and welcome spaces, where you can find:

- a warm drink
- a space to sit
- free computers and Wi-Fi
- charging points for your phone or laptop
- events and activities
- help from staff to find information



### Friday Club

Friday club is running on the dates below at St John's Methodist Church, Albert Road Colne from 6.30-8pm. Includes team games, crafts and stories, £1 per child including refreshments.

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### SEND News

Mrs Lamb is the school's SENCO. Ms Richardson is the Acting SENCO whilst Mrs Lamb is on maternity leave.

### SEND Local Offer

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/>

<https://www.sendstation.co.uk/autism>

This website is useful to support children with autism.

### Dates for your Diary

Please click [here](#) for latest diary dates and information.

Please click [here](#) for the Church services.

### Use of our School Hall.

If you know of any clubs or event that would like to hire our hall, out of school hours, please contact the school office for more information.  
Thank you



## Young People's Mental Health

Concerned about your Mental Health?  
Are you under 18 or concerned about  
someone under 18?

Advice sessions are available on-line via  
Attend Anywhere

Log on using the hyperlink - <https://nhs.uk/HLSC/CAMHS>

Enter the word "drop" as the first name and "in" as the second  
name followed by your date of birth. You will then enter our virtual  
waiting area where we will collect you.

Tues	6	December	1pm - 3pm
Wed	14	December	3pm - 5pm



### Breakfast/Afterschool Club

Please could any requests for late cancellations/late bookings be directed to **Mrs. Stuttard via the school office number 01282861338 then select Option 3.**

If there is no answer, please leave a short message with your child's name, class and date you want them to attend. Thank you

### Safeguarding Concerns

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school's designated safeguarding team.

DSL Lead Sara Richardson  
Deputy DSL Michelle Coffey  
DSL Amy Latham (Rebecca Lamb)

## Family Warm and Welcome

Drop in to our warm, fun,  
friendly, Family Zone

Help yourself to a free  
brew\* and a slice of toast.

Play, read, and chat with  
other families

**Every Friday Morning  
9.30am - 12.00pm**



Colne Neighbourhood Centre  
(Formerly Surestart)  
Walton Street  
Colne, BB8 0EL

\* Please bear in  
mind the risks of  
hot drinks around  
young children

**10% SIBLING DISCOUNT**

**PRO**  
SPORT COACHING  
01254 366316

**ACTIVE CAMPS**  
CHRISTMAS 2022

<p><b>ST MICHAEL &amp; ALL ANGELS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> SKIPTON ROAD COLNE BB8 7NN</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER</b> <b>THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER</b> 3 day bookings only.</p>	<p><b>EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT</b> Just £50 for 3 days! Book by 01/12/22 to save.</p>
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Keep your children active in the run up to Christmas with our fun, affordable and inclusive Active Camps.

Children will take part in a range of activities including:

- Football	- Dance	- Christmas Crafts
- Netball	- Archery	- Basketball
- Dodgeball	- Ultimate Frisbee	& more!

Open to children aged 4 - 12 years old.  
\* Age limitation applies to these activities.

To book your child's place, head to:  
**WWW.PROSPORTCOACHING.CO.UK**  
For more information contact us on: **01254 366316.**

# Autumn Term 2022 Second Half

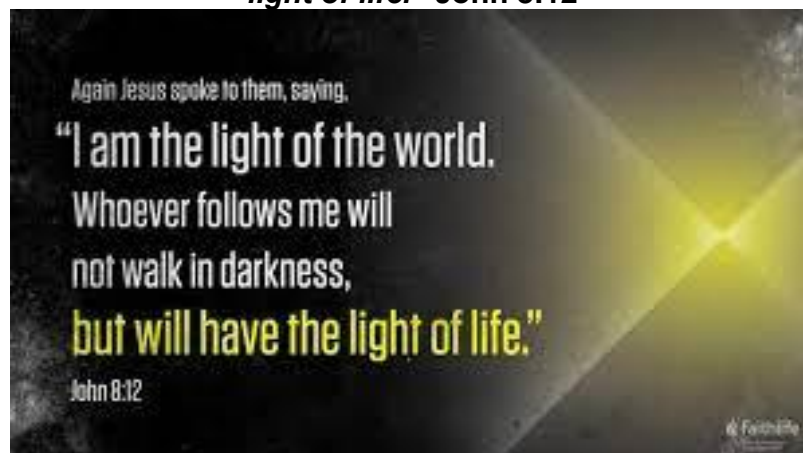


The Christian virtue focus this half term is trust.

The Growth Mindset focus is challenge.



***"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12***





### A Christmas Prayer

Thank you to the worship team who wrote and read their own special prayers in church on Monday.  
Here is Freya and Hannah's prayer.

Lord God, thank you for all the  
gifts of love, hope and Joy.  
Let us remember Jesus being  
born at christmas time and the  
true meaning of christmas  
celebration. Let us remember  
not get caught up in all  
the hustle of presents and  
remember that it isn't all  
about the presents.  
Amen +

