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## Newsletter: 19th December 2025

### Key Diary Dates

Friday 19th December - Break up for Christmas - Christmas Non Uniform Day

Monday 5th January 2026 - Training Day

Tuesday 6th January - School re-opens to pupils

Thursday 8th January - Year 6 Swimming Week 1

Tuesday 13th January - Year 6 Polar Explorer Day

Thursday 15th January - Year 6 Swimming Week 2

Thursday 22nd January - Year 6 Swimming Week 3

Thursday 29th January - Year 6 Swimming Week 4

Thursday 5th February - Year 6 Swimming Week 5

Thursday 5th February - Year 5 Earthquake Day

Thursday 12th February - Year 6 Swimming Week 6

Friday 13th February - Break up for half term

Monday 23rd February - Back to School

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to thank our pupils, staff, and families for all the hard work, commitment, and support shown throughout the autumn.

The Christmas break offers a well-earned opportunity to rest, reflect, and enjoy time with loved ones, and I hope it brings warmth, joy, and renewal to every home.

We are incredibly proud of all that has been achieved this term and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year refreshed and ready for the opportunities ahead.

I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year, Mrs Bull.



In RE, Year 5 have begun a new topic learning about the Five Pillars of Islam.

To support the children in their learning, we were really lucky to host a visitor to school organised by Mrs Henderson.

Hassan Shah talked to the children about his Muslim faith and how Muslims live their day to day lives. Bringing with him his prayer mat, Quaran and prayer beads, Hassan was able to demonstrate how he locates the direction of Mecca before prayer and how he performs his prayer routine. Hassan explained to the children about the Five Pillars of Islam and what they mean to him.

The Five Pillars are: **Shahadah** (declaration of faith), **Salah** (five daily prayers), **Zakah** (giving to charity), **Sawm** (fasting during Ramadan), and **Hajj** (pilgrimage to Mecca if able).

The children and adults really enjoyed Hassan's visit to school, he was able to bring their learning to life.



On Monday, Year 5 held their Greek Day as the end to their Ancient Greek history topic. The children took part in 3 different activities during the morning and then came together in the afternoon for a celebration feast and quiz.

Morning activities included learning to play a Greek game named 'Pente Grammai'; a mini Greek Olympics involving a long distance run, shot put and javelin and drawing Greek Pots.

To begin our afternoon celebration, the children read aloud parts of the Greek myths they had written earlier this term.

The audience were thoroughly entertained by the heroes and mythical creatures incorporated. Next, we tasted some Greek foods including bread, houmous, tzatziki, cheese, olives, figs, grapes and honey cake - the grapes and cake were the most popular items with only the brave tempting to try an olive!

We finished the afternoon with a quiz on Greek Gods and Mythical Creatures.

A wonderful day enjoyed by all!



Thank you to all the children who purchased tickets for the chocolate raffle, we are well on the way to raising the funds needed for our wall mural.

The raffle was drawn in today's assembly, congratulations to our top prize winners Ivy P, Shaé and Zara. We hope you enjoy the treats over the Christmas break.

Well done to the following pupils who also came away with chocolate prizes: Luke G, Holly S, Keavy, Pearl, Lyla, Freddie, Anisia, Issac, Amelia, Dante, Tabatha, Lola S, Frankie, Olivia, Lena, Noah R, Freya-Rose, Darcy B, Oliver B, Peighton, Louis, Miss Love and Mr McKenzie.



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Christmas Tree  
307H



Angel 38M



Elf - 3TH



Gnome/Gonk 4LF



Nutcracker 47H



Father Christmas  
4TB



Snowman 5MV



Advent Calendar 5RF



Christmas Dinner 5MTT



Sleigh 6AM



Christmas jumper 6KD



Snow globe - 6GR



Congratulations to this year's Christmas Door winner, that was chosen by our Chair of Governors, John Ireland.

Mr Ireland said it was a very difficult choice and took his role of official door judge very seriously.

His winner was.....6KD.

Well done to Mrs Denny, Mrs Morris and their Christmas Jumperville children.

 Well done!

Please remember to go onto the Love food system to book hot dinners or brown bag packs ups for the new school term.

Meals need to be booked by midnight the day before the meal is needed.



Well done to all the children in Years 3 and 4 for their hard work, enthusiasm, and confidence in performing this year's nativity play.

Your singing, acting, and teamwork truly brought the story to life and made the performance a joy to watch. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to the staff for their dedication, patience, and commitment in preparing the children and making the production such a success.

Your support and hard work behind the scenes made a memorable experience for everyone involved.

# Merry Christmas

As we approach the end of the year and festive season, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and progress of our children across all our schools.

This autumn term marks my first with the Learning for Life Education Trust, and it has been truly inspiring to witness the dedication and hard work of our staff, the enthusiasm and curiosity of our children, and the support of our families. I want to sincerely thank you all for making me feel so welcome.

*Stronger together*



It has been a joy to watch Christmas performances at each school, where our children have showcased their creativity and confidence in both their productions and festive activities, I think you'll agree they have all made us very proud.

None of this would be possible without our fantastic team of teachers, support staff, directors, governors, parents and carers, who are all committed to nurturing the talents and aspirations of our children, our schools, and the wider Trust community.

Looking ahead, I am filled with excitement for the future. I'm confident that with our shared commitment and continued collaboration, we will continue to create a dynamic and supportive environment for all our students.

*Thank you for your ongoing support. Wishing you all a wonderful festive season!*

*Gurjit Virk, CEO, LFLET*



**Maths Marvel**

**3OH** Scarlett W    **5MV** Marlie-Louise S  
**3SM** Archer T      **5RF** Lottie G  
**3TH** Brian A        **5MT** Leo  
**4LF** Olly T          **6GR** Charlie M  
**4HS** Lucas B-D     **6KD** Charlie O  
**4TB** Eli M          **6AM** Samuel H

**Mrs Price's & Mrs Vega's Maths Marvels**

Year 6 - Back in 2026

**Reading Scores**

**3TH** 74%          **5MV** 82%  
**3SM** 62%          **5RF** 84%  
**3OH** 73%          **5MT** 92%  
**4TB** 97%          **6AM** 99%  
**4LF** 76%          **6GR** 64%  
**4HS** 95%          **6KD** 84%



**Best Class Attendance of the Term**

3TH - 97.46%

**Star Reader**

**3OH** Cayson S      **5MV** Alfie P  
**3SM** Noah P        **5RF** Tom B  
**3TH** Kimberly M    **5MT** Cole D  
**4LF** Belle Y        **6GR** Joanna V  
**4HS** Kaide G       **6KD** Logan V  
**4TB** Charlie M     **6AM** Grace W

**Sports Performance of the Week**

Back in 2026!



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2036



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