



CE Primary School 'Growing together in love and learning'

Sessay CE Primary School Monthly Newsletter

November 2025...

A very busy month for all, with lots of learning both inside and outside of the classroom and school.

At the beginning of this half term Bolton had a fabulous 'hands-on' day training to be Roman soldiers at Murton Park, writing in Roman letters and numbers and making a clay oil lamp to bring home. The highlight was practising the famous testudo formation using real shields, gladius swords, and hastae (Roman spears). It was a fantastic experience that brought history to life for everyone! A big thank you to the parent helpers who accompanied us on the trip, it was a day, I'm sure, the children will remember. (Mrs Sowray)



On Tuesday 11th November, Remembrance Day, all our children observed the two-minute silence to honour those who gave their lives in times of conflict, as well as the nurses, medics, and wounded who showed courage and sacrifice. Our in school collection box for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year raised an amazing £122.17, a huge thank you to our whole school community.



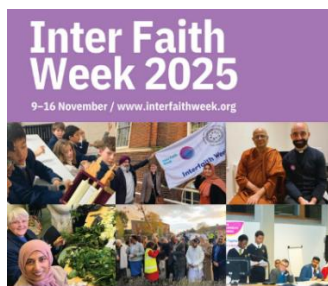
PSHE Curriculum Enrichment Day - Anti Bullying week

The whole school had a collective worship about 'Anti-Bullying Week' and as part of the enrichment day. We talked about the definition of bullying, what types of bullying there might be and how to stand up for ourselves. The clear message given is that we all have the 'Power for Good' and if we work together, we can stand up to bullying behaviours and stop it from happening. (Mrs Fielding)

Inter Faith Week

Our younger children enjoyed learning about different clothes and hats that different faiths wear. The children learnt about the similarities and differences between different religions, and how everyone's different faiths are always valued and accepted.

Our KS2 pupils watched an engaging video delivered by Imran Kotwal, a Muslim educator who works in schools to teach about the Islamic faith. The children shared their thoughts on what they most enjoyed learning, from the Five Pillars to the importance of kindness and community. They took the opportunity to compare aspects of Islam with Christianity, noticing similarities such as caring for others and valuing prayer. This experience reinforced an important message: faith is a personal choice, and no one is ever forced to believe or do anything. At our school, we respect personal choice and show understanding toward all faiths.



Money Makers once again arranged a fabulous 'Children In Need Day', the special biscuits were enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone for supporting 'Children In Need 2025', once again we enjoyed raising money to support projects for disadvantaged children across the UK.

On Monday 17th November our Years 5 and 6 children went on an educational visit to Crucial Crew. They learnt about how to make informed decisions when faced with danger and how to respond effectively to emergency situations and accidents. The children thoroughly enjoyed the different workshops and hands on scenarios run by the emergency services.



Friday 7th November Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding.

Sessay Acorn Award – Struan has returned after half term refreshed and keen to do all his learning. He was a star in Forest School this week, where he showed enthusiasm and excitement when making pretend bonfires and fireworks. Well done Struan!

Headteacher's sticker - Lila has been working really hard in phonics this week, recognising and writing phonemes to make simple words. Super work Lila, well done, we are super proud of you!

Mathlete - Ivy, it is great to see you enjoying our number work. This week we have been finding out about the number 5, and subitising numbers to 5. She is quick to do this; well done Ivy!

Writer of the week – Gilbert and Lara have both shown how well they can write words during phonics sessions. It is lovely to see how well you use your phonemes, sounding out and blending to make words. Super work!

Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton.

Sessay Acorn Award – Alfie for some fabulous maths this week; he has been subtracting two 4-digit numbers as well as estimating his answers – well done!

Headteacher's sticker – Wilf for some super contributions to our class discussions this week, keep sharing your fantastic ideas.

Mathlete – Esme for trying so hard with her maths this week; she has moved on from subtracting two 3-digit numbers to successfully challenging herself working with 4-digit numbers – keep up the super effort!

Writer of the week – Fran for some great ideas in science this week – What would life be like without solids?

Fountains, Mrs Bennison.

Sessay Acorn Award – Robyn for her super reading of tricky words and for her firework poem this week. Robyn is such an enthusiastic learner and a joy to teach. Well done Robyn.

Headteacher's sticker – Finlay has thoroughly enjoyed our topic work this week, naming and locating the continents. He independently wrote out all the different continents in his free time and was able to locate them on a map. Well done Finlay.

Mathlete – Joseph has worked hard in maths adding and subtracting 10 using a 100 square. Well done Joseph.

Writer of the week – Elsie has impressed us with her lovely independent writing all about her holiday and when writing her firework poem. Well done Elsie.

Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman.

Sessay Acorn Award – Jacob for his joyous spirit and quick wit adding to the enjoyment in our classroom.

Headteacher's sticker - Ellie and Cora for their perseverance together on fractions problems.

Mathlete - Alice for good progress in multiplication fluency (square numbers).

Writer of the week – Alfie for his lovely turn of phrase in his 500-word BBC story submission.

Friday 14th November Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding.

Sessay Acorn Award – Gilbert is a super star in Byland Class. It is lovely to see him enjoy learning whilst also having fun with his friends. He is keen to answer questions and share his ideas. Well done Gilly!

Headteacher's sticker - Sienna really enjoys art activities, and this was seen during our work on Vincent van Gogh. Sienna looked closely at his work 'The Starry Night', and recreated it in her own style. Super work Sienna!

Mathlete - Lara has been working hard in maths this week. She is a star at subitising to 5, and she has explored different ways of making 3. Keep up the hard work Lara, well done!

Writer of the week – Lila has been improving week on week as she writes words as part of our phonics sessions. It is great to see her confidence grow- you can do it Lila!

Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton.

Sessay Acorn Award – Alex for being a fantastic Roman soldier on our educational visit this week – he made a great leader shouting out instructions to his fellow centurions!

Headteacher's sticker – Elkie for her sketches of a leaf and a flower in art this week, she always pays great attention to detail – well done!

Mathlete – Poppie for trying really hard with her multiplication tables this week, keep up the good work!

Writer of the week – Josephine for a super storyboard based on our text - 'The Wolf's Secret'.

Fountains, Mrs Bennison.

Sessay Acorn Award – Marnie for her super watercolour painting of the Arctic landscape. Marnie listened so carefully to all the techniques given, and she was super proud of her finished piece. Well done Marnie

Headteacher's sticker – Frankie for persevering with tying a bow in Forest School. Frankie found this challenging, but he never gave up. He even brought it back to the classroom so he could continue practising! His hard work paid off, and he was rightly, super proud of his success. Well done Frankie.

Mathlete – Hailey for her accurate work subtracting using a number line to support her. Well done Hailey.

Writer of the week – Emmie has written some lovely sentences using a range of conjunctions. Her writing is always so neat and a pleasure to read. Well done Emmie.

Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman.

Sessay Acorn Award – Stuart for his effort and inventiveness when writing in French.

Headteacher's sticker – Harriet for excellent expression in our reading practice sessions.

Mathlete - Rosie for her superb progress in times tables.

Writer of the week – William for his remembrance poetry.

Friday 21st November Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding.

Sessay Acorn Award – Lara is a pleasure to have in class; she is keen to learn new things and loves to access all areas of the classroom, especially the role-play area! Keep up the positive attitude Lara.

Headteacher's sticker - Lucy is so keen to do her work, she often chooses to do even more during child-initiated learning time. Super attitude Lucy, we love to see your enthusiasm, keep it up!

Mathlete - Struan has shown how well he understands 'parts and whole', such as a person is a whole, and arms and legs are part of a whole. He also understood that 2 is made of the parts 1 and 1. Good work Struan.

Writer of the week – William has been a superstar writer this week. In phonics he has shown how well he can write short sentences. He also remembered to leave finger spaces between words and used a full stop! Well done William.

Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton.

Sessay Acorn Award – Lily for her fabulous attitude in class; she works enthusiastically and always takes pride in her work, well done!

Headteacher's sticker – Edith for her rhythm and timing with the drum kit, Mr Houghton was very impressed!

Fountains, Mrs Bennison.

Sessay Acorn Award – Gege for her super work in RE this half term. She always contributes her lovely ideas in lessons and demonstrates super knowledge. Well done Gege.

Headteacher's sticker – Jackson for his super attitude to learning and for working hard with his phonics and reading. Well done Jackson.

Mathlete – Una for her fabulous work naming and describing 2d shapes this week. Well done Una.

Writer of the week – Jasper has worked hard writing sentences using the conjunctions 'and' and 'but'. Keep up the great work Jasper.

Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman.

Sessay Acorn Award – Mia for her excellent reading and phonic knowledge. She has used expression and intonation whilst reading a challenging new text.

Headteacher's sticker - Jack M for his exemplary attitude and behaviour for learning in all areas of the curriculum. He was a great leader at Crucial Crew also!

Mathlete – Stanley for coming first in the Times Tables Rockstars competition on Thursday – fantastic effort! Writer of the week – Obi for some super ideas and vocabulary use at the start of his story ‘The Owl Who Flew So High’ - we cannot wait to read the finished version!	Mathlete - Farrah for her perseverance dividing fractions by integers. She did not give up, well done! Writer of the week – Cora for well-presented reading journal work, using evidence from the text.
Friday 28th November Awards	
Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding. Sessay Acorn Award – Lila is working so hard on her phonics and tricky words. It is great to see her confidence grow as she starts to read and write simple words and phrases. Super work Lila, well done! Headteacher’s sticker - Ollie is an absolute asset to Byland class. He comes in with a happy smile and settles to his morning activities. He is always keen to learn new things and loves to help around the classroom. Well done Ollie! Mathlete - William is a keen mathematician and enjoys all aspects of maths. He is quick to subitise and can now find different ways of making numbers using the part-whole model. Keep up the great work William! Writer of the week – Ivy has impressed us this week in writing and phonics. She has been able to use her phonics knowledge to write short sentences and phrases. Keep up the hard work Ivy!	Fountains, Mrs Bennison. Sessay Acorn Award – Rosalie has worked so hard on writing her story this week, based on our class text. Her writing is lovely and neat, and she has used the past progressive tense and exclamation marks too. Great work Rosalie! Headteacher’s sticker –Alfie has an excellent attitude to learning and always puts in 100% into everything we ask of him with such enthusiasm. Keep up the great work Alfie! Mathlete – Billy has a super knowledge of 3d shapes. In our shape game, he was able to name the shapes from the clues given. Super work Billy. Writer of the week – Alexander has worked so hard with both his reading and writing this week. He has a super imagination and he is really enjoying writing his super story.
Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton. Sessay Acorn Award – Fynnley for trying incredibly hard with his published version of ‘The Owl Who Flew So High’, it was the first time you’d written in pen as well – a huge well done! Headteacher’s sticker – Charlie for his effort and perseverance with coding and decoding in computing. Mathlete – Pippa for continuing to work hard on her times tables and for her great effort with the maths assessment this week. Writer of the week – Seb for working so hard on his written work, he remembered all his finger spaces and included accurate punctuation. Keep up the good work!	Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman. Sessay Acorn Award – William N for perfectly formed French sentences using prepositional phrases linking to his grammar learning in English. Headteacher’s sticker - Imogen for her independent learning throughout the curriculum. Mathlete - Billy for his grit and determination when finding fractions of a number. Writer of the week – William A for his fantastic descriptive writing linked to our class text, The Girl Who Stole an Elephant.

For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Friendship. Your child brought a school values sheet of ideas home at the beginning of this half term, should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration Collective Worship** at St Cuthbert’s Church at 2.45pm, hosted by Mr Chapman.

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- As part of our **safeguarding** duties, we would like to remind parents that supervision of children outside the school gates before and after school is the responsibility of parents and not school.
- Best Start in Life** is a new government initiative which has some useful information and advice for parents, from pregnancy to starting school. Further information is available on the website:
<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>

AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES:

1 December	FOSS Community Carol Concert, 6pm at Sessay Village Hall. Tickets available from the school office.
4 December	Sessay Christmas Jumper Day. Christmas Fair 3-4pm.
12 December	Autumn term Mini Report Cards.
15 December	Class Christmas parties. Byland and Fountains Nativity.
16 December	School Christmas lunch.
17 December	Fladam Theatre - AstroNorma & the Cosmic Piano – Christmas show for all children.
19 December	Christingle Service at St Cuthbert's Church 1.30pm <i>2.30pm School breaks up for Christmas holiday.</i>
5 January	Training Day – School Closed.
6 January	Start of the Spring Term.

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