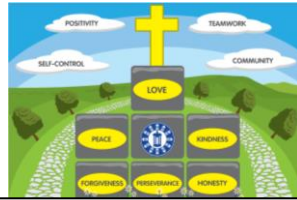


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Date: Thursday 4th December 2025

Re: Weekly Newsletter

Weekly Worship:

This week in worship we have been learning about...

- Our Christian Value for this half term is **PEACE**
- We have been preparing for our **Christingle, Carol Service and Nativity**

Charitable Fundraising: Well done, Aadam! ☺

We are so proud of Aadam in Year 3 who this year is taking part in the Pendleside Hospice 'Santa Dash' to help raise money for this worthy charity.

Aadam is living our values and setting an amazing example to others by undertaking this challenge.

The hospice is hosting their **Santa Dash** event on **Saturday, 29th November at Townley Park in Burnley**, starting at **9:00 AM**.

Participants will don Santa suits and complete a 5km dash through the beautiful grounds of Townley Park. With the generous support of family and friends, Aadam has already raised **£360**, all of which will go directly to Pendleside Hospice.

If you would like to donate, please follow this link to

Aadam's **JustGiving** page: www.justgiving.com/page/aadam-ahmed



Nativity Performances: Friday 12th December

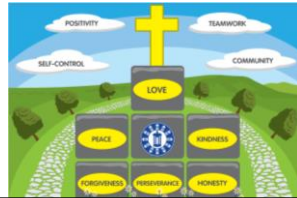
The children have been busy rehearsing and so we are looking forward to sharing our Nativity Performance with parents and carers next week.

There will be two performances: one in the morning and one in the afternoon during the school day.

Tickets are limited due to space in the school hall and these will be issued to parents along with an accompanying letter tomorrow.

We do not charge for parents to attend our performances and only want to share the joy of Christmas with you all! Our PTA will be there to accept any donations our school funds should you wish to make one.

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Higham PTA Christmas Raffle plus mince pies and warm drink for sale!

Our PTA are organising two raffles which will take place on Friday 12th December at our Nativity performances this year.

We are asking parents to donate festive prizes for the raffle. Please could these be brought to the school office by Tuesday 9th December at the latest.

Raffle tickets will cost 50p each or £2 for a strip of 5 tickets. We will also be selling warm non-alcoholic mulled drinks and mince pies / biscuits. We do not have cashless payment facilities so please bring some cash with you when you attend your child's performance.



YR, Y1 and Y2 Theatre Trip to the Lowry

We are excited to be taking our infant classes on a school trip to the Lowry Theatre on Wednesday 10th December to see a production of The Enormous Crocodile. Letters have been sent out with the children this week and payment and consent options are available on School Comms.

Final Guitar Lessons of 2025:

Mr Waddington will be leading his final guitar lessons of 2025 on Thursday 11th December. There will be no guitar lessons on Thursday 18th December.

Fees payable for music lessons:

Parents and carers are reminded they are required to pay any outstanding fees for musical instrument lessons as soon as possible. Fees should be paid in advance ahead of each new term. Please speak to the school office staff if you require any further information.

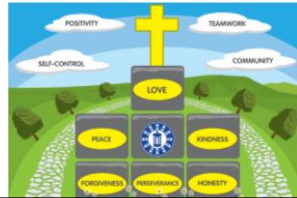
New Autumn / Winter Lunch Menu:

Our menu is available to view on the parents' section of the school website. Our new menu has now begun and next week we will be on **Week 3**.

Reporting your child's absence:

If your child is going to be absent from school, please telephone the school office number and leave a voicemail message before the school day begins stating clearly your child's name, their class and the reason for their absence. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Key Dates:

Wednesday 10th December – Elm and Ash Class Theatre Trip

Friday 12th December – Elm and Ash Class Nativity Performances (9:30am and 2:15pm)

Monday 15th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Party (pm)

Tuesday 16th December – 2pm Year 3 Christingle Service in Church

Wednesday 17th December – 2pm KS2 Carol Service in Church

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 17th December – Elm and Ash Class Christmas Party (pm)

Friday 19th December – School closes at 1:30pm for the Christmas holidays

Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET (staff only)

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – School reopens for all children

School Instagram Account:

Please follow us on our new Instagram account, like and share!

We are: [highamstjohnsschool](https://www.instagram.com/highamstjohnsschool)



Instagram

Website and School Jotter 3 App

To accompany our website, there is also a new app School Jotter 3 – which parents are strongly advised to download. Just search for 'Jotter 3' and look for the image opposite.



New Roof:

The contractors are making good progress on our new school roof. They are hoping to complete the main work on the roof itself by the end of the year and will then move onto replacing the fascia boards.

Attendance this week:

Elm Class	98.8%
Ash Class	87.9%
Birch Class	98.9%
Sycamore Class	97.8%
Oak Class	97.4%
Whole School	95.9%

Best wishes Mrs H Shaw, Headteacher