

St John's Friday Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025

Message from the Head

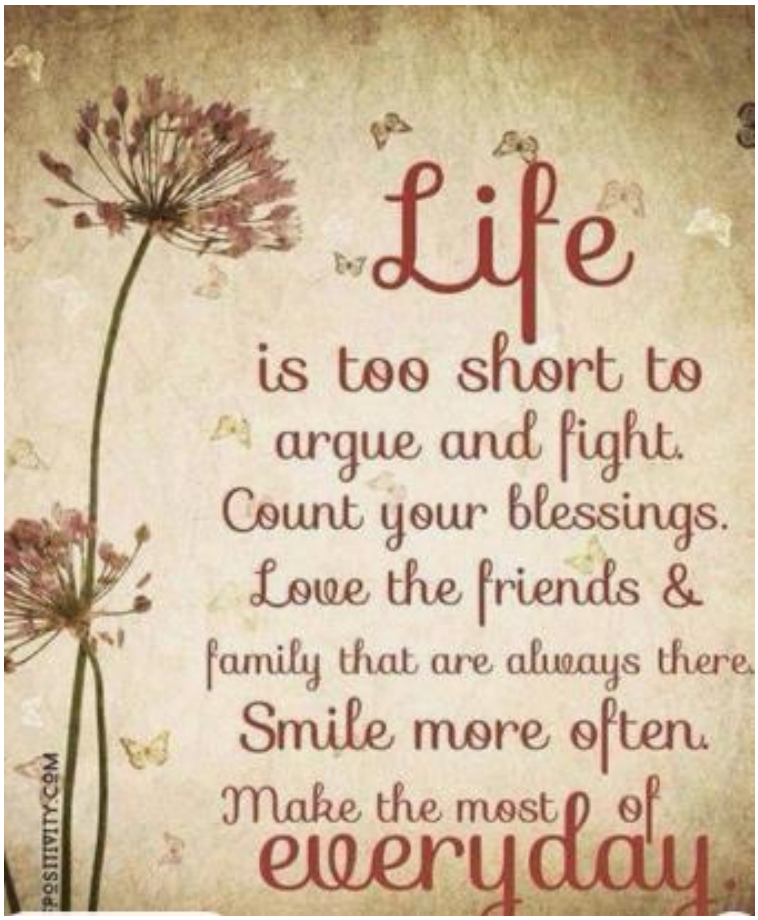
A huge thank you for your contributions for 'Oscar's Buddy Bench'.
We have raised all the funds through your generous donations and the bench has been ordered. The children all looked fantastic in their happy clothes on Friday, which was a wonderful way to remember and celebrate Oscar.

On Monday, we had our SIAMS inspection. A SIAMS inspection is an opportunity to highlight the impact that the school's Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community. This was a very positive day and I look forward to sharing the report with you over the next few weeks.

We are very much looking forward to the events coming up over the next few weeks, including the QEGS Music Concert, our Christmas Fair, the EYFS and Y2 trip to Wakefield Cathedral for their Christmas Journey, the Christmas Productions, the Christmas Service at St John's Church, the Christmas lunch and parties. It is a lovely time of year!

Can I just remind you that when attending these events, we respect our neighbours on Belgravia Road and make sure we do not park over their driveways - thank you!

Have a lovely weekend everyone,
Mrs Findlay



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Growing together, becoming all that we are created to be

Dates for your diary (all dates for the academic year are on the school app/website)

4th December	PTA Christmas Fair – 3:30pm to 5:00pm
5th December	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production – 10:00am
8th December	EYFS Christmas Journey at Wakefield Cathedral (am only)
10th December	Christmas lunch Messy Church @ St John's Church – 3:30pm to 5:30pm
12th December	Christmas Jumper Day Y3/Y4 Christmas Production – 10:00am
15th December	Y2 Christmas Journey at Wakefield Cathedral (am only) YR, Y1, Y2 Christmas Party (pm)
16th December	Y3, Y4 Christmas Party (pm)
18th December	Christmas service at St John's Church – 10:00am Y5, Y6 Christmas Party (pm)
19th December	Y5/Y6 Christmas Production – 10:00am End of term

St John's All Stars

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If you require childcare before or after school, we have St John's All Stars which opens from 7:30am and then again from 3:20pm -6:00pm Monday to Thursday and 3:20pm – 4:30pm on a Friday. Children can enjoy sausage sandwich Friday on Friday mornings! Look at the school website under Parent Information or contact wraparound@st-johns.wakefield.sch.uk for further details.



Notice Board

Christmas Parties – In the final week of term, the children will have their Christmas party. EYFS, Y1 and Y2 will have their party on the afternoon of Monday 15th December. Y3 and Y4 will have their party on Tuesday 16th December and Y5 and Y6 will have their party on Thursday 18th December. A letter will go out about the party next week.



Christmas Jumper Day - This year, Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Friday 12th December. Children need to wear their uniform on this day but instead of their school jumper/cardigan they can come in their Christmas jumper.



Christmas Prize Draw - We are having the usual Christmas prize draw this year. Tickets can be purchased through Arbor priced at £1.00 per ticket. Please support school by purchasing some tickets, you never know you may be one of the lucky winners! We have lots of lovely prizes including an M&S hamper.



Christmas Fair - The event will take place on **Thursday 4th December from 3:30-5:00pm**. There will be lots of stalls including face painting, tombola, various games, refreshments to name just a few and of course we will be having the ever popular Santa's Grotto! We would be extremely grateful if you could send in donations of bottles of wine along with suitable items for the raffle. We also require prizes for the Rainbow Tombola in your child's chosen class colour.

Donations of cakes/mince pies would be welcomed from Wednesday 3rd December. If anyone can help on a stall or alternatively help set up from 1:30pm please let the office know. Any help is always appreciated.



Christmas Cards - Children can bring their Christmas cards to school to give to their friends from Monday 1st December. These will be put into the post boxes in school and distributed to the classes each day. Please make sure names and classes are clearly written on the envelopes.



Christmas Lunch - Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 10th December. You will need to select your dinner as usual through the Arbor App. If your child doesn't normally have school dinners please ensure any dietary needs are updated on Arbor and also make sure school are aware. School dinners cost £2.65 for KS2, this is to be paid through Arbor when the dinner has been taken.



KS2 teacher led after school clubs - Clubs will continue until week commencing Monday 8th December. Please contact the school office if your child is not able to attend on a particular day - they can then let the club leader know. Please collect your child from the main entrance at 4:20pm.

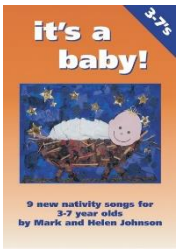


MP Sports - The after school club continues until Monday 15th December for KS1 and Wednesday 17th December for KS2. KS1 children need to be collected by an adult after the club and KS2 children can be collected by an adult or a child of 16 or over.

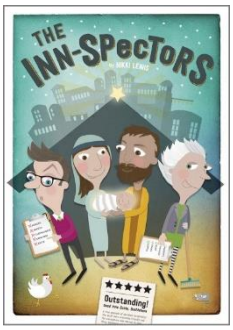


Christmas Productions - We are once again having three separate productions. These will take place in the school hall on the following dates and times.

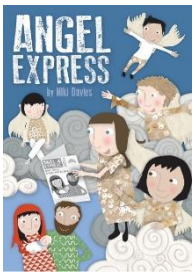
EYFS & KS1 – It's a Baby!
Friday 5th December at 10:00am



Y5 and Y6 – The Inn Spectors
Friday 19th December at 10:00am



Y3 & Y4 – Angel Express
Friday 12th December at 10:00am



Please note there will be limited space so we ask that only 2 people attend per child. Thanks


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PTA
Christmas Fair
Thursday 4th December 3:30-5pm
Santa's Grotto * Tombola * Games * Christmas Card Competition *
Raffle * Hot Food Stalls * Refreshments * Face Painting and much
much more...
lease see Mrs Findlay or contact the school office if you are able to
help on the day!
Parentkind
Member Association



Dinner Debate:

Spirituality in School:

As a school, we have defined spirituality as: "Spirituality is not something we can see; it is something we feel inside ourselves (Self) and how we treat others (Others). It is about awe and wonder (World), asking questions, inspiration and being aware of something 'bigger' outside of ourselves (Meaning)."

Each newsletter will contain a 'Dinner Debate' for you to discuss as a family if you wish.
Linked to our value of 'Together', the Christian value of '`Peace' and our focus on spiritual development (Self, Others, World and Meaning)

How can we help to keep the peace in our world?

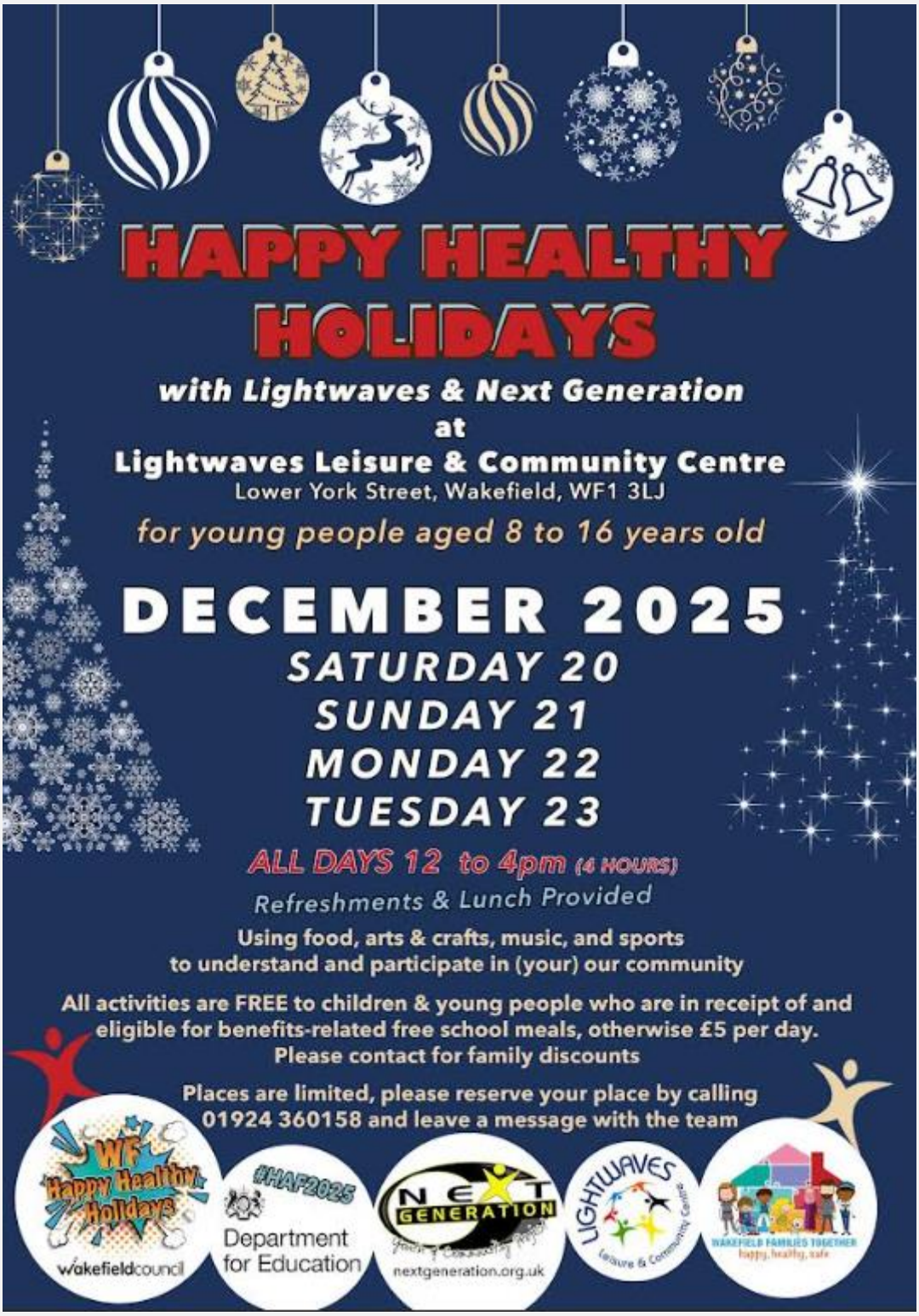
This question helps us to think about others and understand their viewpoints and although we might not always agree with others, we listen and respect their views.
It helps us to reflect on the 'World' aspect of spiritual development by encouraging us to have a peaceful world.

Collective Worship:

This half term, we are thinking Advent. We will be discussing what this means for Christians and how they prepare for the birth of Jesus. We will be listening to the story of Christmas and retelling this through drama, music and readings.



Happy Healthy Holidays - Lightwaves and Next Generation are hosting 4 fun-filled days of activities in the run up to Christmas, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd December, at Lightwaves Leisure & Community Centre. These are full days of activities for young people aged 8 to 16 years old with lunch and refreshments provided. These are FREE to children and young people who are in receipt of and eligible for benefits-related free school meals (please note this is NOT Universal Free Meals offered to EYFS/KS1 children). Everyone else is also welcome but the charge will be £5 per day which I am sure you will agree is very good value. Please see the flyer below for further details.



FREE Parenting Clinics

Anisa Lewis - Positive Parenting



November 2025
Helping kids to navigate friendships

December 2025
When your touched & talked out (Parent Wellbeing)

January 2026
Screens, scrolling and staying sane

February 2026
Raising Resilient Kids

Register Here

Online

https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic

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POSITIVE PARENTING

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