



DIARY DATES

School Closes—Wednesday 20th December

School Re-opens—Monday 8th January 2024

Dear all,

It has been a magical time in school! There have been lots of special Christmas events for everyone to enjoy and everywhere has been full of Christmas sparkle and cheer. Our school community is so fortunate to have such devoted staff who delight in making the Christmas magic happen! And we can always rely on our children to bring the joy!

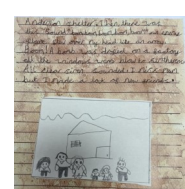
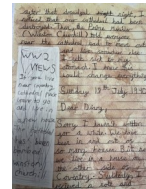
I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Mrs Pye

Can I add a special THANK YOU to those who have generously donated funds, items and selection boxes. This support has been greatly appreciated.

What we have been learning

Year 6 have been learning about World War II this half term. They have produced some wonderful writing: a Remembrance poem and a diary written by a child during the war.



Year 2

All of the children in Year 2 visited St Chads church as part of their RE education. This half term they have been learning all about advent and how Christians see God as the light of the world. During their visit to St Chads the children learnt all about why Christingles are made, what each part means and they joined in with singing a song. We all had a really lovely time.



PARENT GOVERNOR

We have recently recruited a new school parent governor and looking for 1 more parent / carer to join our governors. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Mrs Pye.

Ryelands Needs You!



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 children enjoyed a visit to the Dukes Theatre to watch A Christmas Carol. It was the first time many of them had been to the theatre and they found the live performance awesome.



ELF RUN IN AID OF ST JOHNS HOSPICE

All children, from Nursery to Year 6... and staff, took part in the Elf Run to raise money for St John's Hospice. We set a whole school target of 500 miles, which we thought was quite a challenge. However, our amazing children managed to run a total of 602 miles! Not only did we smash our target miles, the children also raised over £275 for this wonderful cause. Special mention to Leo who raised £105.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES 2023

KS1 NATIVITY



The Year 1 and 2 children starred in our magnificent play, Bethlehem Ballroom!

The Year 2 children worked really hard to learn their lines and practise their acting skills and alongside the Year 1 children, they produced an amazing production of the Nativity story. All the children worked exceptionally hard and it was lovely to see them dressed up in their costumes! All the staff were very proud and we hope you all enjoyed it!

SPECIAL VISITOR IN KS1

Our children in years 1 & 2 were lucky enough to have a surprise visitor at their Christmas Party.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER & CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY



On Thursday 7th December the children enjoyed their Christmas Dinner, while listening to Christmas Music and wearing their Christmas jumpers.

Some of our children even designed and made their own Christmas themed hats to wear.



CHRISTMAS GROTTO

All the children got a chance to visit our Christmas Grotto to hear a magical Christmas story.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The children have all enjoyed their class parties this week, they have played party games including pass the parcel and musical statues they have also enjoyed lots of treats and danced along to Christmas music.



YEAR 3 CHRISTMAS STORY

Our year 3 children performed a lovely rendition of the Christmas story using Christmas songs and some beautiful readings.



CAROL SERVICE

It was lovely to see the church filled to the rafters for our year 4, 5 and 6 carol service. I am sure you will all agree the children sang beautifully and a special well done to our soloists and our wonderful violinists.

