

# Mexborough St John The Baptist C of E Primary School

Sedgefield Way, Mexborough, South Yorkshire, S64 0BE.



*We love and value all of God's children, creating an inclusive environment that helps all to flourish.*



06.12.24

## Collective Worship

This week we have focused on Advent, Mrs Idell lit the first candle on our Advent wreath in acknowledgement of the first Sunday and the importance of Jesus being the 'Light of the World'. On Thursday, Father Ed delivered our collective worship. The children impressed him with their knowledge of Advent as a very important time in the Christian calendar.



Children have continued working hard all week practising their Christmas songs/hymns in preparation for their Christmas performances. We can't wait to celebrate Christmas and share their hard work with you!

## Celebration Children

Our celebration children have shown excellent attitudes to learning so please join us in congratulating them on their achievements. Well done to all!

Well done to this week's Star Learners:

Well done to this week's Star Value winners:



## Young Readers

This week's young readers are...

F2: Lily Can	Y1: Xander	Y2: George	Y3: Ruby	Y4: Riley	Y5: Aurora	Y6: Kyler
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Our young readers have chosen a book from our vending machine. Well done everyone for your positive attitude towards reading! Keep up the hard work!



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## Attendance

Whole School Attendance: 93.9%

This week's attendance scores are below.

Cherry Tree/FS1	89.6%	Willow/Y3	93.6%
Acorn/FS2	90.8%	Maple/Y4	97.4%
Rowan/Y1	93.0%	Chestnut/Y5	93.9%
Cedar/Y2	94.7%	Oak/Y6	96.7%

Our school attendance target is 96%. **Well done to Y4 & Y6 for exceeding our target.**

Please revisit the communication regarding attendance by visiting

[https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/files/ugd/ef9da6\\_f0d83299378745889fc44faca10a2658.pdf](https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/files/ugd/ef9da6_f0d83299378745889fc44faca10a2658.pdf)

## Confirmation Service

This week some of our Y4 and all of our Y5 & Y6 children attended the Confirmation Service at St John Baptist Church to watch a number of our Y5 & Y6 children be Confirmed. Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms their promises to God, extending those made when they were baptised. Three of our children were also baptised as part of this special service. Congratulations!



## Santa Dash

Thank you to all families that attended and collected sponsors for our Fun Santa Dash this week, this was truly amazing and we thank you for your continued support. We will let you know final funds raised next week. Well done everyone!

## Sparkles the Elf

This week our EYFS & KS1 children had a visit from Sparkles the Elf! They enjoyed a story and lots of singing and dancing.

## Tickets

F1 & F2 tickets are now available to purchase from the office.

KS1 (Y1 & Y2) – Will be available to purchase from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December afterschool – 1 ticket per family

KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) – Will be available to purchase from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December afterschool – 1 ticket per family

All tickets are £1 each and admit 1 person, please complete name on ticket and hand in on entry to the event.

## Reminder: Christmas Fayre

Next Wednesday, 11th December is our Christmas Fayre at 2-4pm.

Each class have carefully created handmade Christmas decorations/gifts which will be on sale!

We are super proud of their creativity and can't wait to share the end result with you!

There will be refreshments available too.

Please collect children from class as usual at 2pm.

Please let us know if you are unable to collect at 2pm for the Fayre as these children will be supervised by an adult in a classroom together.

Y5 & Y6 children will need to be accompanied by an adult (even if they usually walk home).

If you would like a stall at £10 please contact the office to request and let us know what you will be selling

We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Raffle**

This year we have two raffles available. Please see Dojo or Facebook for more information.

Tickets have come home this week. £1 per strip. Additional tickets are available from the office if required.

Please be sure to add your name and contact number to the reverse side of each ticket.

Thank you to Friends of School for your continued support

## **Midday Supervisor Required**

We are looking for an enthusiastic, caring, team player to join our team. Applicants need to be calm, responsible, and enjoy being in the company of children. This post includes supporting the children with eating their food, supervising the children's behaviour, coordinating their play activities outside and occasionally attending to minor injuries / administering first aid.

This is term time, for one hour per day (12:00pm - 1pm), to start as soon as possible. If you are interested, please collect an application form from the office.

Please note that all positions are subject to appropriate references, a DBS check and a probationary period.

## **St John's Parish Rooms**

St John's Parish has a room available to hire at £15 per hour, if interested please contact Jean Braken on 01709 580639 to arrange.

## **Staffing Changes and Arrangements from January 2025**

Two members of staff are leaving MSJ at Christmas, the end of this term. This has prompted a review of our staffing structure. Please see the following changes:

Miss Khan, our current deputy head and Y5 teacher will be moving to another Trust school to further her teaching career. Mrs Saltis, who has been teaching in the Y5 class at least one day a week for the last half term, will take up post as our Y5 teacher fulltime. She will be supported by Miss Taylor, currently in Y4. Miss Stephens will become the TA (teaching assistant) in Y4. Our leadership structure will be reviewed in the new year.

Mrs Webb, currently a TA in Y6, will be leaving to allow her to spend more time with her family. Miss Leader will continue as the TA in Y6.

Mrs Bettney will continue as a TA in Y2.

Mrs Phillips will continue as a TA in FS2, whilst Miss Wassall is on maternity leave.

Mrs Barlow will continue as TA in Y1.

There have been no changes to Y3 staffing.

Mrs Stevenson will be returning to MSJ in January and will cover Mrs Hickman's maternity leave.

Mrs Peplow will continue to support classes across the school in her role as HLTA.



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## Key Dates

### December 24

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	F1 Carols & Crafts – 1:30pm – AM children are invited back for PM
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Visit to Cast Theatre
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 & Y4 Christingle Service at St Johns Church. Parents welcome, leave school at approx. 1pm.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre – 2pm-4pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	F2 Christmas Nativity – 09:30am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Visit to Leeds Playhouse – Mr Snow
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 performance – 9:30am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 performance – 1:30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 performance – 9:30am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 performance – 1:30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner and party day

\*Term dates & inset dates available here: <https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/term-dates>

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