

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.



29.11.24

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

There were lots of smiles as children arrived to school on Thursday morning. Our decorations are out, the Christmas tree is up and school is looking festive for children.

A big thank you to staff who stayed late into the evening to add Christmas magic to school.

Children have been working hard all week practising their Christmas songs/ hymns along with Christmas performances. We can't wait to 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: Finley	Y1: Isaac	Y2: Noah B	Y3: Dakota	Y4: Leo	Y5: Noah	Y6: Jackson
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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: 93.0%

This week's attendance scores are below.

Cherry Tree/FS1	84.1%	Willow/Y3	88.6%
Acorn/FS2	97.3%	Maple/Y4	94.5%
Rowan/Y1	95.5%	Chestnut/Y5	93.9%
Cedar/Y2	95.2%	Oak/Y6	90.4%

Our school attendance target is 96%. **Well done to F2 for exceeding our target.**

Please revisit the communication regarding attendance by visiting

https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/files/ugd/ef9da6_f0d83299378745889fc44faca10a2658.pdf

Friends of School

Thank you to parents/carers who joined us earlier this week for our monthly Coffee Morning. It is always lovely to see new faces drop by. This was the last one for 2024, dates for 2025 will be confirmed in the new year.

If any parents/carers would like to be part of the Friends of School group and help with events, fundraising and much more please do let the school office know.

School Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk

What an afternoon of fun and laughter we have had today! Thank you to Footlights Theatre, who have visited to deliver the pantomime- Jack and the Beanstalk. The children's faces were a real picture. We hope this will be an annual event in the lead up to Christmas.

A big thank you to Friends of School who have fundraised to support the event.

Polar Express Day

Yesterday our F1 class had a fabulous day on the Polar Express. They all had their own tickets to board the train. What an adventure they had painting polar skies, decorating biscuits, drinking hot chocolate, and creating a small world Polar Express area. It was a magical day. The bell still definitely rings in Cherry Tree Class because we ALL believe

Confirmation Service

The Confirmation Service for the children who have attend confirmation classes will take place at Mexborough St John the Baptist Church on Tuesday 3rd December at 1.20pm. Parents/carers are welcome to join us; please ensure you are there on time for a prompt start. Children who are being confirmed should be in smart dress. Boys -full winter uniform with tie. Girls - white dress/uniform. We do not expect parents to spend money on new items of clothing for the occasion. Uniform is perfectly fine.

Y5 & Y6 (along with Y4 who have permission to go, with the opportunity to be confirmed next year) will be walking to church on this afternoon to watch the confirmation service, please ensure children attend school with coats, hat, gloves and sensible shoes.

Reminder: Santa Dash

Just a reminder our sponsored Santa Dash will take place next week, Wednesday 4th December. Please see the below timings.

F1 mornings & 30 hours	run 9am
F1 (30 hours & PM) & F2	run 1:30pm
Y1 and Y2	run 1:45pm
Y3 and Y4	run 2:00pm
Y5 and Y6	run 2:15pm

This is a fun afternoon where the children are encouraged to run/walk a mile in 15 minutes and dress up in their Christmas jumpers and Santa hats if they wish.

This will take place on our school field to raise funds for outdoor play equipment.

Parents/carers are welcome to join in the fun please bring along your Santa Hats too. (all children and adults will need suitable footwear and warm outdoor coats)

Sponsor forms came home last week, if you require another please call to the office.

Children will return back to class after the dash and collected at the end of the school as usual.



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Sparkles the Elf

Sparkles the Elf will be visiting children in F2, Y1 & Y2 on Thursday 5th December. Sparkles is a happy friendly elf who has been sent to school by Santa to get everyone into the Christmas spirit.

We cannot wait to see what's in store.

Thank you to our local councillors for organising this special treat.

Key Dates

December 24

Tuesday 3 rd	Confirmation for children who have attended classes.
Wednesday 4 th	Santa Dash (see above for times)
Thursday 5 th	F2 & KS1 visitor- Sparkles the Elf.
Tuesday 10 th	F1 Carols & Crafts – 1:30pm – AM children are invited back for PM
Tuesday 10 th	Y1 Visit to Cast Theatre
Tuesday 10 th	Y3 & Y4 Christingle Service at St Johns Church. Parents welcome, leave school at approx. 1pm.
Wednesday 11 th	Christmas Fayre – 2pm-4pm
Thursday 12 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12 th	F2 Christmas Nativity – 09:30am
Thursday 12 th	Y2 Visit to Leeds Playhouse – Mr Snow
Tuesday 17 th	KS2 performance – 9:30am
Tuesday 17 th	KS1 performance – 1:30pm
Wednesday 18 th	KS1 performance – 9:30am
Wednesday 18 th	KS2 performance – 1:30pm
Thursday 19 th	Christmas Dinner and party day

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

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