

Weekly Newsletter

16 December 2024

We are committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Amelia Harding
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This week we mourn the passing of Sammy Brown. A beautifully kind soul, who was at the heart of our school community. His dedication to the children and his passion for teaching will always be remembered. We will keep his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.



What we did last Week!

Last week Reception Class and Key Stage One performed their nativity performance 'Prickly Hay' to a packed audience. The children did an incredible job and the singing was amazing!



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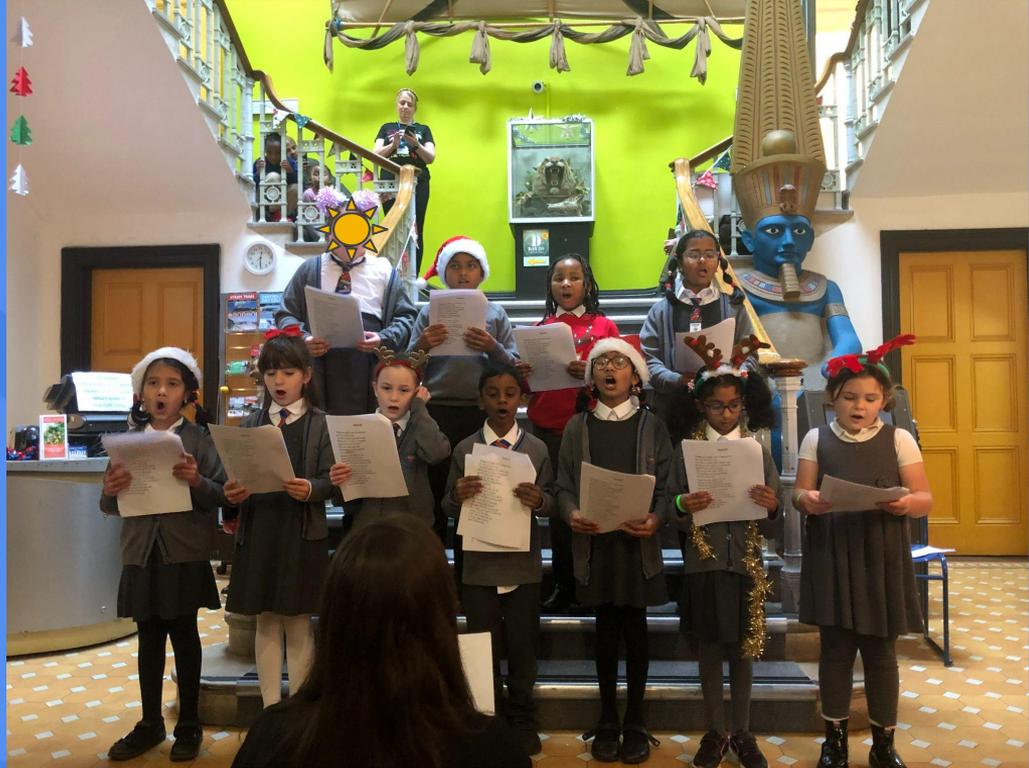
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Mrs Tullier was so proud of our school choir last weekend. They performed a selection of Christmas songs at Torquay Museum Christmas fair. Some of the songs they sang included Little Donkey, O Little Town of Bethlehem and Feliz Navidad. The children sang beautifully and confidently.

We can't wait to organise more performances for next year!



CAFOD -Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who donated on our Christmas Jumper Day. The children have chosen the following gifts from the CAFOD world gifts catalogue;

Year R wonderful worms

Year 1 super soup kitchen, emergency water, vegetable garden and happy queen bee

Year 2 teach someone to read

Year 3 teach someone to read and happy queen bees

Year 4 Emergency water, Vegetable garden and bees

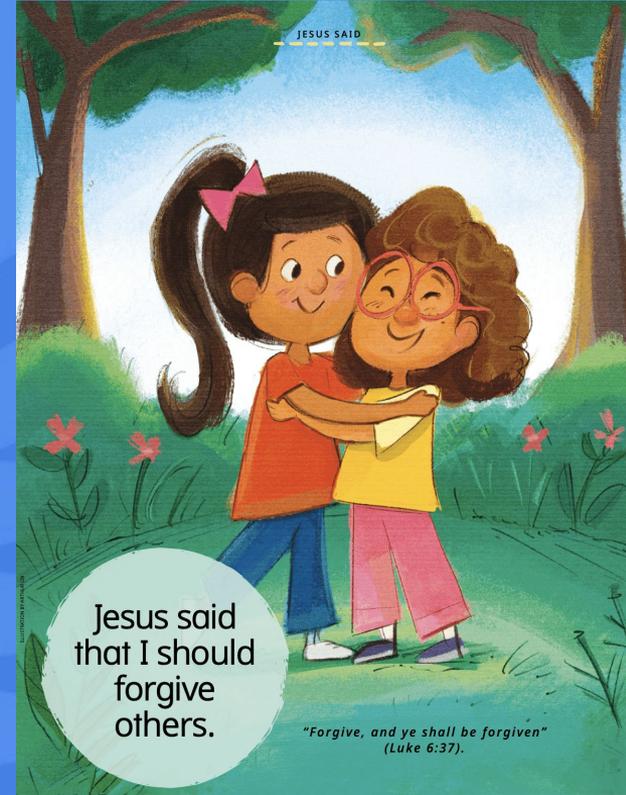
Year 5 fighting fires in the amazon rainforest

Year 6 Soup kitchen, vegetable garden, teaching someone to read and emergency water

This week's Gospel Value...

...is *forgiveness*. By being forgiving we can become good friends to others just as Jesus tells us to.

- Can you simply forget that someone has made you feel angry, even if it was on purpose?
- Can you happily accept someone's apology today?



This week's Gospel Value Prayer

A prayer for forgiveness

(tune: Twinkle, twinkle little star)

Dear Lord Jesus hear our prayers
As we bring to you our cares.
Please forgive us any wrongs,
As we sing our sorry song.
Help us to be kind each day,
In our thoughts and all we say.



FORGIVENESS is...

Forgetting the hurts

Offering a new beginning

Restoring a friendship

Given and received

Identifying responsibility

Valuing the truth

Ending an argument

Not holding a grudge

Encouraging honesty

Saying sorry

Starting again.

Bikeability Level 1

Open to children in year 3 (and year 4 pupils who missed it last year), this is a 2 hour cycle skills session that will take place on the school playground on Tuesday 4th February.

Your child must own a bicycle to be able to take part.

Places are limited and must be booked by Monday 16th December.

[Level 1 booking link](#)

Bikeability level 2

Open to children in year 5 (and year 6 pupils who missed it last year), this is a 4 day course with 2 hour sessions each day. Training will take place on quiet roads. This will take place from 3rd - 6th March.

Your child must own a bicycle to be able to take part.

Places are limited and must be booked by Monday 16th December.

[Level 2 booking link](#)



Primary Admissions

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 will start primary school in September 2025.

Apply online from 1 November 2024 for September 2025 admissions. You must apply by 15 January 2025. If you apply after 15 January your application will be considered as late and may be at a disadvantage.

<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/admissions/primary-admissions/>

Spring - After School Clubs

Tuesday - Art and Crafts R,1,2

Tuesday - Netball 3,4,5

Tuesday - Choir 3,4,5,6

Thursday - Tennis 4,5,6

Friday - Dance 1,2

The clubs are free and are available to book online via your ParentPay account.





The main purpose of the PTA is to raise funds for extra items for the children such as football kit, ukuleles and gardening equipment.

Our PTA is completely reliant on volunteers to be able to run events. All parents / carers are automatically PTA members and are welcome at all meetings. New parents are encouraged to come along and bring their ideas.

We would love to see you!



Whole school attendance this week 94.1%

Current overall attendance 94.7%

This week's trend \uparrow 1.3%



Attendance Reminders

If your child is sick please ring on the first day of absence by 9.00 a.m. and every other day thereafter. If you don't do this we will ring you as we are required to check on the welfare of our pupils. You must inform us of your child's symptoms.

[Is my child too ill for school? \(Government advice\)](#)

Evidence of all medical appointments must be provided.

If your child arrives after 9am (after registers close) this is recorded as an unauthorised session (unless evidence of a medical appointment has been provided).



House Points - Weekly



Bevan House
465
Stephenson House
662
Pankhurst House
336
Thompson House
219



Awards last week

Class R

Taku

Noah

Theo

Class 1

Atlanta

Elsie-Mae

Kartik

Class 2

Dakota

Emmanuel

Fire

Awards last week

Class 3

Oceana
Rory
Reggie

Class 4

Christopher
Jeremy
Caroline

Class 5

Dawid
Aaliyah
Connor

Class 6

Katie
Elisha
Thomas

Holy Angels After school Club



If you require an After school club place for your child in Holy Angels Pre-school, it is important that you book 24 hours in advance. After School club has a maximum number of children it can accept and there are occasions when it has been full and places are not available. Also, for your child's safety, it is important that Pre-school know to expect your child.

Further to the above, please let the school know if you have booked your child into After School club at Holy Angels Pre-school. Again, for their safety we need to know where the children are going at the end of each day.

School Meals

The cost of a school meal is currently £2.81.

All meals must be ordered by midnight the day before via ParentPay.

Please note that parents whose children are entitled to Free school meals or universal infant free school meals must also order their children's lunches in advance.

Nut free school!

Please be reminded that the school is a nut free zone.

Please check your child's packed lunch before sending it in. Children are not permitted to eat products containing nuts on the premises.

Nuts and peanuts can cause allergic reactions, which are sometimes severe, resulting in anaphylaxis. This can be life-threatening.

We insist on the school being a nut free zone to protect the children in our school who have this life threatening allergy.

Thank you for your understanding.



Library Opening



The library is open every day at hometime. Please feel free to pop in after school to choose books with your child.

We have books for sharing for younger children and the children's Accelerated Reader books.

Remember that research tells us that the more children read for pleasure the higher their academic attainment will be. [More information here!](#)

Upcoming Events

Thursday 19th December	Christmas dinner and Party day
Friday 20th December	Christmas liturgy AM
Friday 20th December	Celebration assembly - gate opens 2.15 p.m.- by invitation only
Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January	School closed
Monday 6th January	School re-opens 9.00 a.m. Epiphany Assembly led by Y1



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