



# Autumn Newsletter

‘Achieving together through faith;  
thriving within life in all its fullness.’

(John 10:10)



## WELCOME

Welcome to St Gabriel's Autumn 2 school newsletter. This term feels like it has flown by and we are very nearly at Christmas. There has been lots of exciting events happening and lots of success to celebrate. Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you so much for all your support during this half term. We look forward to having everyone back on Tuesday 7th January.

Miss Bushell



## SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 5

Year 5 have been working hard this half term. In particular, their favourite lessons this half term have been Art - Batik, PE - Invasion games, PSHCE and Music. They enjoyed the wax work, water colouring and upscaling in art. They enjoyed Benchball in PE. They enjoyed learning about dental health and British Values in PSHCE. The children also did their B Tales story which they all thoroughly enjoyed. We have been practicing for our Christian values worship on Thursday 19th which the children are very excited to perform!



## KEY DATES

**Monday 6th January**  
INSET Day

**Thursday 9th January**  
Audiology and Vision screening - Reception

**Monday 13th January**  
Enrichment Clubs start

**Tuesday 7th January**  
Back to school - Breakfast Club and After School Club open as normal

**Tuesday 14th January**  
Year 3 B Tales (Courage) Parents /Carers welcome at 2.45pm (KS2 Hall)

**Friday 17th January**  
8:45 - 9:30 - KS2 Family Art Worship Breakfast - all families welcome (classrooms)

**Monday 20th January**  
Rock Kidz Day - Children come to school dressed as Rock Stars

**Thursday 23rd January**  
8:45 - 9:30 - KS1 Family Art Worship Breakfast - all families welcome (classrooms)

**Thursday 6th February**  
3:00 - Year 6 Assessment (SATS) Parent/Carer Workshop for Year 6 parents and their children

Dental Health - Year 2

**Tuesday 11th February**  
Year 3 DT Family Afternoon - 1.30-3.15pm (Families welcome)

**Wednesday 12th February**  
Year 5 Church led Worship - 9.15am (Families welcome)  
Year 4 DT Family Afternoon - 1.30-3.15pm (Families welcome)  
Y5 Trust Bench ball Competition

**Thursday 13th February**  
Year 1 DT Family Afternoon - 1.30-3.15pm (Families welcome)

**Friday 14th February**  
Year 5 Family 'Cookie' Bake Off Event - 2pm (Families Welcome)  
9:00 - Y6 class led Christian value worship (Trust)  
Finish for half term at 3.15/3.20pm



## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This half term our focus has been our Christian Value of **Excellence**. In Spring 1 we will focus on the value of **Trust**. Children have enjoyed our Experience Advent in church and we loved seeing Year 3 leading our special Christmas Church Service. We were really delighted with the positive feedback about our Collective worship in our recent SIAMs inspection. The inspector said: *Invitational, inclusive worship is an uplifting focal point of the school day. Leaders have created a varied programme that provides opportunities to reflect on scripture, school life and respond spiritually. Pupils value how teaching within worship helps them to flourish in their attitudes and relationships.*





## SPECIAL MENTION!

### *Year 4 Community Kindness*



Our thoughtful Year 4 class have been busy this term spreading kindness and joy throughout our community.

They sang at St Gabriel's church for our parishioners whilst they enjoyed their lunch, they sang at our local library spreading cheer to many and they have visited our local businesses/community delivering treat bags! We are so proud!



## SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 1

This half term we have been learning about Little Red Riding Hood. What happened on the journey how did she feel and what happened at grandmas house. In maths we have been learning about odd and even numbers. We have been writing number sentences adding and subtracting from number bonds to 10. We have been looking at science seasonal changes. We have We have been to Chester zoo where the children had a wonderful time looking at all the animals. We have been to church to learn about advent and harvest festival. We have been to the panto to see Cinderella. We are going to the carehome tomorrow and have been practicing for the nativity. We had a movie night we watched the grinch



## STAY IN TOUCH

follow our journey on  
Instagram!



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# Things we have done this half term!

We sang our hearts out!



We learnt all about Advent and the significance of the Christmas story!

Experience Advent



We earned so many awards!



We raised over £3000 for the amazing Zoe's place!



We had such a special day making Christmas cards and sharing stories with wonderful residents



We were visited by Santa!



NORTH POLE



# ART

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our amazing art  
curriculum by  
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code!**



## RECOMMENDED READS