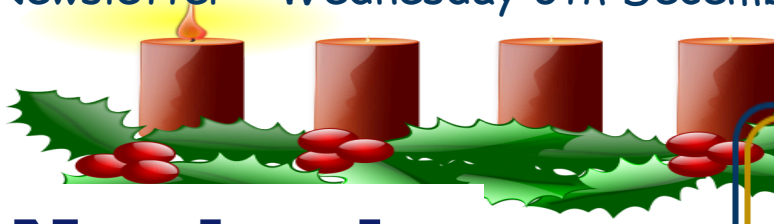


# Newsletter - Wednesday 6th December 2023



## Newland St John's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



*Living Together,  
Learning Together  
and Shining Together  
in the Love of God.*

*'In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they might see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5v16*

**Advent is a season of preparation and expectation: a time where Christians look forward to the birth of Jesus. In our worships in school, we will continue to focus on the value of trust and we will focus on God's Plan for Mary and how she trusted God.**

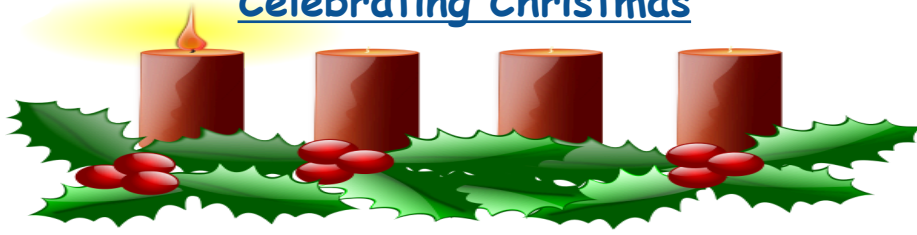
### What is coming up? (for more information see below)



Thursday 7th December	Silent Christmas Fair- by invitation 3:00pm Christmas Fair- 3:20pm
Wednesday 13th December	Foundation Stage and Key Stage One Visit Hull Truck Theatre
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Music Concert (4:30-6:00pm)
Tuesday 19th December	Nativity to Parents at St. John's Church (1:30-2:30)
Tuesday 19th December	Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20th December	'Wear Something Christmassy' on Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 20th December	Upper Key Stage 2 Christmas Party
Thursday 21st December	Christmas Service St. John's Newland (Year 5) 9:15-10:30
Thursday 21st December	Early Years and Foundation Stage Christmas Party
Thursday 21st December	KS1 Christmas Party



## Celebrating Christmas



### Princess and the Frog



Like last year, Hull Truck Theatre has offered our children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One their very own exclusive viewing of their Christmas play. Described as 'a festively froggy family adventure with plenty of spirit, slime and sparkle' which 'celebrates the warmth, fun and joy that friendship can bring, whilst exploring what it means to be truly accepted for who you really are.' This play is sure to capture the children's imaginations in the same way that 'Jack

and the Beanstalk did last year. We are deeply grateful to Hull Truck for offering us the opportunity to see this play.

### Christmas Music Concert

Our children who play musical instruments will be putting on a fantastic concert for their parents and carers to enjoy. Expect some festive classics and be prepared to join in with a Christmas song. Tickets will be available from Thursday 7th December from the school office.

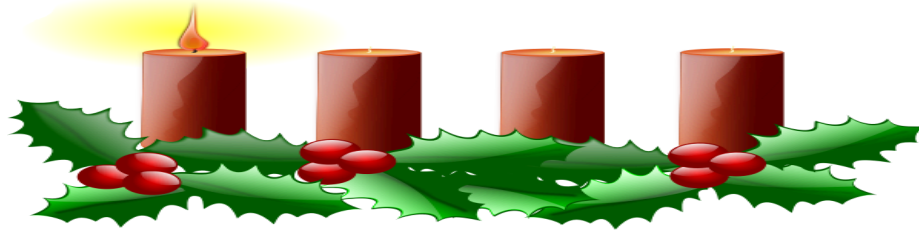
### Twinkly Nativity

'Sure to bring some twinkle to your toes'. This year, our wonderful Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will be performing at St. John's Newland church. Parents and carers of these children are welcome to join us.



### Year 5 Christmas Service

This year, Owls Class are leading the Christmas Worship at the church service. We welcome you to come and join us in celebrating the birth of Christ.



### Wear Something Christmassy on Christmas Dinner Day

On Christmas dinner day the children are invited to dust off their Christmas pudding deeley-boppers or Christmas jumpers and come to school dressed in festive attire. They could choose to wear red or green or just wrap a piece of tinsel around their wrists.

### Attendance

Every day in school matters. We know that it makes a huge difference to how well your children do in school. We are aiming for a target of 97% attendance throughout school. These were our percentages for last week. There have been a number of coughs and colds going around last week but we hope this will improve in the next week. Well done to Deer and Owls who had the highest attendance.

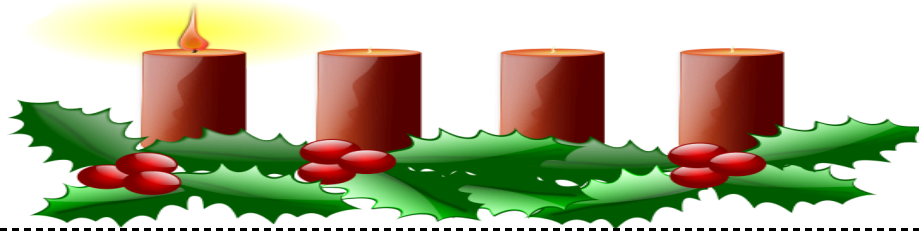
Dormice	Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Foxes	Owls	Otters	Deer
94.2%	90.7%	92.3%	95.8%	89.5%	91.9%	96%	94.5%	96%

### Applying for Free School Meals

Applying for free school meals (regardless of whether your child has free meals in KS1) can significantly help the school as it generates funding that can be used for tutoring, to support learning and out of school clubs. Currently, it means that you will receive vouchers to help with shopping over holidays.

Please remember that you can apply at any time if your circumstances change. The quickest and easiest way to apply is to click on the link below:

To apply for Free School Meals click here: [My School Portal - Sign in](#)



### Sporting Success

We're thrilled to see lots of children showing interest in our after-school sports clubs! The children actively participating in these clubs have not only provided overwhelmingly positive feedback but also demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm. Unfortunately, the Basketball and Netball tournaments could not take place this half term but we are working together with our coaches from North Hull Sports Network to organise some mini intra-school competitions after Christmas.



We are continuously working to develop enjoyment in Physical Education and sport further within our school. We'd love to receive more feedback or suggestions regarding the clubs we offer. Your input is highly appreciated!

### Clubs on Offer- Spring

We are working hard to develop the number of clubs that are on offer at school. There will be new clubs on offer next term. We will send information out about them as soon as they are finalised.

### Updates from our SENCo - Miss Jones



In the build up to the Christmas holidays, we have many exciting things planned in school.

For some of our children, a change to normal school routines (for example, Christmas Dinner day) may cause unease or nervousness about what to expect on these days.

Please speak to your child about the changes that are taking place, and if you need further support, please speak to a member of staff.

## Hull SENDIAS Training Offer

Hull SENDIASS has developed a training offer specifically, designed for parents within Hull, to increase knowledge of SEND laws, guidance, local policy, issues and participation

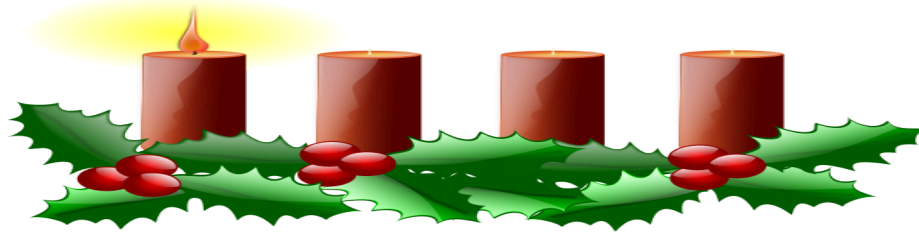
**Search our available training and book your space today:**

<https://bit.ly/49MoVzh>



### Useful contacts:

- [Hull Local Offer](#). The Hull Local Offer website is where parents, carers, children and young people up to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can find information, advice and guidance about support, services and activities that are available to those living in Hull.
- SENDIAS (Special Educational needs Independent Advice Service)  
Telephone: 01482 467 541                      Email: [hullsendiass@kids.org.uk](mailto:hullsendiass@kids.org.uk)



## Safeguarding and Child Protection

**This is our safeguarding team:**

Our Safeguarding & Child Protection Leader is currently **Mrs Brett**. Our Deputy Safeguarding & Child Protection Leaders are **Mrs Williams and Ms Briggs**.

**What to do if you have a concern about a child:**

**During School Hours:**

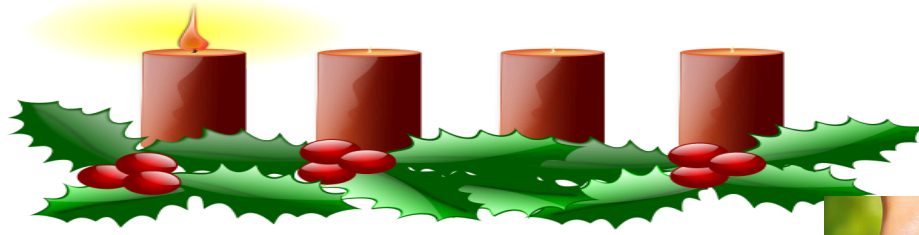
- Contact the school and speak to either Mrs Brett or another member of the safeguarding team, via the main office on 01482 305740.
- Contact the Access and Assessment team for Hull on 01482 448879

**Out of school hours and during school holidays:**

- If your concern is urgent and there is an immediate risk of harm, then contact the police via 999

If your concern is less urgent but you are worried about the welfare of the child then contact Children's Social Care, Access and assessment team on 01482 448879 (Weekdays 8.30am-5pm) or the Immediate Help Team on 01482 300304 (After 5pm and weekends).





### Help for Families - a reminder

The cost of living crisis is having an impact on all families in our community. We would like to signpost some sources of support that may help.

Food Banks: [Hull Foodbank](#)      [Food Bank - Hull Vineyard Church](#)

## *Through the Wardrobe*

Adventures in Narnia - [Click here](#)



*This term, our Year 4 children have been studying 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'- a wonderful story of adventure. This Christmas holidays, St Mary's Church is being transformed into Narnia. This is a fabulous opportunity for children of any age to meet the characters of the book and enter into Narnia. Tickets cost £5 and can be booked using the link below.*

*IMMERSIVE THEATRE FOR ALL THE FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS*

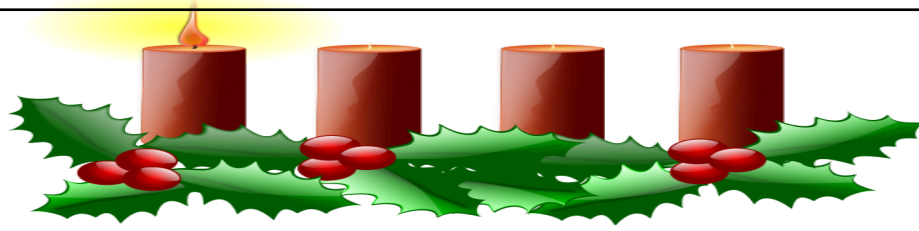
*Introducing extraordinary characters from The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe 18th - 29th December*

*Travel through the wardrobe and meet some of Narnia's most loved characters.*

*Mrs. Macready, Mr. Tumnus, Father Christmas and the White Witch will tell the story as you journey to take up your thrones in the Castle.*

*You will need to book in advance to see the shows which start at the times shown so please be at the church a few minutes before to make it through the wardrobe in time!*

**[Narnia - Through the Wardrobe - St Mary's Church, Beverley](#)**



*An Advent Prayer*

*Jesus, you are light even in the darkest places.  
Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely.  
Shine hope into our hearts we pray.  
Amen.*

**Contact us: 01482 305740** or [hello@nsj.hslt.academy](mailto:hello@nsj.hslt.academy)