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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Hope'

Thank you for supporting our Harvest Charity Farm Africa A huge thank you to everyone who came to support our Harvest Festival Service in St Mary's Church before half term. All the children participated in the service; singing, reading and taking part in drama and presentations. The children gave thanks for our farmers and shared information about the work of Farm Africa to support farmers in Kenya. Thank you for your donations to the Parish Food Bank– Open Pantry (food and other items are available from St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale or St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale for anyone in need). Thank you to School Council and their design a logo for Farm Africa competition; you helped us to raise £161 for Farm Africa. **Pictured below are Class 1 and 2 singing their harvest songs, Class 3 dramatising the 'Feeding of the 5,000', Class 3 sharing Farm Africa facts and everyone enjoying the service.**



Thank you to Friends of the School who provided refreshments afterwards.

Thank you also for supporting our Book Fair This raised £300 in commission to buy new books for our library. The children will be helping to choose these.

Children in Need Charity and our Book swap Thank you also for your generous donations to the Children in Need charity. We raised £213. School Council did a great job organising our Book swap - we hope you enjoyed your new books.

Special celebrations for Remembrance Day We held a whole school Act of Remembrance and the children laid their own class poppy wreaths which they had created. We shared a two minute silence and poetry and songs we had learnt. Our poppy sale raised £164 for the Royal British Legion. Many thanks.

Singing in Ripon Cathedral for the Annual Festival of Remembrance We were delighted to be invited once again, to sing the opening song for this service. Class 4 children performed brilliantly to a Cathedral of over 700 people. The service was live streamed and is available on the Ripon Cathedral website. You can follow this link to see our children singing (about 27 minutes into the service recording) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5qqRxggdIA>



We also completed art work which was displayed in the service. In school we created our own poppy wreaths.



Class Assemblies

Each class has continued to share their learning across the curriculum with parents, carers and the whole school in their class assemblies.

Pictured below is Class 2 who all spoke so confidently. We loved their poetry!

Class 3 shared a wonderful Class Assembly which took us back to the time of the Vikings.

Class 4's Class Assembly is on Thursday 30th November at 9.30am. All parents and carers are welcome. We are looking forward to hearing about their residential week at Marrick Priory Outdoor Education Centre in Swaledale.



Well done to Class 4 for an excellent Marrick Priory Week Thank you to all our school staff and the children of Class 4 who took part in a wonderful outdoor education residential week at Marrick Priory. The children's behavior, team work and support for one another was outstanding. The centre described the children as: 'a joy to work with'. Photos to follow.

Clubs for this half term : **Tuesday:** Choir (Y1-Y6); Hockey (Y3-Y6). **Wednesday:** Lego (Y1-Y5) Y6 SATs Club. **Thursday:** Eco Club (Y1/2) and Eco Club (Y3-Y6). **Friday:** Recorders 8.15am (Y1-Y6). Clubs finish at the end of the week of 4th December to allow for Christmas performances.



Congratulations to our Netball Team—1st place in the Richmond Area Tournament pictured here.

Christmas Nativity for Class 1 and 2 Letters have gone home with children in Classes 1 and 2 explaining the costumes needed for your child's part in the Nativity performances. We do have some costumes in school so **please speak to us if you need a costume**. If you have a spare costume from a previous year, please do bring it to school so that it can be shared with others. **Please can nativity costumes be in school for Friday 1st December on a coat hanger covered with a named bag.**

Nativity Performances are on Tuesday 12th December and Wednesday 13th December at 2pm in the school hall. Tickets can be booked on Parent Pay (3 per family). Class 1 parents are invited on Tuesday and Class 2 parents on Wednesday. (If these days do not work for you please email the office on admin@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk and we will arrange an alternative day).

The whole school will watch the Nativity Dress Rehearsal on the morning of Friday 8th December.

Last Day Christmas Carol Service in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale at 2pm on Thursday 21st December

All our Class 3 and 4 children will lead this service and the whole school will attend. Parents, carers and friends from all classes in school are invited to join us,

We finish for Christmas on Thursday 21st December at 3pm. Please note this is an early finish following the Carol Service.

Thank you to the Green Frog Garden Centre at Ellerton for donating our school Christmas tree once again.

Whole School Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 20th December The whole school will enjoy a Christmas lunch together with crackers and decorations. Letters have gone home to packed lunch children inviting them to have a school lunch on this day. Please contact the office if you have any questions. Everyone sits together regardless of whether they are eating a packed lunch or school Christmas lunch.

Christmas Parties Class 1 and 2 will have their party on the afternoon of Monday 18th December. Father Christmas will arrive by tractor on this day. Class 3 and 4 will have their party on the afternoon of Tuesday 19th December. Details to follow on party clothes and food.

Shelly's Wrap Around Care January Holiday Club Shelly is running a holiday club in school in January before we return to school. Please book directly with Shelly. Details at the end of this newsletter.

Parish News: Christmas Services and events are advertised at the end of the newsletter.

Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale on Saturday 9th December Free entry with refreshments served and a children's nativity grotto and activities. Further details at the end of the newsletter.

Our Eco Team are making recycled Christmas tree decorations for our school Eco Tree which will be on display at the Festival. Children are welcome to bring in any recycled tree decorations made at home also.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson



January 24 Holiday Club

We will be offering a holiday club during **January**.

Holiday club is based in Bolton-on-Swale School. The club will be running on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am till 5pm. If you are interested in sending your children, please book in advance, by emailing shellyschildminding7@gmail.com



Dates of the club

Tuesday	Wednesday
02/01/24	03/01/24

Prices:

Full day £36

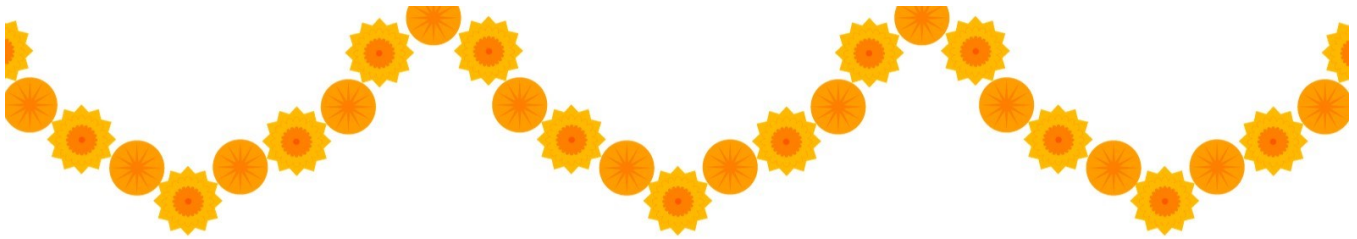
Half day 4.5 hours £18

Activities

Our holiday club will include lots of different activities, utilising the indoor and outdoor space at the school and the beautiful village. A loose example timetable below shows what a typical day will look like:

8-9	Breakfast (if needed) – free flow outside, reading, colouring, HAMA beads etc
9-10	Walk around the village
10-12	A small snack - crafts and board games (free flow to the outdoors)
12-1	Lunch (A packed lunch will need to be provided by yourselves)
1-3	Organised games on the field (football/rounders/etc)
3-3.30	A small snack (I will provide a light snack (sandwich/wraps etc)
3.30-4	Chill out time (children can bring in tech toys if they wish to use them during this time for a limited
4-5	Free time – Free flow outdoors, indoor activities (reading/crafts etc)

Your child would need to bring a packed lunch a water bottle, sensible shoes, a waterproof coat, and a spare set of clothes.



Christingle Service

Sunday 3rd December

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale

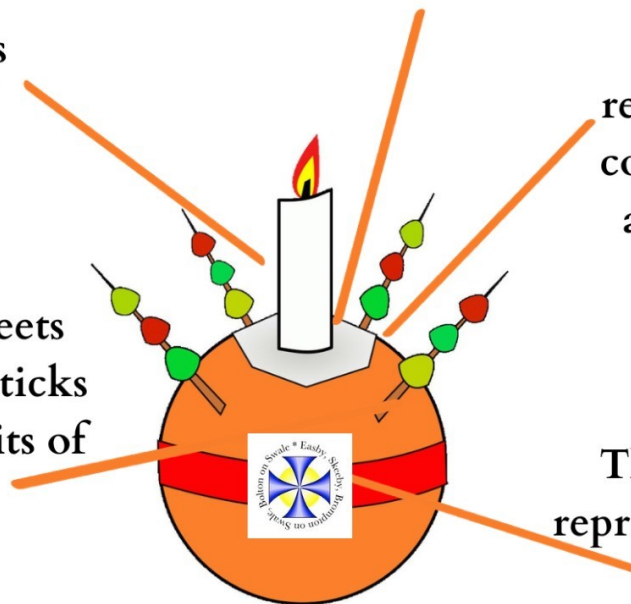
10.30am

The lit candle
represents Jesus
as the light of
the world

The orange represents the world

The 4 sticks
represents the four
compass directions
and four seasons

The Fruits or sweets
skewered on the sticks
represents the fruits of
the earth



The red ribbon
represents the blood
of Jesus

Join us to share the light of Christingle

CHRISTMAS Tree Festival

Saturday 9th December
St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale
10am-4pm

Free Admission - Donations welcome

Interactive Christmas Manger - for all ages

Live Music - Professional Pianist Andrew Stevens - 2.30pm-3.30pm

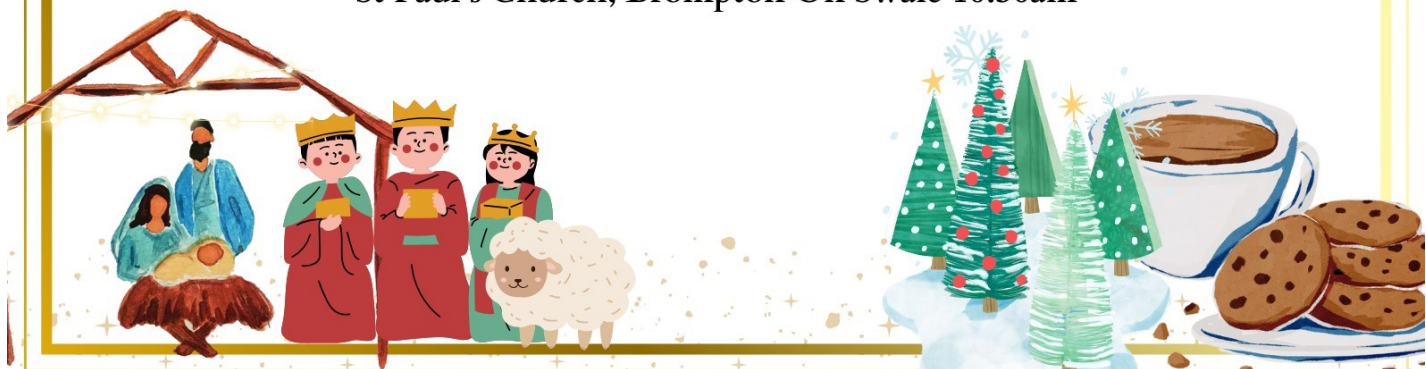
Lots of unique and creative Christmas Trees to be seen
as you walk through the beautiful Church of St Mary.

Refreshments served all day - for a small donation



Sunday 10th December - Worship4All Service

Blessing & Dressing Of The Christmas Tree
St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale 10.30am





All are welcome to join in any of the services November/December/January.

Sunday 19th November - Service of Holy Communion

St Agatha's Church, Easby - 10.30am

Sunday 26th November - Service of Holy Communion

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10.30am

Sunday 3rd December - Worship4All Service Christingle

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10.30am

Sunday 10th December - Blessing of the Christmas Tree

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10.30am

Sunday 17th December - Carol Service

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10.30am

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Crib Service - St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10.30am

Crib Service - St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 3.00pm

Midnight Mass - St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 11.30pm

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day

Christmas Morning Service - St Agatha's Church, Easby -9.00am

Sunday 31st December - Service of Holy Communion

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10.30am

Sunday 7th January - Worship4All Service

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10.30am

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Wednesday 22nd November - Hub Café

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale 10.00 - 12noon

Friday 24th November - Quiz Night

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 7pm

Saturday 9th December - Christmas Tree Festival

A walk around the Church Christmas Trees

Interactive Christmas Manger - Fun for all ages

Professional Pianist Andrew Stevens - 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Refreshments served all day (Free Admission - donations welcome)

St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale 10.00am - 4pm

Tuesday 12th December - Upcycling Event - Christmas Table Centrepieces

(Booking essential £5.00 charge - basic materials and refreshments included)

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 7pm

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Hub Café

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale - 10am -12noon

Wednesday 20th December - Candlelit Carols

With the Brompton Ladies Choir Christmas Concert

(Donations on the door - followed by mulled wine & mince pies)

St Paul's Church, Brompton On Swale 7.30pm

