



Baildon Church of  
England Primary School  
and Nursery  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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## Religious News

As part of our collective worship and discussions with pupils, we have used the song by Mabel, 'The Loneliest Time of the Year' to stimulate and promote discussion about the true meaning of Christmas and how it is not always a happy time for people. Children have recognised ways in which they are fortunate and how they can make a difference to others. Thank you to all the families who joined us for both our Services today, which as usual were both reflective but also celebrations in prose and song. Special thanks to Canon Sandra for leading the services and to the choir for their beautiful singing and to the children and staff who led the readings. Special thanks, as always, to the very talented Mrs Armstrong for leading the music. Parents are also reminded that our annual Education Service will take place at 10am at St John's Church on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

*And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John 1*

### Some children see Him lily white

The baby Jesus born this night  
Some children see Him lily white  
With tresses soft and fair  
Some children see Him bronzed and brown  
The Lord of heav'n to earth come down  
Some children see Him bronzed and brown  
With dark and heavy hair  
Some children see Him almond-eyed  
This Saviour whom we kneel beside  
Some children see Him almond-eyed  
With skin of golden hue  
Some children see Him dark as they  
Sweet Mary's Son to whom we pray  
Some children see him dark as they  
And, oh they love Him too  
The children in each different place  
Will see the baby Jesus' face  
Like theirs, but bright, with heavenly grace  
And filled with holy light  
Oh lay aside each earthly thing  
And with thy heart as offering  
Come worship now the infant King  
'Tis love that's born tonight  
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### Achievers Of The Week

This week, we have recognised the achievements of pupils who have demonstrated the true meaning of Christmas in their actions.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates this week:

Nursery: Jacob T

FS2 Aidan M, Rowan L

Y1 Paige B, Seth H

Y2 Jacob R, Dylan P

Y3 Amelie H, Matilda A, Izzy H,  
Freya C, Olivia C, Hana W

Y4 Mary H, Ruby S

Y5 Rhys B, Lucinda B

Y6 Charlie A, Ishmail and Issa  
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On our return to school, our certificates will be awarded for reading.

### APPLICATIONS FOR 2020

Parents are reminded that, the closing date for applications for Reception 2020 is January 15<sup>th</sup>.

If parents are applying for a place in Baildon Church of England on religious grounds, they are reminded that they need to complete a Supplementary Information Form which also needs to be returned to our school office by 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## ATTENDANCE Week of 9<sup>th</sup> December

FS1am	94.29%
FS1pm	83.93%
FS1 (30)	83.33%
FS2Q	97.67%
FS2M	97%
Y1S	96%
Y1P	94%
Y2F	92%
Y2D	89.67%
Y3W	91.67%
Y3FH	94.33%
Y4M	85.17%
Y4AW	89.33%
Y5B	92.33%
Y5G	97.24%
Y6V	89.33%
Y6B	92.76%

Our whole school attendance was 92.41%. Congratulations to F2Q who won the attendance cup in EY and KS1 and to Y5G who won the KS2 attendance cup.

**MUSIC CONCERT** Once more, our Christmas music concerts were a real celebration of talent from all ages. Many thanks to Mrs Armstrong for co-ordinating this extravaganza which showcased children from as young as 4 and featured all the musical groups which we have in school as well as solos/ duets from children. Well done everyone on another wonderful show – many have said the best ever and I agree!

**REASONS TO CELEBRATE** As we finish our first term, it is a time to reflect on the term and celebrate much that we have achieved as a school. One of the highlights of the term has been the endorsement of our school as a Church of England school with our Excellent grading in SIAMS. Following this, we have already met with staff from a number of Church of England schools to help with their preparations for inspection. This week, we were visited by our school improvement officer from Bradford Authority who undertook a 'Keeping In Touch Visit.' The purpose of this visit was to check up on our progress academically, to review where we are on the curriculum which is a driving force now in the new Ofsted and to identify our strengths and ways in which we could support other schools. He was extremely complimentary about the depth of our curriculum and the music, arts and sporting opportunities which are available. On the sporting scene, there have been numerous clubs and competitions and we have achieved much success- our U11 Girls Football, U11 Boys Football, U11s Kurling, U11 Sportshall Athletics, U11s Boccia and U11 Hockey teams have all qualified for the Bradford Finals and the U11 Patathalon Team has qualified for the West Yorkshire finals. We also have 6 teams who have qualified for the Bradford Cross Country finals. The depth of our offer in the arts has really been showcased in the last fortnight with the Nativities and concerts which have taken place. We were delighted last week to see that we were ranked as the 5<sup>th</sup> best school in Bradford based on the 2019 Key Stage 2 Sats, something which we are extremely proud of. May I sincerely thank the staff for their hard work and dedication to the school which is reflected in all that we have achieved.

### CHANGE OF DATE

Unfortunately, both Mrs McCaul and Miss Quinlan are at training courses on 16<sup>th</sup> January so we have to move the Early Years Maths session to 23<sup>rd</sup> January . We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

### PTFA UPDATE

The next meeting of the PTFA will take place on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15pm in the staffroom. All are welcome.

### STAFFING UPDATE

We say goodbye and good luck to Miss Lafferty today as she starts her maternity leave. In January, we welcome Miss Kelly to the staff to cover in her absence.

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

We are seizing the opportunity of an empty school to have both the hall and gym floors re-varnished over the break.

### GOLD SUCCESS

Following their success in the House Championships, Gold house are invited to come in non-uniform on **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School closes today for the holidays and will open on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. On behalf of the staff, may I thank you for your wishes, cards and gifts and wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and New Year.