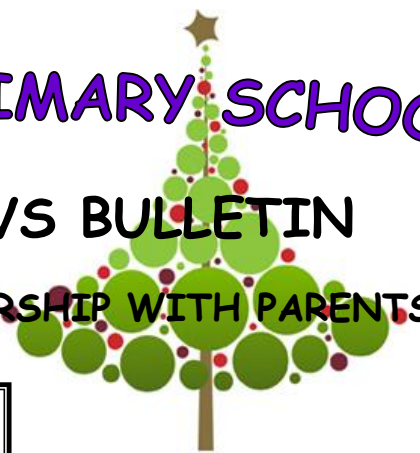


# EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



Year 5 had a fantastic educational visit to Durham last week. As part of their local study history topic, they visited the magnificent cathedral and found out about its rich history. They learnt about when, why and how it was built and the importance of St Cuthbert. They found out how the cathedral has been used over the centuries, explored the monks' old living, eating and sleeping quarters (which are now museums), and even got to see precious artefacts that were found in St Cuthbert's coffin. Obviously, there was a lot of enthusiasm, too, about seeing the locations where Harry Potter was shot!

We also took an educational walk around the city, where we used our geographical mapwork skills to follow a trail around the riverside paths, recognising features of the temperate deciduous forest as we went. We ended up in the ancient marketplace where a timeline set into the cobbles gave us more information about key events in Durham's history. Everyone had a great day and learnt so much.

Mr Saddington and Mr Elliott



Date: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December '22



Welcome to the 9<sup>th</sup> December newsletter.

Within the bulletin, there are many photographs for you to enjoy, plus interesting accounts of recent educational visits that groups of children have attended. As always, we have had an action-packed week in school.

### Open the Book

On Tuesday, children in Year 1, 2 and 3, enjoyed the retelling of the Christmas story by the Open the Book team. It was an extremely interactive assembly.

A special thank you goes out to the group of children from Miss Woolard's class who participated in the Nativity, you were all certainly shiny, sparkling stars.



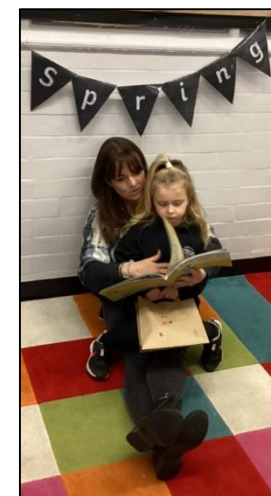
### Local Christmas Services

The local churches have joined together to produce a Christmas card that lists the various services that will be taking place in the run up to Christmas. The card is included in this week's bulletin.

The Open the Book team, invited the children to attend the Holy Spirit's Nativity service that will be taking place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. If the children want to attend, they can go dressed as a character from the Nativity scene and will then be invited to participate in the service.

### Stay and Play

It has been lovely this week to welcome groups of reception parents into school for Stay and Play sessions, which of course included festive themed activities. It was so delightful to see the children and their adults working together, and some families even managed to enjoy snuggling up to share a story. Thank you so much for taking the time to join us as we enjoyed welcoming you, and the children certainly loved having you to Stay and Play.



## **Snow Poems**

Once again, we have had a great response to Melanie Cornish's (School Governor) winter competition. Each year, Melanie invites our children to participate in a competition that she organises for all Gateshead schools should they wish to participate. This year, the children were asked to produce snow poems. As the Writer of the Month Board has just been changed for the last time this term, some of the children's entries for the competition have been selected to be displayed on the board. Therefore, you will see from the writing included in this bulletin that the children have used their knowledge about winter to produce some very good pieces of poetry.

Congratulations to all of those children who have had their writing displayed on the board.

## **Enrichment week**

Next week, the children will be participating in our autumn term enrichment week and the theme is 'Festivals'. The children will be looking at a range of religious and non-religious festivals celebrated across the world. They will focus upon diversity and explore cultural aspects of world festivals. Not only will they be able to gain new knowledge but they will be able to build upon prior knowledge. They will also have opportunities to complete a number of activities which will involve a range of art, music and MFL skills. I am sure it will be an eventful week for our children.

## **Year 2 Christmas Performance**

I am really looking forward to the Year 2 performance on Friday, their families are in for a real treat. We shall include photographs in next week's bulletin.

## **Diary reminders for the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Year 3 Choir**

Year 3 parents, please do not forget to join us for the Year 3 Carol performance on the front yard on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm.**

There will be plenty of coffee, tea and hot chocolate to warm you up as you listen to your little angels sing. (Ooh we also have a few sweet treats for you to enjoy too.)



### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Toddler Christmas Party from 9.15am - 11am**

Mrs Liddle has many treats in store for all to enjoy, please come along and join in the fun.

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper/Christmas Dinner**

Please note there will be a non-uniform day on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** so the children can once again wear their festive outfits.



## **Parking**

As a school, we recognise that there is limited parking around the vicinity; however, all schools have similar difficulties. Can I please remind parents again that families are not permitted to use the Body Beautiful car park when dropping off or collecting children.

As the temperature drops, I hope you all manage to keep cosy and warm this weekend. Me thinks, hot chocolate, marshmallows and some Christmas family movies - enjoy.

Avril Armstrong





## Year 3 visit to Jarrow Hall Anglo-Saxon Farm and Village

Last Friday, Year 3 visited Jarrow Hall-Anglo-Saxon Farm and Village. What a fantastic day we had! We took part in 2 workshops: 'Runes, Magic and Medicine' and 'Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms and Battles'. We also met the farm animals and learnt about what the Anglo-Saxons would have used them for. At the village, we spent some time in the Thane's house and sat around the fire for a story. The children loved the day. We heard lots of "This is the best day ever!" The children's behavior was fantastic.

Well done Year 3!

Mrs Hamilton and Miss Rochester



Here are some of the things that the children learnt and wanted to share:

If you had a sore shoulder, you had to put pig poo on it to fix it. Emily

November and December were blood months which meant farmers killed animals for food for the winter. Oliver

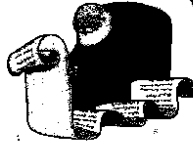
They used bulls to plough the fields. Ayla

Anglo-Saxons had the biggest library in Europe. Isabelle

They used bull horns to blow through to communicate during battle. Alayah

The rich person lived in a bigger house and it had a hearth in the middle for keeping warm. Rowan





**Dear Father Christmas,**

For Christmas this year, I would like:

1. batman
2. dog
3. tedy

Love, Sam

Sam,  
Newcastle  
Reception



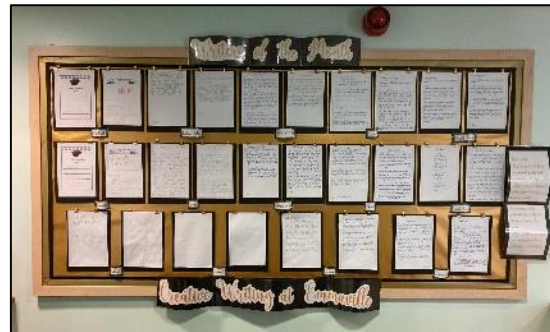
Snow flakes shine brightly like the moon.

Now its December, time to jump and make snow angels in the glistening snow.

Owls are sitting silently on the snow filled branches.

Warm, dollcious hot chocolate warming cold hands.

Molly, Y2 Wales



Snow

Snowy houses, lots of fun, snow on trees and foot prints all around.

Noisy crunching, hot choclet, warm gloves and cozy blankets.

Od icecels foming above, snow man big and small.

Warm drinks, big boots and cozy coats.

Mountens covered in snow and lots of snow angels.

After you have had some fun look at what other peppole have done.

Now the snowflakes are falling from sky pasing by.

Charlotte, Y3 Southern Europe



The fluffee snow whirls in the sky.  
It tumbles to the ground as fast as a sleigh.  
The snow is like a marshmelow.  
It melts as the sun shines on it.

Ben, Y1 England





### Winter Wonderland

Wonderful snowflakes swirl overhead then drop gracefully down to the ground.

Inside the trees a hibernating owl sleeps, calmly in its winter nest.

Nobody has been to visit the frozen lake, so the animals play once again.

The smell of freshly bakes gingerbread blows through the breeze and all through the winter wonderland.

Everybody is drinking hot chocolate with marshmallows, whipped cream and winter sprinkles.

Rainbow ice hangs from the trees like leaves in autumn or flowers blooming in spring.

Amberlilly, Y4 Asia

### My Winter Wonder Land

I wake up in a winter wonder land.  
I see evergreens stacked in a row  
Ready to bring joy to every girl and boy throughout the season.  
Crystalline snow flakes drift like a soft silky feather.

Tall tress getting covered in soft snow as I hear the crunch of snowflakes under my shoes.  
Not a scarf nor gloves  
As my hands are shivering and I am quivering.

Silky and smooth  
Snowflakes land on my nose putting me in a good mood.  
I know I am cold and it is not fun.  
I wish I was at home eating warm buns  
And inhaling the smell of a log burner.

As dark turns to light a bubbling happiness fills my soul.  
I smell cinnamon apples in the bakery  
The snow is glistening under my toes.  
Stick with me and it will help you see  
This winter wonder land has made you worry free.

Elia, Y5 Oceania



### Outnumbered

We had been told by our commander that the Luftwaffe were attacking us; they had been detected on the radar. I had to grab my helmet, jacket and jump into my spitfire and started my engine. I had three allies with me; however, I saw twelve enemy aircrafts closing in on us.

When I arrived in the air, they didn't hesitate to open fire on us but, we weren't scared of them. Instantly, we took down two planes and swerved up to the advanced position. We attacked from above so things were looking promising until I heard a blood-curdling scream, my rear turret man had been shot out by re-enforcement Nazi planes. On top of that, one of my allies had been shot down so, we had to fight back with the height advantage. We dropped bombs on 4 of the 11 remaining planes. Then, the enemies retreated. We had won. For now.

Finn, Y6 South America





Wales:  
Alfie and Molly



Gateshead: Demre and Joshua



Newcastle: Alba and Sam



England: Ben and Everly



Scotland:  
Charlotte and Kamran



Northern Ireland:  
Rowan and Sophie



Northern Europe: Ella and Holly



Africa:  
Amelia and Bea



Southern Europe: Charlotte and Grace



Asia:  
Amberlilly and Emily



Antarctica:  
Logan and Sam



Oceania:  
Cara and Elia



North America: Amelia and Edward



South America: Finn and Mina



Congratulations  
to the children who have  
had their writing  
displayed on this month's  
Writer of the Month  
board



## Nursery Admissions 2023-2024

Do you have a child that is turning three this year or know someone that has?

We are currently sending out Nursery application forms for children that are eligible to start in either September 2023; January 2024 or April 2024.

Your child is eligible for a three-year-old nursery place the term after their third birthday.

We offer 30 hour funded places for three-year olds from 9am until 3pm Monday to Friday for children that are eligible. To check eligibility please use the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

We also offer 15-hour places for three-year olds in patterns of either five mornings, five afternoons or two and a half days.

Three-year-old nursery children can also attend the school's wrap-around care; the Breakfast Club from 7.30am and the After-School Club until 5.55pm, charged at an additional cost.

We also offer a number of funded places in our 'Purple Poppies' nursery for two-year olds. Places are for 15 hours per week; either five mornings or five afternoons. Please use the link below to check your child's eligibility for a (free) funded place: <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/2708/Free-early-education-and-childcare-for-two-year-olds>

We may also be able to offer some sessions at a cost, to two-year-old children who are not eligible for a funded place, depending on availability. These sessions are currently £5 per hour.

Please telephone school to request an application form. Please specify if you would like an application form for a three-year-old place **or** a two-year-old place; or both.

Mrs Wallace



Together we grow

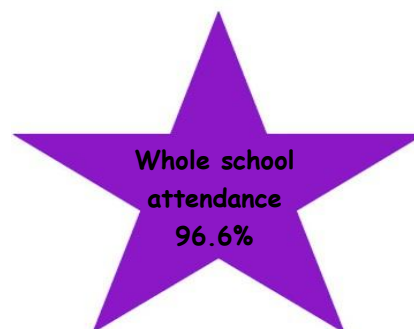




# School Attendance Week Ending 02.12.22

Year 6: North America	93.5%	South America	97.1%
Year 5: Antarctica	93.5%	Oceania	91.6%
Year 4: Africa	95.7%	Asia	97.4%
Year 3: Northern Europe	94.7%	Southern Europe	91.3%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	96.8%	Wales	93.4%
Year 1: England	91.7%	Scotland	93.8%
EYFS: Gateshead	88.2%	Newcastle	91.7%
Crawcrook	89.5%		

Well done to Asia for the best attendance last week.



Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem,

because he was descended from the house and family of David.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS 2022 SERVICES

*'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace'. Isaiah 9:6*

*May the wonder of God's love be known to you  
this Christmas!  
'With love and prayers  
from your local 'Churches Together'*

## METHODIST CRAWCROOK CENTENARY CHAPEL

Sun 11 Dec 6pm Telephone Carol Service. For dial in details contact: 07752128884 or info@centenarymc.org.uk

Sat 17 Dec 10am Carol Singing on the Steps

Sun 18 Dec 10.30am Christmas Family Worship  
6pm Annual Carol Service

Sat 24 Dec 10am Carol Singing on the Steps  
7pm Carols by Candlelight

Sun 25 Dec 10am Christmas Morning Family Worship

## GREENSIDE CAFÉ CHURCH

Sun 4 Dec 10.30am Christmas Café Church, Greenside Community Centre

Sun 18 Dec 2pm Walking Church and Carols  
[See our Facebook page for further details]

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them.....But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see,

I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is

## CATHOLIC

Sat 24 Dec 4.45pm **St. Barnabas, Rowlands Gill**  
5pm Carols followed by Christmas Eve Mass of The Nativity

Sat 24 Dec 5.15pm **Our Lady of Lourdes, Chapwell**  
5.30pm Carols followed by Christmas Eve Mass of The Nativity

Sun 25 Dec 9.15am **St. Agnes, Crawcrook**  
9.30am Carols followed by Christmas Day Mass of the Nativity

Mon 26 Dec 9.30am Boxing Day Mass of The Holy Family

## ANGLICAN

Sun 11 Dec 10am **Church of the Holy Spirit, Crawcrook**  
6pm Nativity Service  
**St John's Church, Greenside**  
Carol Service

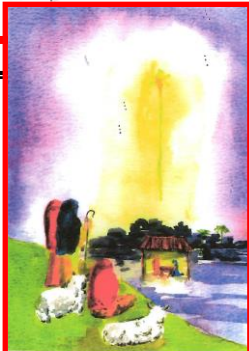
Sat 24 Dec 5.30pm **Church of the Holy Spirit, Crawcrook**  
11.30pm Christingle  
**St John's Church, Greenside**  
Midnight Mass

Sun 25 Dec 10am **St John's Church, Greenside**  
Christmas Day Service

... they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

... find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.

born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will





# Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - George (Scotland)

For an amazing retelling of the 3 Little Pigs using his storystick. Well done George.

North America - Georgia

For her excellent research of WWII and her super knowledge.

South America - Lewis

For showing such determination in maths.

Antarctica - Fin

For super concentration and effort in all areas.

Oceania - Ebba

For fantastic attitude and hard work.

Africa - Emily

For super resilience - a great role model.

Asia - Lily-ann

For being a lovely member of Asia class.

Northern Europe and Southern Europe

To all of the children for being fantastic on our trip to Jarrow Hall.

Northern Ireland - Sebastian

For his greatly improved listening in class! Well done Seb, keep it up.

Wales - Oscar

For his passion and enthusiasm for Forest School.

England - Charlotte

For being such a kind friend to others.

Scotland - Rosa

For her amazing enthusiasm in phonics.

Gateshead - Neeve

For her wonderful Santa list - well done Neeve!

Newcastle - Ethan

For trying so hard when writing his list to Santa.

Crawcrook Nursery - Charlie

For being such a super helper at tidy up time.

School Cook - Caspian (Africa)

For lovely manners at lunchtime.