



# Newsletter

Christian Value of the Term: Community

Stanford in the Vale  
C of E Business Name

Year 24/25 Issue 6  
Friday 22nd November

## Remembrance Service

What a lovely Remembrance Service - the children were all very respectful throughout - we were so proud of them for listening and standing without a sound and for the beautiful singing.



## Anti-bullying Week & Prayer Space

We kicked the week off with Odd Socks Day to celebrate what makes us unique. During the week we discussed the need to be respectful and promoted positive relationships, whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online.

A group of volunteers from St Denys church had a great time this week, sharing more about prayer, with all the children in school through the prayer space. We had different activities which the children could participate in. We thought about how prayer was just a conversation with God, which can happen at any time, in any place and can be about anything.



## Children in Need

A big well done to our pupil parliament for organising the fundraising activities for Children in Need. In total we raised £292.08. This was from the £1.00 donations for wearing bright clothes and the money raised from the yummy cakes donated by parents. Thank you to everyone who took part, made cakes and donated money to this worthwhile cause.

## Term Dates

Please find attached the term dates for next academic year 2025—2026. Please use these dates to assist with planning your holidays so that they fall in the school holidays. Remember holidays and days out cannot happen during term time.

### Diary Dates:

**Friday 29th November—Christmas Art Day**  
We will be producing Christmas arts and crafts during the day.

**Friday 29th November—Non-Uniform Day for Hamper Donations**  
You can either give a cash donation or provide a suitable item for the hamper that your class is responsible for. Please ensure that any donated items have an expiry date beyond January 2025. Thank you for your support.

Foundation Class Sweets and Chocolate Hamper  
Class 1 Children's Hamper  
Class 2 Christmas Hamper  
Class 3 Christmas Hamper  
Class 4 Beauty/Pamper Hamper  
Class 5 Children's Hamper  
Class 6 Drinks Hamper

**Thursday 5th December—Year 3, 4 & 5 Christmas Performance at St Denys.**  
**First showing at 2pm**  
**Second showing at 6pm**  
Need tickets to gain entry

**Friday 6th December—Christmas Jumper Day**  
Please come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or a red or green jumper. For the privilege please bring in £1.00 for the charity 'Save the Children.'

**Thursday 12th December—Year 1, 2 & Foundation Christmas Performance at St Denys.**  
**First showing at 2pm**  
**Second showing at 5.30pm**  
Need tickets to gain entry

**Friday 13th December—Feel Good Friday.** Please come to school dressed in clothes that make you feel comfortable.

Love

Hope

Community



## Christmas hats and cards

With Christmas fast approaching, children are welcome to wear Christmas hats or headwear from Friday 29th November. Although they will be asked to remove hats in St Denys, as a sign of respect. The Christmas Post Box will also be back near the front office from Monday 2nd December, please post your cards in there and they will be delivered to the correct class, so remember to include class name on the envelope. Many thanks

## Open Morning

Many thanks to everyone who came on Wednesday 13th November to see our school in action. We welcomed 48 parents / grandparents / members of the community. Some quotes included:

'Great atmosphere. All happy and inquisitive.'

'Wonderful classroom atmosphere. All the kids are having a lovely time.'

'Great to see them working hard and having fun.'

'So lovely to see everyone working together.'

## Class Key Texts

Many thanks to the parents who purchased the key text required by their child this term. It has been really helpful. If you could purchase the book required for next term—that would be amazing. The books needed are:

Year 1—Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne

Year 2—Into the Forest by Anthony Browne

Year 3—The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton

Year 4—There's a Pebble in my Pocket by Meredith Hooper

Year 5—The Last Bear by Hannah Gold

Year 6—Darwin's Dragons by Lindsay Galvin

Please could we request that your child does not read the book at home beforehand because we like to read it in class and make some predictions along the way. Thank you

## Community Lunch

On Thursday 21st November we held a community lunch for some of our grandparents. Year 3 hosted the event by initially taking our guests on a tour of the school, then serving them afternoon tea and finally entertaining them with a song. It was a lovely afternoon. Many thanks to Ms Payne, Mrs West, Mrs Moore and Mrs Jones for helping prepare the afternoon tea.

## FOSS Christmas Hampers & 100 Club

We are once again organising a non uniform day to help create fantastic Christmas hampers. Each class is responsible for a hamper and we are asking the children to wear non-uniform on Friday 29th November in exchange for a donation towards the Christmas hampers. You can either give a cash donation or provide a suitable item for the hamper that your class is responsible for. Please ensure that any donated items have an expiry date beyond January 2025. Thank you for your support.

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### **November 100 Club**

1st Willow Fewtrell-Smith

2nd William Edwards