



Newsletter 15 – 15th December 2025

Knowledge begins with respect for God (Proverbs 1:7)

This half-term's value is 'Trust' (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Parents' and Carers' Evening

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers at last Tuesday's parents' and carers' evening. Thanks also to everyone who supported our Book Fair.



Robins' Christmas Assembly

A big thank you to all parents and carers who came to support the children at last week's Robins' Christmas assembly. It was great to see so many of you there and it meant so much to the children to look out and see you in the audience.

Christingle Service

Our Christingle Service will be taking place this Thursday, 18th December at 8.40am. Our Year 6 children will be receiving a Christingle – if you don't know what that is, you are welcome to come along and find out more at this very special service. If your child has a reading, please come along and support them if you can. A text has been sent to parents of children in our Year 3 & 4 choir to invite them to come along.



Christmas Parties

This week is Christmas Party week! Children in the Robins, Woodpeckers, Kingfishers, Swallows, Hawks, Falcons and Eagles can wear their party clothes to school on the day of their party. Children in Doves, Owls and Kestrels will need to bring their party clothes in a bag as it's the Christingle Service that morning.

Day	Classes	Food
Tuesday	Robins (Mrs Wogden)	School will provide a snack
Tuesday	Woodpeckers (Mr Woodward), Kingfishers (Miss Maxwell) & Swallows (Mr Grimshaw)	Children will be asked to bring a small amount of food
Tuesday	Hawks (Mrs Minoprio-Nicholson), Falcons (Mrs Kelly) & Eagles (Mr Hill)	Children can bring a snack if they wish
Thursday	Doves (Miss Galvin), Owls (Mrs Sajjad) & Kestrels (Miss Giles)	Children will be asked to bring a small amount of food

Free Holiday Activities from BwD

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer about some free activities taking place and free lunches available over the Christmas Holidays.

Found: Gold Bracelet

A gold bracelet was found on Tuesday evening (during Parents' & Carers' Evening) outside the Hawks' classroom. If you think this might be yours, please call in at the school office. You will be asked to describe it so we are sure we are returning it to its rightful owner.

Goodbye to Mrs Harker

Mrs Harker leaves us on Friday after working at St Matthew's for the last four and a half years. We will all miss her and wish her all the best for her new job in a school in Burnley.



Congratulations to Miss Galvin!

Miss Galvin will be getting married during the Christmas Holidays. She will be returning to school as Mrs Greaves. We all hope and pray that she has a fantastic wedding day!

Christmas Holidays

School closes at 3.00pm this Friday, 19th December for the Christmas break and re-opens on Monday 5th January at 8.20am (with Breakfast Club at 7.45am).



Best wishes

Julian Rogers
Headteacher

This week's Amazing Achievers!

You've Been Spotted!

Children who have been demonstrating one of our school values:

Safa Ahmed – Robins
 Aliza Chaudry – Woodpeckers
 Safa Ali – Kingfishers
 Unaysa Sohail – Swallows
 Sara Holme – Doves
 Aamina Bhamji – Owls
 Zayd Patel – Kestrels
 Aminah Farooq – Hawks
 Malik Hasan – Falcons
 Hassan Mujtaba – Eagles

Headteacher's Award

Children chosen for a special achievement:

Humza Iqbal – Robins
 Ayyan Hussain & Zaneyah Khan – Woodpeckers
 M. Awais Aftab – Kingfishers
 Shehryar Ahmed – Swallows
 Musa Jafar – Doves
 Nathan Szileczki – Owls
 Jumaanah Isa – Kestrels
 Abu-Bakr Malik – Hawks
 Subhan Atiq – Falcons
 Ethan Mohammed – Eagles

Recent Reading Badges

Woodpeckers
 Zayn Bhojani – Silver
 Yahya Latif – Gold

Doves
 Harris Khan – Ruby

Hawks
 Mariya Bismillah & Aisha Kousar – Bronze Star
 Umar-Farooq Chothia & Rehan Khan – Silver Star
 Safaa Zaman – Jet

Remarkable Readers

Children who have impressed their teachers with their reading this week:

Aqsa Mahmood & Yahya Latif – Woodpeckers
 Rocco Smith – Kingfishers
 Jan Bawah – Swallows
 Aahil Muhammad – Doves
 Jasmine Akhtar – Owls
 Umme-Hani Aftab – Kestrels
 Shamsa Hooti – Hawks
 Fatima Diwan – Falcons
 Yahya Hooti – Eagles

Mrs Martin's Class of the Week:
Robins & Swallows

Mr Ulhaq's Ultimate Achiever:
M. Ayaan Siddique (Owls)

Mr Richardson's Lunchtime Awards:
 Juwayriyyah Noori (Robins) & Subhan Atiq (Falcons)

Last Week's Attendance

	Best attendance	Best punctuality
Infants	Kingfishers & Swallows	Robins
Juniors	Owls (100%)	Owls & Hawks

Free Holiday Activities taking place at
Family Hubs and Children's Centres

Monday 22nd December		
Family Hub Little Harwood	10:00am-11:00am	Christmas Crafts
Family Hub Darwen	1.00pm-2.00pm	Jingle Bell Rock
Tuesday 23rd December		
Family Hub Darwen	10.00am-11.00am	Christmas Crafts
Family Hub Livesey	1.00pm-2.00pm	Breastfeeding support group
Family Hub Little Harwood	1.30pm-2.30pm	Jingle Bell Rock
Wednesday 24th December		
Family Hub Shadsworth	11.00am-12.00pm	It was the night before Christmas (story and Christmas themed activities)
Family Hub Shadsworth	1:00pm-2:00pm	Breastfeeding Support Group
Family Hub Livesey	1.00pm – 2.00pm	It was the night before Christmas (story and Christmas themed activities)

Free lunches also available at the Family Hubs.

Ring 01254 585000 to register.



Family Hub



Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth