



Bethany CE Junior School

Newsletter: December 2025

Empowering children with God's Hope for the future, Compassion for others and the Courage to act.

Headteacher Welcome

It is the final month of 2025! We want to send our thoughts and well wishes over this Christmas break. Have a lovely relaxing break filled with love and excitement. We look forward to seeing you all back in January ready to learn lots of new things. God Bless.

Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Parent/Carer Survey for Coastal Learning Partnership (our Multi Academy Trust) and our Parent/Carer's Evening Survey. The first question, 'My Child is happy at school', is always one of the most crucial and we are delighted that this was 97% agree (43.4% agree, 53.4% strongly agree) - however, next time we want this to be 100%! We will share the results with you in January and actions we will take as a result.

On the topic of Parents/Carers evening, we are pleased to say that the Scholastic Book Fair raised £255.46 to purchase books for the school! Thank you to Mrs Blane (English Lead and Assistant Headteacher) and all of you!



Together we have raised...**£255.46**.....
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**






Attendance

Each month, we will update you with the attendance figures for each class from 1st September. We aim to have attendance above 96%.

We will be striving to encourage good attendance at school and if you need any help with this, or if there are any barriers you are facing, please let us know.

Which class has the best attendance for the Autumn term??

Class	Attendance
3AH	95.6%
3RH	97.1%
4BD 	97.8%
4PM	97.5%
4RA	96.4%
5BD	96.1%
5EW	94.4%
5MH	97.5%
6DL	93.3%
6SW	95.6%
6VM	96.2%

Coffee Mornings

Please see dates below for our coffee mornings from 9am at St Clement's and St John's Infant School (just so we can get all the children in and settled first). All welcome!

- Coffee Morning - Wednesday 28th January 2025 9am





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12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Dot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parceling up those presents into a creative adventure.

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Melita Ahmed designs and delivers the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to educational organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to bring their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is paramount.



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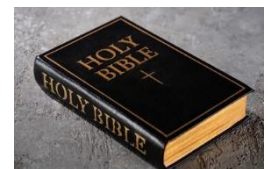
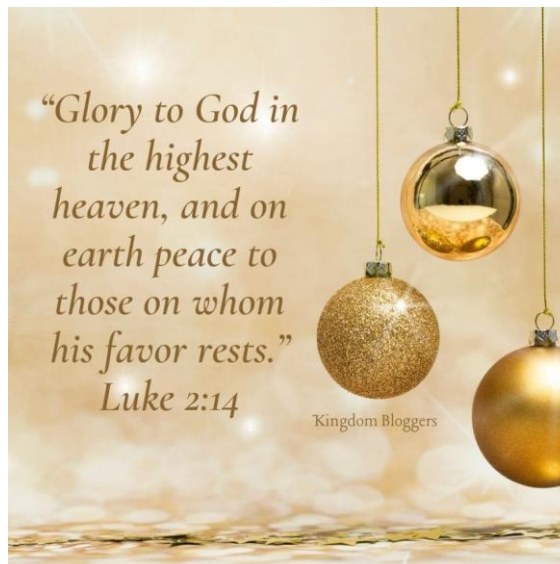
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#WakeUpWednesday

Bible Quote



Diary Dates

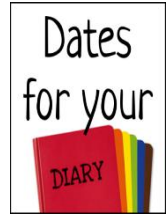


Friday 19th December: Christmas Family Worship @ St Clement’s Church 11am

Friday 19th December: School closes at 1:30pm (St Clement’s Infant is 1:15pm)

Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January: School closed

Monday 5th January: School closed for staff training (Inset Day)



See next page for term dates - academic year 2025/26

Term and Holiday Dates 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 2025	
First day for children	Friday 5 th September 2025
Half Term Holiday Inset day	Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October 2025 Monday 3 rd November 2025
Last day for children	Friday 19 th December 2025
Spring Term 2026	
Inset day	Monday 5 th January 2026
First day for children	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half Term Holiday Inset day	Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February 2026 Monday 23 rd February 2026
Last day for children	Friday 27 th March 2026
Summer Term 2026	
Inset day	Monday 13 th April 2026
First day for children	Tuesday 14 th April 2026
Bank holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May 2026
Last day for children	Wednesday 22 nd July 2026

As National Curriculum Assessments are taken during the months of May & June it is even more important that your child is in school during this time.

INSET Days 2025 - 2026

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| 1. Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 | 4. Monday 5 th January 2026 |
| 2. Thursday 4 th September 2025 | 5. Monday 23 rd February 2026 |
| 3. Monday 3 rd November 2025 | 6. Monday 13 th April 2026 |

As part of our ongoing commitment to improve attendance, and achieve the expected attendance of 96% and above for each child, children need to attend school regularly.



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