



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

In faith and love, we learn and grow.

Weekly Newsletter

5th December 2025

Dates for the diary

December

10th Christmas Nativity - 2:15

Reception parents and year 2 parents with children with surnames N-Z.

11th Christmas Nativity - 2:15: Year 1 parents and year 2 parents with children with surnames A-M

12th Carols With Our Choir 3.15 KS2 Playground – parents welcome to join in at collection time.

19th End of Autumn term 1pm finish

January

5th – start of Spring Term

23rd Y4 Class Mass

February

13th Reception Class Learn and Share for parents in school hall.

16th-20th – Half Term



Mrs Grace

Dear parents and carers,

What an absolute joy it was to attend our KS2 Advent Reflection this morning in church. The children did us proud and they truly captured the spirit of Advent with their speaking, singing, acting and dancing. Year 6 were word perfect in their delivery of the key lines recounting how the birth of Christ was prophesied.

We had a lovely performance by David in year 4 who played 'Once In Royal David's City' on the organ and the choir sang 'The Road To Bethlehem with great sensitivity.

My thanks, as always, go to our dedicated team of KS2 teachers: Mrs Way, Mr Davies, Miss Russell, Mrs Pickard and Miss Okon who led the performance and to all our support staff who worked so closely with them. Thank you to Mr Elson and to our governors for supporting the School Singing Programme and to all of you who generously donate to our School Development Fund.

Advent is a time of waiting and hope, as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Today's performance reminded me of that promise – that in darkness, God's light will shine bringing joy and peace to the world.

May this Advent lead us closer to the true meaning of Christmas and the light that never fades.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. God bless. Mrs Grace



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Important Reminder



Please be aware that we are a nut free school, please do not send any items containing nuts in lunch boxes or for snacks afterschool. We have children with severe nut allergies in the school and we need to keep them safe.

CAFOD A better world
needs all of us



This Christmas we are fundraising for Cafod. If you can, please donate using the QR code below. Thank you to everyone who donated today after our KS2 Advent Reflection at the church. We wish you and your families merry Christmas!

Carols With Our Choir



We are delighted to announce that Mr Ellson will be leading a special event at collection time on Friday 12th December at 3.15pm.

Our wonderful KS2 choir will be singing well known carols to lift pick-up time with some joyful Christmas spirit.

We would like the KS2 choir to stay until approximately 3.45pm to lead the carol singing and we invite you all to join in.

If your child is in the KS2 School choir, please could you confirm on scopay that they will be able to stay for the duration of the concert.

Mrs Grace

Hampshire Book Recommendations

Dear parents and carers,

Please see below this month's book recommendations from Hampshire Library. This can support you with finding engaging books for your children at home. If your children love Supertato, these books could be for them!

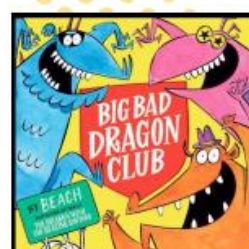
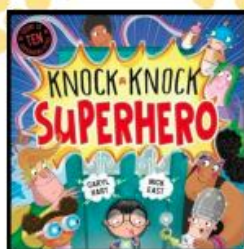
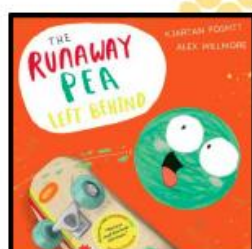
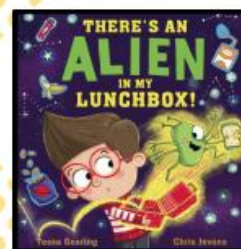
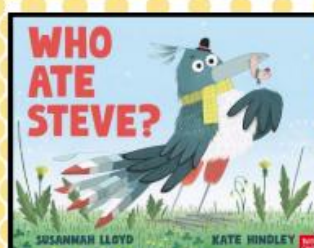
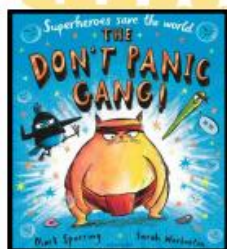
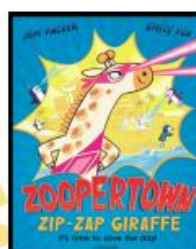
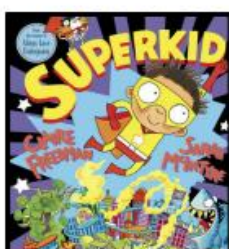
Best wishes,
Miss Butler

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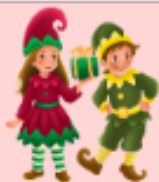


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FRIENDS EVENTS



ELFRIDGES

Fri 12th Dec | During school time | **Deadline: 7th Dec**

Elfridges Christmas shop for kids to exchange pre-purchased tokens for thoughtful gifts for loved ones.

[Click here to book tickets via Classlist](#)



SCHOOL CAROLS - REFRESHMENTS

Fri 12th Dec | KS2 Playground | 3:15pm

The Friends have been asked to provide refreshments, if you are able to help it would be greatly appreciated.



RECYCLE KIND: DONATION BAGS

Thurs 18th Dec AM | Drop off outside the School office

As it's our first collection with this new company we will receive 60p per kilo (previous company was 35-40p). See poster for more info.

Please note: The new company do not provide bags and do not accept school uniform (use the yellow road grit bin by KS2 playground).

FRIENDS NEWS



PANTO TICKETS

Thank you again to everyone who purchased tickets and to Mrs Larkham for organising this. Tickets will be sent out by Friday 5th December.



CHRISTMAS ARTWORK ORDERS

Due to a series of unfortunate events, there is a small delay on the Christmas artwork order.

Unfortunately, the company we usually use went into administration between the Friends posting out the artwork (tracked) and the company receiving it. We have spent a considerable amount of time tracking the parcel between the Royal Mail sorting depots and working with them to try to retrieve the parcel. We have also worked hard to find another provider who can supply products of the same quality at the same price.

The new provider has now received the original artwork and has committed to getting the products to us by the 15th December at the latest.

Royal Mail Christmas post dates are: 1st Class: Sat 20th Dec | 2nd Class: Wed 17th Dec

We will provide any further updates as we get them to you as soon as possible. We kindly ask for a little more patience. Thank you.



Let's Turn Unwanted Clothes into Funds for Our School!



- ✓ Children's & adults' clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes
- ✓ Bags, belts, accessories, jewellery
- ✓ Soft toys



- X Pillows, duvets, blankets
- X Dirty or damaged items
- X Corporate/workwear/school uniform
- X Textile offcuts, yarns
- X Carpets, rugs, mats

The more you bring, the more we raise!

Any general questions please do talk to any of us in the playground or email us:
friendsofsthughspata@gmail.com

Reception – Saint Bernadette

Last week, Reception loved exploring the traditional tale of, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. They used roleplay to give each bear the correct sized cup, bowl and spoon and used the correct language from the story beautifully. They also made and ate their own porridge! We were super proud of all the children for washing their hands so well before handling the food and for those children who tried new flavours and textures for the first time. There were so many empty bowls – well done children!



Read Write Inc.
Phonics

<http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qnwdPXoO/vDAa3df6>

Year 1 – Saint George

It has been another fantastic week in Year 1! In computing, the children have been learning about different technology around the world. We explored a range of examples before going on a technology hunt around the classroom.

In history, the children continued their learning on life in the 1950's. We looked at different toys from that time and compared them to the toys we have now. The children were amazed at how toys have changed so much over time!



Read Write Inc. Phonics

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Pink group- <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/4D9iIKkD/UJMNXqmw>

Purple group - <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/4D9iIKkD/UJMNXqmw>

Orange group- <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/4D9iIKkD/UJMNXqmw>



Year 2 – Saint Francis

What a great week we had in Year 2! We combined our English and History lessons and wrote diary entries as if we were Samuel Pepys, describing everything we witnessed on the night of Sunday, 2nd September 1666, when the Great Fire of London began. In Science, we explored the life cycles of plants and animals. In DT, we designed a chair for a teddy bear, which we'll build over the next few weeks. In RE, we began the season of Advent and discussed the meaning of this special time of preparation. The highlight of our week was maths! We started a new topic on 2D and 3D shapes and used our rulers to find lines of symmetry in some 2D shapes. Not all shapes have a line of symmetry. It's important to check carefully whether a shape can be divided into two equal parts. We loved using our rulers and being mathematicians!



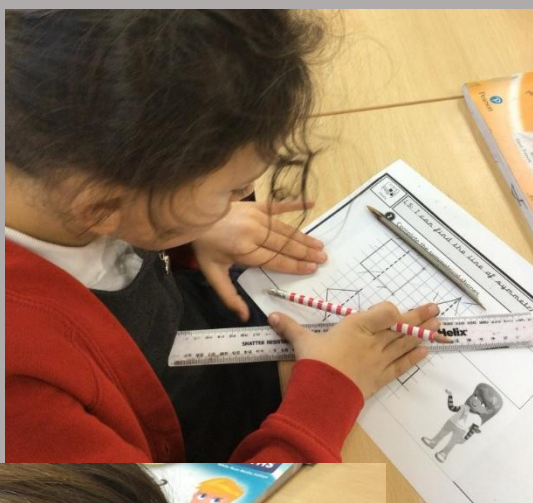
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This week's spelling rule:

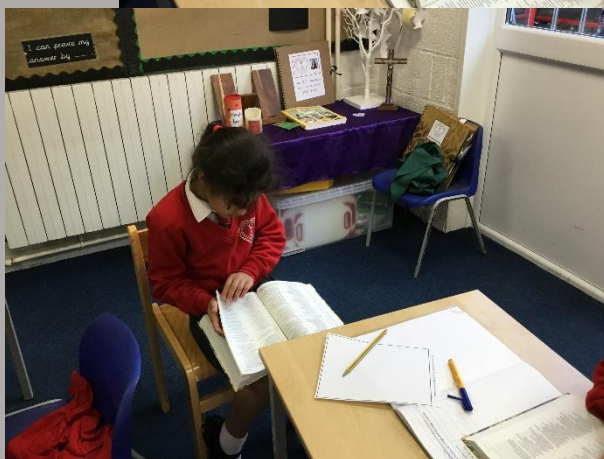
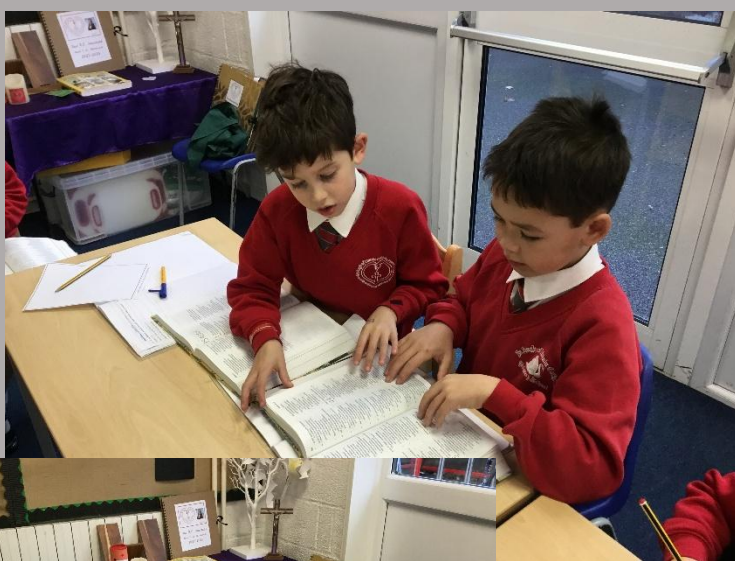
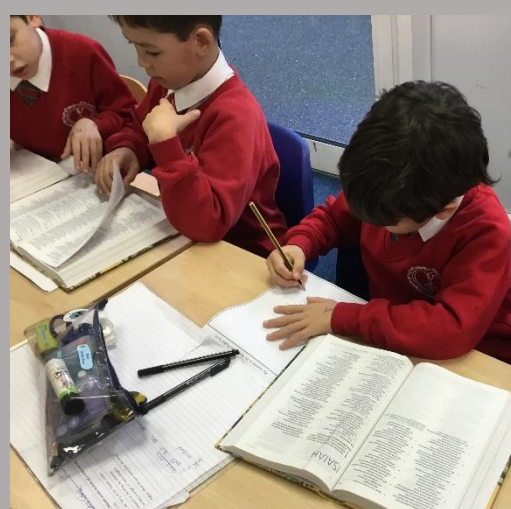
Words with the /igh/ sound spelt with –y, such as sky or fly.

Focus words: December, January, February.



Year 3 – Saint Veronica

On this first week of Advent, Year 3 have been looking at the prophet Isaiah who foretold the coming of the Messiah. We listened to the life and importance of Isaiah through Godly Play. We then responded to what we had heard by reading the Bible, using playdoh and drawing.



Read Write Inc.
Spelling

Our spelling rule this week is: Adding the suffix -ment

For example: enjoyment, treatment, movement, attachment, judgement, amazement

Orange words: guard, decide, purpose, continue, recent, increase

Year 4 – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Year 4 have had another fantastic week of learning. On Wednesday, they visited Haslemere Museum to explore their current History topic on Ancient Egypt. The children impressed our trip lead, Kay, with their excellent recall of classroom learning and enthusiasm for the topic. They were fascinated to learn about the mummification process, including how organs were preserved in canopic jars and the Ancient Egyptian belief that thinking was done by the heart, not the brain. The children showed great respect when viewing a real mummified body in the museum. In the afternoon, the children had lots of fun mummifying their own teddies and creating colourful masks and hieroglyphics to go with them.



Our special focus in spelling this week is: adding the suffix – 'ian'.

Examples: musician, electrician, optician.



Orange words: business, brother, believe, possible, purpose, particular.



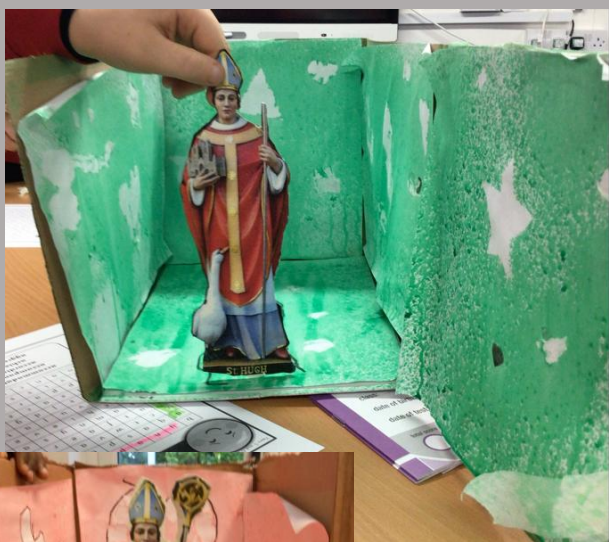
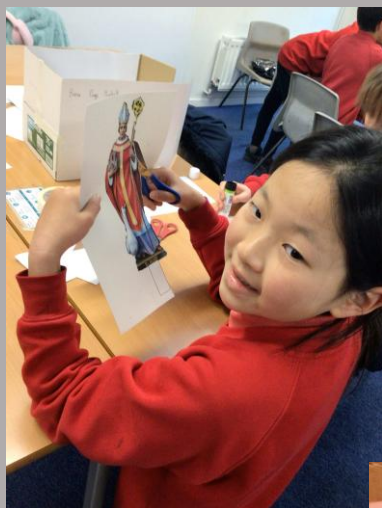
Feast Day Celebration – St Hugh of Lincoln

Our class finished creating wonderful three-dimensional installation artworks inspired by our school's patron saint, St Hugh of Lincoln. Using vibrant colours, layered textures and symbolic imagery, the students brought to life the values St Hugh is remembered for such as compassion, service and steadfast faith. This project marked a special moment in the school year as we prepared to celebrate our Fast Day. Throughout the week, the installation became a focal point for reflection, encouraging pupils to pause and consider the remarkable work and lasting legacy of St Hugh, whose example continues to guide and inspire our school community.



Read Write Inc.
Spelling

Our 6 orange words are: leisure, lightning, marvellous, mischievous, muscle, necessary

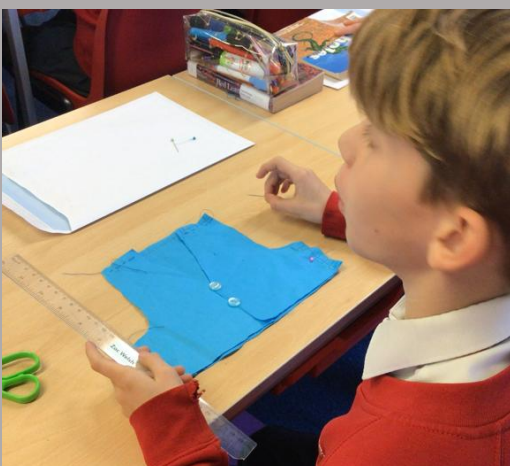


Year 6 – Saint Maximilian Kolbe

We have been working hard on our Advent performance and really hope that you enjoyed it at the church. In science we are focussed on our bodies and how to keep them healthy. To support this, we designed surveys and took them around to years two, three and five to discover if the younger children were also able to explain how to keep themselves healthy through good sleep patterns, exercise and healthy eating. We were very impressed with their knowledge and understanding. In DT we are well underway with creating our waistcoats, we have been learning different stitches and been supportive of our friends who find it trickier. In maths we have come to the end of our units on fractions and are beginning to look at metric and imperial measures.



Our 6 orange words are: Thorough, harass, identity, accommodate, cemetery, according



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ND LIVE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS/CARERS DELIVERED BY LEARNING SPACE

Book a place on this two hour live webinar exploring neurodivergent conditions, with a particular emphasis on autism and ADHD; whilst also looking at PDA and anxiety.

This webinar is for **parents and carers** of any child or young person with an ND need, whether diagnosed or not. **Please note we will need you to sign up at least a day in advance of the session.**

Dates

- Day 1: Wednesday 14 January 12:00-2:00pm
- Day 2: Monday 19 January 6:00-8:00pm
- Day 3: Wednesday 21 January 12:00-2:00pm
- Day 4: Wednesday 4 February 12:00-2:00pm
- Day 5: Monday 23 February 6:00-8:00pm
- Day 6: Wednesday 4 March 12:00-2:00pm
- Day 7: Monday 9 March 6:00-8:00pm
- Day 8: Wednesday 25 March 12:00-2:00 pm

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK BELOW

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children with autism

A variety of 6-part support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism (or suspected autism) are available online and in-person around Surrey. Your child must live in Surrey or attend a Surrey education setting.



Early bird programme for parents of children aged 5 years and under

- Understanding autism
- Communication
- Understanding autistic experiences
- Supporting daily living
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

Cygnets programme for parents of children aged 5-18 years old

- Introductory session
- Overview of autism with parent and carer experience
- Thinking & sensory
- Social interaction & communication
- Understanding & supporting behaviour
- Analysing behaviour

Teen life for parents of children aged 10-16 years old

- Understanding autism
- Understanding autistic identity
- Stress, anxiety and understanding behaviour
- Health and wellbeing
- Puberty
- Education and transitioning into adulthood

Can I ask some questions?

Email us on parenttraining@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk

How do I join a course?

Please scan the QR code to register your interest & be part of our mailing list. We will email you each time a new set of courses are available for booking.

Surrey Parent Training Programmes



Reminders

Parking

The Surrey pub kindly allow us to use their parking. Please park considerately avoiding the disabled bays and electric charging bays.

When picking up from an extra curricular club please do not drive up to the school, the carpark and road is busy when the club finishes and we need to keep the children safe.

The only exception to this is if your child is attending the wraparound breakfast or afterschool club you may use the carpark to collect your child.

School Absence

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Safeguarding

We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, or dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible the same day.