

22ND DECEMBER 2023

WORD OF THE WEEK – JOY
WORSHIP THEME OF THE WEEK – CHRISTMAS
CORE VALUE OF THE WEEK –
RESPECT/TOLERANCE OF DIFFERENT BELIEFS
BIBLICAL REFERENCE OF THE WEEK – LUKE 1:26-28

This is the final newsletter of what has been another incredible term at St Edward's. Where have those 15 weeks gone? I am immensely proud of all that we have achieved this term and I cannot thank our dedicated staff enough for all their hard work and commitment to your children. They really are a fantastic team of professionals. Thank you to all of our parents/carers for your support this term, you are always so kind with your donations, nominations and comments you make about our school. Thank you for supporting our systems and processes and working so proactively with us.

Finally, I want to say a huge thank you to all our children, each day they brighten up this school with their manners, personality and dedication to their studies. What ambassadors for the school and your families they are. My final comments for this year are to wish all our families a very merry Christmas and enjoy the time with your loved ones, there is nothing more important than our families, surround yourself with those you love and be thankful for all you have. What an exciting year 2024 will be for us all, culminating in opening our brand new £25 million school site in September.



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Our second Christmas Carol Concert was a roaring success. Brilliantly put together by Miss Miller. Our Chair of Governors, Nigel Leeder, has spent every Tuesday INVOLVE session since September working with our students to create our own band, and their debut at the concert was magnificent. Thank you to everyone who attended what was a superb night and we raised a great deal of money for our local charity BIADS – thank you for your generosity.





REWARDS WEEK

Our children have been enjoying lots of rewards this week for their hard work, their House participation and attendance. We have had three fabulous celebration assemblies, awarding bronze achievement badges, subject heroes, academic excellence postcards and much more. On Tuesday, House Hawking students were rewarded with a popcorn cinema experience of Elf, and we have had pizza parties and a full cooked breakfast for our attendance winners. Throw in a brilliant Christmas jumper day and a £210 donation to The Samaritans, while enjoying our Chef and catering team's awesome Christmas dinner, our children have a had a lovely week.











THE QUALITY IN CAREERS STANDARD

We were delighted to be awarded the Quality in Careers Standard this week. This is an award that is normally given to schools who have five full year groups. To receive this award in our third year is testament to the amazing experiences our children receive. It is vitally important that we inspire our children to be anything they want to be and to show them anything is possible. Our Trinity Scholars get a fantastic offer as do all other children with external visitors, our STEM drop-down days, visits to universities and our partnerships with Barnsley College and our current work with Leeds University and Formula One in Schools.

I would like to pass on enormous thanks to Mrs Waite who has led on careers and has been the instigator of a lot of this work, she has done an amazing job.



CHURCH SERVICE

Vanessa, our Chaplain, led a lovely Christmas service for each year group on Thursday at St Mary's Church. It was brilliant to see so many children involved in the readings and taking an active part in the service.







CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN

I had the very difficult decision of selecting the winning design for our Christmas card competition this week. There were so many entries and further examples of how talented our students are. I could not split two designs, so both are the winners. We will now produce both to send out next year. Well done Noah in Year 8 and Jack in Year 7 who created the winning designs below.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 9th January
School re-opens

Wednesday 10th January

TASE recruitment evening for new staff to start Sept 2024

W/b Monday 15th January
Assessment week

