



The Diocese of Leeds: City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council  
**Normanton All Saints CE (A) Infant School**

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'An outstanding example of a Church school' SIAS 2003  
 'All Saints Infant School is an outstanding school' OFSTED 2007  
 'The school's performance has been sustained' Interim assessment OFSTED 2010  
 'The school's distinctiveness and effectiveness as a Church school is outstanding' SIAS 2012  
 'This is an outstanding school' OFSTED 2013  
 'Outstanding' SIAMS 2017

Our Christian Value for this half term is ...  
 Forgiveness

Respect ... Empower ...Grow!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!' In school today, we have celebrated the start of Advent and have been thinking about how this is a special time to start preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth. We have also considered the importance of spreading kindness to everyone around us especially those who may feel vulnerable or lonely at Christmas time.

**Countdown to Christmas**

With only 3 weeks left until the end of this term I am writing with further information about the different Christmas celebrations which will be taking place in school. I, alongside the staff, are looking forward to celebrating the festive season together as we make special memories for all our young children. What a wonderful time of the year! There will be lots of photographs posted on the school's Twitter page (Twitter @NormantonAS).

Year group	Event	Date and time	Notes
Nursery	<b>Hygge workshops</b>	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December  Workshop times: 10:30 & 14:30	A newsletter has been sent with information about this event and all places have been allocated. The cost of the workshop is £5. These workshops will take place outdoors so please wrap up warm.
	<b>Nativity</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 10am for parents and families of morning pupils  2pm for parents and families of afternoon pupils	The nativity will be taking place in All Saints Church, situated next to the school.  Mr Price will be communicating with nursery parents about the arrangements for the performance.
	<b>Christmas Party</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December Morning party for morning children Afternoon party for afternoon children  Parents welcome to join at 11am (morning children) and 3pm (afternoon children).	Children can come dressed in party clothes. Towards the end of the party, we will be welcoming a very special visitor! Family and friends are welcome to come to school to watch as the children sing to him and receive their Christmas present from school.
Upper Foundation Stage	<b>Christmas Reading Café</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm in the school hall	Please come and join us in the school hall for hot chocolate and a Christmas treat whilst you enjoy reading with your child.
	<b>Nativity</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December at 10am All Saints Church	We are inviting parents and family members to join us in the school hall for a mince pie and hot drink before the performance begins. Hall doors will open at 8.40am. Church doors will open 5-10 minutes before the 10am performance.
	<b>Christmas Party</b>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December This will take place in the morning.	The children can come dressed in their party clothes for the full day. Parents invited for the special visitor at 10.45am.



Year One	Christmas Reading Café	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm in the school hall	Please come and join us in the school hall for hot chocolate and a Christmas treat whilst you enjoy reading with your child.
	Year 1 Town Council Christmas Party	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	The Year One children have been invited by Normanton Town Council to attend the Christmas party. This will take place during the school day and children will wear school uniform.
	Nativity	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm in All Saints Church	Church doors will open 5-10 minutes before the nativity begins.
	Christmas Party	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December This will take place in the morning.	The children can come dressed in their party clothes for the full day. Parents invited for the special visitor at 11am.
Year Two	Christmas Reading Café	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm in the school hall	Please come and join us in the school hall for hot chocolate and a Christmas treat whilst you enjoy reading with your child.
	Joint Schools Carol Concert	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December This will take place in the morning in All Saints Church	This is a ticketed event. Members of the school choir will receive one ticket for a family member.
	Nativity	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm in All Saints Church	Church doors will open 5-10 minutes before the nativity start time.
	Christmas Party	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December This will take place in the afternoon.	The children can come dressed in their party clothes for the full day. Parents invited for the special visitor at 2.30pm.
Whole school	Christmas Hygge workshops	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November  Workshop times: 9:45, 13:30, 15:30	A newsletter has been sent with information about this event and all places have been allocated. The cost of the workshop is £5. These workshops will take place outdoors so please wrap up warm.
	Decorating the school Christmas tree	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	We will be coming together as a school family to decorate our school Christmas trees whilst we sing some of our favourite nativity songs.
	Christmas Den Day	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupils in main school will enjoy working as a team to make a Christmas den, which they will then enjoy trying out! This is an outdoor event so warm and waterproof clothing and wellies please.
	Reindeer Run	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	The children will be putting on their antlers and run to raise money for Wakefield Hospice.
	Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	All children in main school and nursery can come dressed to school wearing a Christmas jumper. We are asking for 50p donations for the charity Save the Children.
	Christmas Dinner Day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Children and staff will enjoy a Christmas dinner together.
	Spanish Nativity	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am in All Saints Church	Our Year 2 Spanish club will be performing a nativity in Spanish. All parents and family members are welcome to join us.
	School closes for the Christmas break	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm close for all pupils in nursery and main school	The school will re-open on Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January. Please note that Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January is a bank holiday.



**XMAS JUMPER SALE**

Kids (1 - 14yrs) and Adult (S - XXL)  
Xmas Jumpers for just £3

**30 November 2022**  
All Saints Church Parish Rooms  
Snydale Road, Normanton  
9am - 11am

Coffee, tea and cakes on offer, plus a Tombola. We will also be selling Xmas T-shirts, PJ's and plenty more Xmas items

All funds raised will support  


We will be celebrating Christmas jumper day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - you can get yours at the Coffee Morning being held on 30<sup>th</sup> November at All Saints Church Parish Rooms from 9am-11am. They have over 70 Christmas jumpers (ranging from kids size 1-14yrs and Adult size S - XXL) for sale at just £3 each, and will also be selling Xmas T-shirts, baby outfits, PJ's and even some fancy dress. Coffee, tea and cake is also on offer and a Christmas tombola too. All money raised will go to The Well Project.

### Christmas post box

Our Christmas post box will open on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. If your child would like to send their friends a Christmas card they can post these in the post box located in the hall entrance. Please make sure envelopes are clearly labelled with the child's name and class. If you would like a class list to help your child write their cards please ask the teacher. Please note we are only able to provide a list with first names only. Happy posting!

### Volunteers

We are continuing to encourage parents to volunteer in school. The next few weeks in school are extremely busy and we would definitely benefit from a helping hand or two! If you have any spare time and would like to volunteer in school please speak with your child's class teacher who will share with you our volunteer procedures. Thank you.

### Attendance and well-being support

We have noticed that our school attendance at the moment is very low and is causing concern. I am aware that there are many seasonal illnesses around causing children to have a cough and cold. Please can I reassure you that all our staff continuously monitor the well-being of all children and if they felt that a child was not well enough to stay at school they would act accordingly and contact parents at home. We do ask that children stay at home for 48 hours if they have sickness or diarrhoea to prevent this from passing on. Also, if parents want to administer over the counter medication to their child, such as Calpol, we are more than happy for you to make a visit to school to do this. As you can see, we have a range of wonderful Christmas events planned and we want all children to attend school to enjoy these alongside their friends. If you have any questions or worries around your child's attendance please call the school office to speak with Mrs Ballance. Thank you for your support.

As a country, we are fully aware of the increases to the cost of living. However, many people are not aware of the benefits and support which are available out there. Mrs Ballance, our learning mentor and pastoral lead, has a wealth of experience and also knows of other support tools and agencies which can provide help and support. If you want to make an appointment to chat about this confidentially with Mrs Ballance, please send a text message or telephone her 07977 961641 to arrange a time. If you feel you could be entitled to Free School Meals (which helps provide other benefits such as half price educational visits) please call into the school office.

Please can I also ask that parents and families do not worry about buying Christmas gifts for staff within school. Although this is a lovely kind gesture, we are aware how everyone is stretched now and we would prefer you not to buy any gifts. We are aware that we are asking for charity donations as part of our Christmas jumper day and Reindeer Run, which will support the work of two amazing charities. A kind Christmas message to the staff is just as thoughtful and means a lot to us!

### Congratulations to Miss Beal

I am sure the good news has spread that Miss Beal welcomed her beautiful baby boy, Reuben George, into the world. Reuben is doing really well and we are looking forward to meeting him soon in school. I know the Jaguars have been excited by the news! I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Beal on her first baby and we wish her a lovely maternity leave spending precious time together as a family. I would also like to inform you that Miss Gallagher will be returning from her maternity leave on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December and is looking forward to teaching the Jaguars class.

Wishing you a lovely Advent time. I am looking forward to welcoming you in school to join in with our Christmas festivities. Please remember our doors are always open. If you have any questions or you are concerned about your child, please do speak with your class teacher at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amy Stone  
Headteacher

