

# Newsletter

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## Head Teacher's Awards

Aaron Alex

## Stars of the Week

All of Swinney Jessie Harrison  
Axel Etta William

## Value of the Week

Luna Adel  
Alfie Herbie Pippa

## Write of the Week

Jacob

## Message from Mrs Wood

A huge well done to Swinney Class for what was a wonderful and memorable Nativity last week. They looked great and sounded great - absolute super stars! There was great support from parents, carers and other family members - many thanks! I am very much looking forward to the Carol Service at St.Mary's next Friday - a great way to end the term and start the Christmas break.

Children in Years 1 to 6 were busy last week completing end of term assessments (in reading, GPS (grammar, punctuation & spelling) and maths - we have been busy analysing the outcomes and can see great progress, reflecting the hard work of both children and teaching staff. The outcomes of the assessments are used to inform planning and address any gaps that there might be.

Today is our Christmas Day in school - children and staff are looking very festive in their Christmas jumpers. We are all looking forward to our Christmas Dinner!

Sadly, it is not long until we bid a fond farewell to Miss Lawton, who leaves at the end of this term - we would like to thank her for her continued hard work and dedication to our school over a number of years. We have also said good-bye to Mrs Foster who has worked part time as a teaching assistant; she is moving on to a full time teacher post in January. We wish both Miss Lawton and Mrs Foster all the very best for the future!



- Friday 12th December—Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
- Friday 12th December—School Disco
- Friday 19th December—Christmas Service at St Marys @ 1.15pm
- Friday 19th December—School closes for the Christmas break at **2pm**
- Monday 5th January 2026—Teacher Training Day—School closed to pupils

## **Swinney Class**

In Swinney we have performed a wonderful nativity 'Shine, Star, Shine' and have had lots of fun outside in the damp weather.



## **Burn Class**



Burn Class have had a fantastic few weeks of learning! The children have written some incredible persuasive letters, showing creativity and confidence in their writing. This week, we have moved on to creating our very own friendly Christmas monsters, inspired by the John Lewis advert *Moz the Monster*, and the class are excited to turn them into detailed fact files. We also enjoyed a lively TTRS battle, with Luna earning an amazing number of points after going home and completing lots of extra practice—well done, Luna! On top of all this, the children worked brilliantly in their assessments, showing outstanding resilience and determination. We are so proud of every one of them!

## **Cover Class**

Cover class have had a busy and exciting fortnight of learning! In science, we have been investigating how changing the voltage affects a circuit, building our practical skills including making predictions and explaining our results. In English, we are learning to write informative non-chronological reports and are already showing great progress using brackets to explain tricky technical vocabulary. We've also been creating some wonderful artwork to help us make our voices heard, choosing our own message and the art materials we feel will help us get our message across using words, symbols and colour.



## House Points

### House Point Weekly Totals

	Penguins Blue	Lions Green	Owls Red	Elephants Yellow
05.12.25	29	29	34	20
12.12.25	41	29	30	16

### Autumn Term Running Totals

Penguins	401
Lions	391
Owl	422
Elephants	340

## Local Information

### Christmas Reading Challenge at Masham Community Library

Take part in the Christmas Reading Challenge at the library. Read three library books between 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 and 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to complete the challenge. Join today and receive your booklet to get you started.

- After reading book one receive a sticker.
- After reading book two receive a sticker and sweet treat.
- After reading book three receive more stickers, a surprise gift and a signed certificate.

While in the library, why not bring your letter for Father Christmas and post it in our special postbox. We have daily collections for the North Pole and one of Father Christmas's elves will write back to you but remember, last posting date is Friday 19th December...



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### Our NEW School Council

Year 2 — **Jack & Iliza**  
Year 3 — **Luna**  
Year 4 — **Florence**  
Year 5 — **Ellie**  
Year 6 — **Varvara & Adel**



## Safeguarding

As we head towards the Christmas break, we would like to remind parents/ carers that support is available should anyone have concerns over the safety or wellbeing of a child. The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) website contains very useful signposting for parents/ carers:

<https://safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/>