

20th December, 2024

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Due to lots of illness this week our attendance has dropped to 82.4%. Hopefully everyone will be feeling a lot better in the New Year.

Life at Lealholm

What a superb last week in school! We are incredibly proud of all of our children for the excellent Christmas performance. Children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and know exactly when to come on stage. It is always fantastic to see how the older children in school help the younger ones and it really shows what a lovely, family unit we are at Lealholm. Due to the high number of absentees this week, children had to take on extra parts in the final hour and all of the children took this in their stride and executed it perfectly! Well done everyone!

Fern class have still been working hard until the end of term. This week, we have answered our big geographical enquiry question of 'What is the geography of our local school?', reflecting on our learning from the last six weeks to create very detailed answers, showcasing so much knowledge, especially in relation to our big ideas of space, place and scale. In RE, having learnt about the festival of Hannukah that took place from the 7th to the 15th December, we then moved our learning onto learning the Christmas story. This was supported by our understanding from doing our Christmas performances.

Heather class have completed their science units on 'States of Matter' and 'Properties of materials'. The children have focused on being able to set up their own fair tests thinking about the variables that they have to control and what they are measuring. They have thoroughly enjoyed their investigations and the learning they have taken from it.

Year 3 and 4 children have enjoyed their topic on 'Our Place on Earth' in geography and learning about the equator and the climates of the countries on the equator compared to other countries in the world. The year 5 and 6 children were intrigued in their learning about global trade and were surprised with the findings about what countries import and export.

The Christmas week was rounded off nicely with us travelling to Glaisdale School to have our Christmas lunch cooked by Mrs Atkinson which was delicious as always. The children then enjoyed coming to school today in their Christmas jumpers and enjoyed the party games we also had a special visitor at the end of the school day!



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Afterschool clubs spring half term

This week, you should have received an email about the different clubs which will be taking place next half term. Please complete the consent form which was attached to ensure your child is able to attend the club. Please note that children in Reception are now able to attend football and games club, if you wish.

Monday afterschool club- Football with Lewis (Reception-year 6) [Football click here](#)

Tuesday afterschool club- Year 6 club (Year 6 only) [Y6 click here](#)

Thursday afterschool club- Games club (Reception- year 6) [Games click here](#)

FOLS

We would like to say a huge thank you to Friends of Lealholm for making the lovely hampers that were raffled at the Christmas performances this week. Also, for their time making teas and coffees at the performance on Tuesday afternoon: we are always extremely grateful for your help and support.

100 Club

Congratulations to the winners of the FOLS 2nd Draw at the School Christmas Play were:

1st No 55 D Yoxall

4th No 21 J Sedman

2nd No 5 A&M Foord

5th No 18 D Bainbridge

3rd No 63 H Davies

Thank you everyone for your continued support, the next draw will be in the spring.

Music lessons

In January, Mrs Lillie will be in school on a **Thursday** to deliver music lesson, so please ensure your child has their musical instrument with them.

Jack and the Beanstalk

In January, we will be relaunching our Jack and the Beanstalk initiative which we are introducing to give children the opportunity to win one of our fantastic books in school. Your child has to read at home five times to be entered into the draw. This should be recorded in your child's reading record by their parents or for the older children, this can be done by themselves. Lily will then complete the draw each week during our celebration assembly. The first draw will be on the Thursday 9th January- get reading!

Mrs Sedman's recommended read

I love this book because it's been a favourite of mine for a long time. I have read this book to lots of classes throughout my career and I love the message behind the book of trying and never giving up. It is also about believing in yourself and that you can achieve anything that you put your mind to.



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I've chosen this book at this time of year too as the perseverance of the giraffe makes me think about our current Reception cohort, who have had such a brilliant first term and put their all into everything they have done. We've read this as a Reception cohort and Reception love this too!



Little Wandle Champion School: A celebration

As many of you know, Lealholm is a Little Wandle Champion School, one of 28 schools nationally designated having met the 16 standards of excellence for the teaching of early reading. Lealholm is Little Wandle's national small school champion. As we enter our second year being a Champion school, we are delighted to still be meeting all 16 standards of excellence and supporting many schools. Through leading both national webinars and in person live events, we have supported and continue to support 47 teachers in 2024 alone, in the implementation and delivery of Little Wandle. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Little Wandle in the new academic year and were delighted to share that every child on the Little Wandle programme is making fantastic progress with their reading journey. We'll done to our reading superstars!

In the New Year, new Literacy Specialists from our English Hub are visiting to watch our amazing children too! We are so proud of the children, who certainly aren't now shocked to find many adults at the back of their classroom!

Star of the Week Heather Class

Star of the week in Heather Class this week is Olivia P for helping younger children in the play and always been responsible.



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Star of the Week Fern Class

Star of the week in Fern Class this week is Lizzie for her kindness and helping children getting off the bus.

Classdojo winners

Heather class

Red- Rachel
Blue- Peter
Green- Isaac
Yellow

Fern Class

Red- Henry Y
Blue - Mia
Green - Jeffrey
Yellow - Henry

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From all the staff at Lealholm School, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to welcoming children back on Monday 6th January.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Clay
Acting Headteacher

Term Dates 2025

First Day of Spring term	Monday 6 th January 2025
Half term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February
PD Day	Friday 21st March, 2025 (amended date)
Last Day of Spring term	Friday 4 th April, 2025
First Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd April, 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half term	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May, 2025
Last Day of Summer Term	Monday 21 st July, 2025
PD Day	Tuesday 22 nd July, 2025



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