

# FRIDAY LETTER



12/12/2025



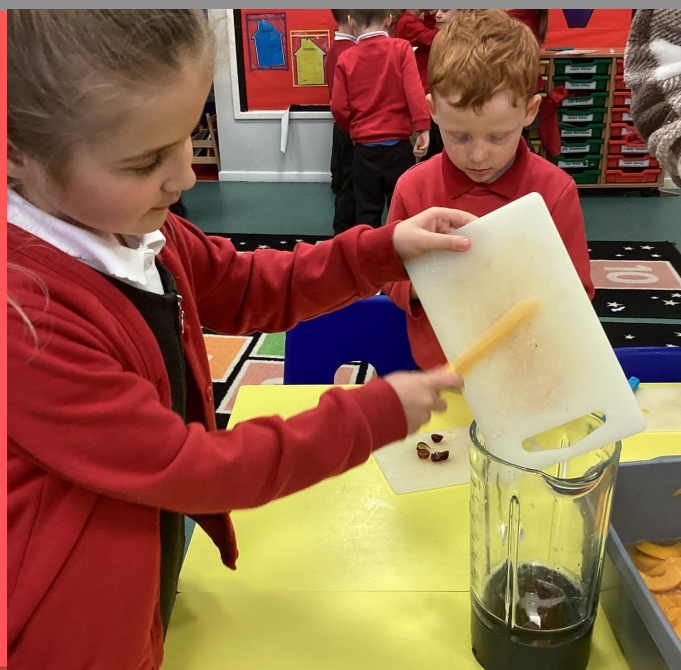
Year 5/6 pupils singing for the residents of Ryton Towers today.

## End of term activities:

Our term draws to a close next week with lots of activities and events taking place each day. This week has been full of preparations as well as finishing off curriculum topics. Year 3 and Year 1 have been completing their food technology topics with fruit crumbles and smoothies being prepared and enjoyed.

We enjoyed Christmas dinner on Wednesday. Thank you to our kitchen staff for making such a tasty dinner with all of the trimmings.

Some of our Year 5/6 pupils went along to Ryton Towers Care Home today to sing a collection of Christmas songs. This has become a well-loved Crookhill Christmas tradition and we know that the residents and staff really appreciated our visit.



## House Points Update

Today was the final day to collect house points for our teams. It has been a closely contested competition all term long but the final standings for this term are:

Crookhill **7649**

Hedgefield **7528**

Stargate **7431**

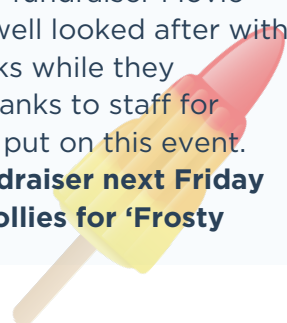
Runhead **6904**

Team Crookhill will have a team reward next Friday.

## Movie Night

Our classrooms became movie theatres last night as we hosted our fundraiser Movie Night. Children were well looked after with pizza, donuts and drinks while they watched the show. Thanks to staff for giving up their time to put on this event.

**We have one final fundraiser next Friday when we will sell ice lollies for 'Frosty Friday'.**



## Christmas Parties:

A reminder of our party arrangements for next week:

Reception and KS1 will have a party day on Wednesday with games and fun in the hall in the morning and party activities in class during the afternoon. Come to school in your party clothes ready for the festivities.

KS2 party will be on Wednesday afternoon. Children can be collected from the carol service and go home to get changed or bring party clothes to school to change into.

**Please send £2 in cash to cover the cost of party treats and snacks on MONDAY**



## Nativity and Carol Service

Our nativity and carol service will take place next week with the Reception /KS1 performances taking place on Monday afternoon (2.30pm) and Tuesday morning (9.30am). The KS2 children will go to Holy Cross Church to rehearse on Tuesday before the Carol Service for parents on Wednesday (10am).

We ask Reception/KS1 parents to attend only one of the performances to ensure that we have space for everyone to watch.

All KS2 children must wear uniform on Wednesday for the Carol Service (see note above about party clothes).

We ask parents not to bring babies and toddlers to these performances as they can find it difficult to remain settled for the duration which can be off putting for our young performers! We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



## Coming up at Crookhill:

15.12.25 - Reception / KS1 Nativity (2.30 pm)  
16.12.25 - Reception / KS1 Nativity (9.30 am)  
**17.12.25 - KS2 Carol Service - Holy Cross Church 10am**  
17.12.25 - KS1 party day / KS2 party (pm)  
18.12.25 - Some Y5/6 children to Hadrian House to sing for residents (am)  
18.12.25 - Christmas Music Workshop (pm) - Gateshead Music Service  
19.12.25 - Winter Jumper Day / End of Term  
5.1.26 - Spring Term begins

## Appeal from Crookhill Early Years

Crookhill Early Years have asked us to share their appeal for any ride on toys that are no longer used. The children in nursery would love to make use of any of the Little Tykes coupe cars that may be hiding in your garage or shed. Just contact Early Years if you can help them out with their appeal.



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Working together, we succeed

Reverend Allison has asked us to share the service times for the festive period at Holy Cross Church:



## Christmas Services at St Paul's, Winlaton and Holy Cross, Ryton

Sunday 21st December

3.30pm Holy Cross Carol Service

6.30pm St Paul's Carol Service

Monday 22nd December

5pm St Paul's Comfort and Joy Christmas Service

A quiet and reflective celebration of Christmas for all  
who find this time of year difficult.

Tuesday 23rd December

3-5pm St Paul's Messy Church Crib Service

Join us for fun activities and Christmas crafts as we tell the Christmas story  
together and assemble the crib.

Refreshments served.

Christmas Eve

No morning service at St Paul's.

4pm Holy Cross Nativity Walk

Meet at the Church Hall for a walk through the Christmas story  
ending in church to assemble the crib. Wear warm clothes.

9.30pm Holy Cross The First Communion of Christmas

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Christmas Day

9.30am St Paul's Family Christmas Communion

10am Holy Cross Family Christmas Communion

Sunday 28th December

10am St Paul's Joint Communion Service

4pm St Paul's Come and Sing Carols!

Put your Christmas jumper on and come and sing all your favourite carols. Bring  
your leftover Christmas nibbles to share.

There will be a collection for The Children's Society.

