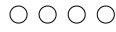




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FRIDAY LETTER



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Festivals of Light Day

Light holds significance in cultures all around the globe. And, over the centuries, lights have become an important part of religious and cultural traditions and celebrations.

Today, in school, children learned about the many different festivals that take place around the world with each class focusing on one particular festival of light. This is always a wonderful day where we take the opportunity to highlight different ways that people around the world are linked by their beliefs and traditions.

We hope the children enjoy sharing what they have learned with you.



Christmas Tree Lighting

Thank you to the KS2 children who came along to sing and light up the village tree last night. As always, we are proud to take part in this lovely community event. The children sang beautifully in the joint choir with Ryton Federation. Well done everyone!



Parent consultations

It was lovely to welcome parents in school this week both for the RISE workshop on Tuesday and for parent consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. If you missed your appointment and would like to rearrange, please contact the office.

End of year raffle

Today, children have brought home a set of raffle tickets to sell for our biggest ever end of year raffle. A full list of prizes can be found on our Facebook page and we hope that this fundraiser will be a great way to boost our playground project. Please read carefully the letter regarding payment instructions.

We have kept a record of who has each set of numbers, but to be entered into the raffle, **one half of the tickets and payment must be returned to school.**

More tickets can be purchased from the fayre next Friday.

The raffle will be drawn in assembly on MONDAY 8th DECEMBER and we will publish numbers on our Facebook page and in the Friday letter on 12.12.25



Christmas Fayre

Next Friday, we will hold our Christmas Fayre in school, starting at 2.30pm.

Children can be collected from their usual exit from 2.15pm. Children who are not collected will be supervised in a classroom by a member of staff. **Please note, all children in Year 5/6 must be collected from school at this time if they are attending the fayre (they can not go home at 2.15pm without an adult).** Some children in Year 6 have volunteered to help on the Y6 stalls - we will organise and communicate this with parents.

This year we have two entry points into school to help ease congestion in the hall: the main entrance via the office and the KS2 decking. If you're heading straight to the tombola, stalls or refreshments use the main entrance. If you're heading straight to see Santa, use the KS2 decking. Entry is £1 for adults and free for children.

All of the fayre favourites will be there for you to enjoy - tombola, Santa, cakes, treats and refreshments, raffle and many others including the children's own handmade decorations (we will share pictures of these on our Facebook page next week).

Please note, stalls are cash only. We hope to see you there!



Coming up at Crookhill:

- 5.12.25 - Christmas Fayre
- 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 - Christmas Music Workshop (pm) - Gateshead Music Service
- 19.12.25 - Winter Jumper Day / End of Term
- 5.1.26 - Spring Term begins

SEND Coffee Morning at Thorp Academy - Prospective Year 6 Parents

Thorp Academy cordially invites prospective Year 6 parents to a coffee morning at Thorp Academy on **Wednesday 3rd December 2025** from 9-10am (arrivals from 8.45am).

This is an opportunity to meet the team and explore how SEND students are supported on their educational journey at Thorp.



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