



The Prayer

In this week's assembly we reflected upon the Gospel from last Sunday, where Jesus teaches us to always be ready for Him.

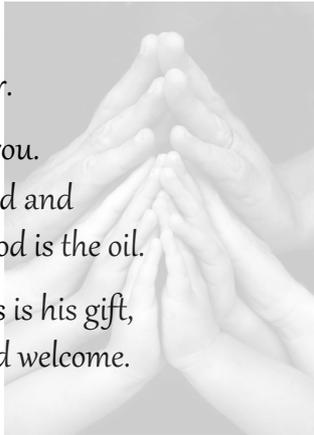
*Lord, give me the grace today
to find you in every encounter.*

Make me ready to recognise you.

*The lamp is given to us by God and
our prayer or time given to God is the oil.*

*All of God's action in our lives is his gift,
but it needs our openness and welcome.*

Amen



Message from the Headteacher

It has been another exciting week in school as classes are working hard both in class subject areas and in their rehearsals for Christmas concerts and plays.

Across the school, children have been completing their Autumn assessments and we are so proud of how hard they have all worked.

Year 4 spent Tuesday at Chipping Norton Town Hall making lanterns ready for the lantern parade next week.

On Wednesday a group of our Year 6 children attended a netball festival, where they enjoyed practising skills and playing games and on Thursday Year 6 took part in a dance workshop led by Chipping Norton School.

Throughout the week, Mr Kinahan Brown and the Chaplains have been monitoring our energy use for switch off fortnight and Mr Kinahan Brown has also been running a poster competition for this all week. We have had some wonderful entries so far, which we will be using all throughout the school to raise awareness of conserving energy and protecting our planet.

Last Friday, we had our half termly coffee afternoon and it was lovely to see parents and chat to them about any concerns or questions they may have. We also welcomed our CAMHS community team, school nursing team and The Branch to talk about what they offer and how they can help in a variety of ways. Our next coffee afternoon will be on the 20th January, where we will also be inviting other professionals to join us. More information to follow in the coming weeks. Thank-you to Mrs Wickens, our governors and all who were able to attend.

Despite the icy weather and a few lingering bugs, our whole school attendance for this week has improved and is 94%. Thank-you for efforts made to ensure children are in school each day and on time. Our minimum target is 96%, so with these continued efforts we hope to achieve and maintain this. Congratulations to Year 6 for the best attendance this week at 97.5%.

A reminder: Your child must be in school by 8.45am each morning - the gates open at 8.35am.

There has been a noticeable drop in temperature this week - we've even seen snow - so please ensure children have a named, warm coat in school each day.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Christmas Crafts Afternoon

On Friday 6th December, at 2pm, Years 1 - 6 will be hosting a Christmas Craft afternoon. Parents are invited to come into their child's class and enjoy Christmas themed art activities, with some festive music and a Christmas treat. Please let your child's class teacher know, via dojo, if you will be able to attend so that we have an idea of numbers. Early Years will be enjoying a reading cafe and Christmas activities on the same afternoon. We look forward to welcoming you to the festivities.

Clerk to the Governors

We are currently looking to recruit a clerk for our governing body. If you or anyone you know would be interested in this role then please contact the school office.

'Well Done'



to the following pupils who received Learner of the Week awards:

Reception - **Zack** for working hard with his letter formation and name writing.

Year 1 - **Sophie** for improved focus and independence in learning activities.

Year 2 - **Savannah** for having a real love of learning and enthusiastically carrying on her learning outside of the classroom.

Year 3 - **Alice** for great focus and determination this week, in lessons & carol concert practice.

Year 4 - **Izzy** for her high quality work and positive attitude to her learning.

Year 5 - **Clemmie** for having a curious and enthusiastic attitude to learning, always reading around the subject.

Year 6 **Liza** for a consistent approach to all her learning - applying herself even with things she finds tricky.

Headteacher's Award

Year 3 & 5

For working together as a team to ensure they look out for one another and set a good example both within lessons and playtimes.

Attendance Award

Year 6 for 97.5% attendance



Christmas Lunch



Just a reminder to sign up for Christmas lunch.

We ask that everyone, packed lunches, Reception and KS1 included, complete the form below.

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Orders must be placed by 30th November.

Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers and bring a cracker to pull with their friends.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Michaelmas Term	
Monday 25th November	Year 5 & 6 Fire, Road & Water Safety Talk (NEW)
Wednesday 27th November	Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics
Thursday 28th November	Christmas Lantern Parade
Friday 29th November	Year 5 St Andrew's Class Assembly
Wednesday 4th December	Year 4 Ball Skills Tournament
Thursday 5th December	Reception Nativity Performance
Friday 6th December	Parent Christmas Crafts Afternoon 2:00pm
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 Nativity Performance
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day - Don't Forget Your Cracker!
Friday 13th December	Whole School Panto Trip
Monday 16th December	KS2 Carol Concert (1.30 & 5.30pm) - CHANGE OF DATE
Thursday 19th December	School Closes at 12.05pm for Christmas

This Week in Photos



Snow Much Fun!



Year 4 Lantern Making



Year 6 Street Dance Workshop



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as 2 for 1 deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest: you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest: parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.



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