

# Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



## Newsletter 3 Autumn Term 2024

### CHRISTMAS!

Here at school Christmas is fully underway. Younger pupils are busy preparing for the nativity while the older classes are getting ready for carol services in the last week of term.

Children in Miss Codman's class have really enjoyed reading seasonal poems by Shirley Hughes. Inspired by her poem, *Cold*, pupils have written their own winter themed verse. We shared Charlie's poem in assembly and on the school blog last week, and this has inspired some writers at Gunnerside School. We hope that you enjoy reading the poems.

We have a busy schedule of Christmas events over the coming weeks – you'll find full details later in our newsletter. We very much hope that you can join us and look forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes

*G. Stainsby*

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

### WINTER

Silence in the snow  
Crunchy snow that's so cold  
Ice skating with our friends  
Behind you your footsteps.

By Charlie



### MAKING CHRISTMAS

Key stage 1 pupils had a super time 'Making Christmas' last week. Thank you to Wendy, Sue and Gail for leading the activities.



### GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the children below that have received good behaviour certificates in recent weeks.

#### BRONZE

Sophie Rukin, Lenny Haigh, Jake Frankland, Ellie Dixon, Ethan Thompson, Louis Francis, Phoebe Guy, Charlotte Tinsley, Jake Williams, Charlotte Dixon, James Livingstone, Seth Booth, Thomas Dixon, Harry Coates, Arthur Porter

#### SILVER

Jacob Coates, Jenson Tyler, Daniel Calvert, Arthur Pybus, Alexa Stoddart, Thomas Wilkinson, Charlotte Francis, Eli Atkinson, Eliza Guy, Seth Whitehead, Brooke Thompson, Thalia Calvert, Ella Shade, Polly Kendall, Amy Allison, Alfie Allison, Annie Hunter, Mason Doughty-Coates, Eloise Fowler

#### GOLD

Marianne Skinner, Luke Williams, Ben Guy, Ethan Tyler, Fern Stainsby, Sophia Guy, Liv Hartley, Franklin Parker, Chloe Reynoldson, Henry Law, Abigail Sunter, Ruby Rukin, Nancy Livingstone-Owen, Lucy Allison, Darragh Biddle

## CHRISTMAS POEM

It's Wintertime it's going to snow  
Someone might come down the chimney with a ho ho ho  
when Santa gets on his sleigh he says Go Go Go



It's christmas time you need a tree  
Now you need to shout Yippee!  
It's christmas now you need some Glee!

You could be on the nice or naughty list  
Next year you'll get the gist.

Brr it's cold in the house you should have  
your fire on.

As soon as you know it, the snow will be gone

As snowflakes fall out of the sky.

At christmas time you can not lie.

Santa is a good guy.



At christmas time you get some turkey  
Sometimes you might get a little bit burpy

Shh santa is here  
He knows we are near



Merry christmas everyone



Ho Ho Ho

By Ruby, Eva and Sophie

## SCHOOL RELAY

Thank you to everyone that took part in the relay and to those who supported the event. This year we raised £1400 for the Friends of School! Special thanks to Holly Calvert, this year's fundraising champion.

## REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to pupils from Reception to Year 6 that led our Remembrance Service, delivering a powerful message of peace and hope. Thank you to everyone that supported the Poppy Appeal – together we raised £185.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you too to everyone that supported our Children in Need fundraiser. Together we donated £93.

## CHRISTMAS MAGIC

It's Christmas the sparkly snow is falling  
Inside houses people are putting up Christmas trees  
Children are dragging sledges up the hill  
And flying down like lightning.

Kids inside are waiting for hot chocolate and feast  
The magic sleigh is gliding  
Ho ho ho!  
Crashing on the roof, Santa is stuck in the chimney  
Be quiet – he might hear and leave with the presents.

By Jacob

## WHERNSIDE

Well done to Ryan, Luke, Robbie, Harry and Fern who climbed Whernside last Sunday. They planned the route in after school sessions, and each person led a section from Ribbleshead to the summit. Conditions were mixed but the rain was short-lived and there was even a momentary patch of blue sky. We're planning to complete the Yorkshire Three Peaks over the course of the school year, climbing Ingleborough in the spring and Pen-y-ghent in the summer.



## FESTIVE FUN RUN

After school running took a festive turn last Friday, with Santa hats, Rudolf antlers and Christmas lights.



## CHRISTMAS TIME

Santa is coming down the chimney  
To deliver all the gifts to all the children around the world.  
He eats all the cookies and drinks all the milk.  
Back up he goes on the sleigh with a ho ho ho!

By James

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

Some of our school governors are joining pupils at each school on Thursday 19th December to enjoy Christmas dinner with them. All pupils are welcome to dress in a festive coloured top or Christmas jumper for the day.

## CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

Pupils in Years 1 and 2 will lead the acting and stage appearance, with contributions from pupils in Early Years too. Parents, extended family and friends are welcome to join us at these performances - Wednesday 11th December, 2pm, and Thursday 12th December, 6pm. Both performances are being held at Reeth Memorial Hall. Due to pupil numbers and the capacity of the hall, our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils are not involved in these performances. Parents attending the afternoon performance are invited to take their children home directly from Reeth Memorial Hall. Please use SchoolPing to let us know the arrangements for your child. Friends will kindly be serving refreshments at the performances and there will be a raffle (with proceeds to the Friends of School).

## CAROL SERVICE

All pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are leading a Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday 17th December at 6:00pm in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel. Parents and pupils of all ages are welcome to come along and enjoy singing in the spirit of Christmas. Extended family members and members of the community are also most welcome to join us too. Song sheets will be provided. Please use SchoolPing to let us know the arrangements for your child.



## CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL

Pupils in our Early Years will be having their Christmas party on the morning of Wednesday 18th December, followed by a party lunch. Reception pupils can come to school in party clothes on this day, and do not need to bring any uniform items. On Thursday 19th December, following the Christmas dinner, pupils in Years 1 to 6 will enjoy Christmas activities in their class settings.

## CAROLS AT REETH MARKET AND REETH SHELTERED HOUSING

All pupils will be based at Reeth School on the last day of term, enabling us to sing carols together at Reeth Market, starting at 10am. Parents, family and friends are of course welcome to join us. It would be great to see you there.

We also plan to sing outside the sheltered housing in Reeth a little later in the morning.



## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Our annual Christingle Service is being held on Friday 20th December at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton, starting at 1.30pm. Parents and extended family members are very welcome to join us for the service. We expect to finish by approximately 2pm. Parents are asked to take their child(ren) home directly after the service and make the most of an early start to the Christmas holiday! We are hoping that everyone will be able to meet this request, or that you will be able to ask a friend or relative to collect your child for you. Transport to the church will be arranged by the school for pupils in Reception to Year 6. Please use SchoolPing to give permission and let us know the collection arrangements for your child.



Pupils will make their Christingle oranges on the morning of the service. We request a £1 donation per child to cover the cost of making them. Please send this to school in an envelope, or feel free to pop into the office.

There will be a collection plate in aid of the Children's Society at the service, and envelopes to collect donations from family or friends will be sent home with pupils today. Please return the envelopes to school by Wednesday 18th December.

For safety reasons, all pupils with long hair should come to school with their hair tied back. Our younger pupils will be using glow sticks in their Christingle oranges. A pack of items will be provided to nursery pupils who don't attend on Friday mornings so that they can make their Christingle at home. Nursery aged pupils are welcome to join us at the church along with their accompanying adult(s). Collection for nursery pupils who usually attend on a Friday can be at either 12 noon or 12.30pm – please let staff know the arrangements for your child.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y1&2 skipping event
	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas performance in Reeth Memorial Hall, 2pm
	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas performance in Reeth Memorial Hall, 6pm
	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y5&6 girls football final at Richmond School
	Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas carols, Gunnerside Chapel, 6pm
	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years Christmas party (am)
	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner at both schools
		Christmas activities at both schools (pm)
	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	All pupils based at Reeth, Christmas carols at Reeth market, 9.30am, followed by Christingle making in school
Christingle at Grinton Church, 1.30pm. School closes after the service.		

Jan	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Staff training day
	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens
	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	High Borrans residential for Y5&6
	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cluster football for a mixed team from Y3&4

## SUMMER 2025 STATUTORY TESTS

Each year the Department for Education set dates for statutory testing and all pupils in certain year groups must be in school to complete these on specific dates. Please find these dates outlined below:

Year group	Test dates and details
6	KS2 tests Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025
4	Multiplication tables test within the 3-week period from Monday 2nd June 2025
2	Optional KS1 tests administered during May 2025
1	Phonics tests during week commencing Monday 9th June 2025