



**Selside**  
ENDOWED C of E  
Primary School

**'We lift our eyes to the hills'**

## **December Newsletter 2024**

Dear Families

The holiday season is in full swing, and what a wonderful time it's been at school! The children have been immersing themselves in the festive spirit through a whirlwind of activities. From the enchanting performance of Peter Pan to Mrs Jones' dazzling Christmas PE spectacular, the season has brought endless joy. Together, we've shared Christmas dinner, created beautiful floral decorations with Mary Todd, and put on our incredible Christmas Show - Penny the Penguin's Adventures to Save the World.



The festivities are not over yet! Tomorrow, we will gather for Christmas carols at 2 pm in Church, followed by our Christmas Fair at 3:30 pm in school – always a wonderful festive event. We would love for you to join us for these special moments. The children will also have their end-of-term Christmas party on Friday, 20th December—it's sure to be a fantastic celebration!

### **Exploring New Perspectives This Christmas**



This year, we took a fresh approach to our Christmas Show, stepping away from the traditional theme to explore global perspectives. We will however still celebrate the story of the Nativity which will be at the heart of our Carol Concert.

Our Show this year embraced the theme of climate change and linked directly to our learning across classes:

- Adventurers have been studying polar climates and exploring what it is like to live there.
- Explorers have been learning about animal habitats and the impact humans have on them.
- Discoverers have been studying world biomes and how animals adapt to their environments.

Next term, the children will build on these themes in science, learning even more about caring for our planet.

### Ski Club Success

The return of our ski club has been a huge success! Thank you to Mrs Corbett, Mr Williams, Mr Corbett and Mrs Leeming, the children have been developing their skills, confidence, and resilience on the slopes. We are excited to announce that a second ski club will begin after the February half term.



### Bikeability - Cyclewise

The Discoverers successfully completed their Bikeability Cyclewise course.

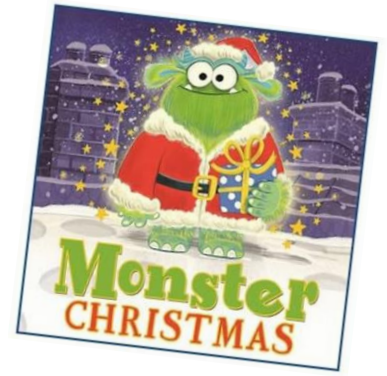


### A Message from Mrs Thomas

We have had an update from Mrs Thomas, who is currently recovering in hospital after her operation. We all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to having her back with us. In the meantime, we have arranged cover to ensure continuity for the children. Starting in January, Miss Pendleton will be with us on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Mrs Stevens will cover Wednesdays to Fridays.

## Monster Stay and Play & Tepee Tots

On Monday, we welcomed families to our Monster Christmas Stay and Play session, where toddlers and their families had a chance to meet our team and class family in the Adventurers classroom. Tepee Tots parent toddler sessions will return after February half term, after the wintry weather. If you know anyone interested in joining these sessions or visiting our school, please contact the office for more information.



## Thank You's

### Selside School Association (SSA)

A huge thank you to the SSA for their continued support! From organising the fabulous Pumpkin Party to providing refreshments at the Christmas Show, your efforts have helped raise essential funds to support school trips and more.

### SSA Upcoming Events

Bingo Night- Date Change – 7.3.25

Rotary Swimathon – 15.3.25

Finally, a big thank you to all the incredible staff at our school who work tirelessly to make these wonderful events possible. Your hard work, creativity, and dedication ensure that every moment is special for the children and their families. We are so grateful for everything you do to make this season—and every term—so memorable.

As the term comes to an end, I want to thank you all for your support throughout the year. May your holiday season be filled with peace, joy, and togetherness. Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year!

Best wishes

June Lowther & all the Selside Team

## Diary Dates

17.12.24	At Church: Christmas Carols & Christingle 2pm All welcome to join us, followed by SSA Christmas Fair in school immediately afterwards until approximately 5 pm.
18.12.24	Cohort of Y3-6 children - Carol singing with Westmorland Homecare, leaving school at 1.30 pm, returning for end of school day. At Netherfield Cricket Club. Parent helpers required.
20.12.24	AM: Christmas Party with Xmas Jumpers Finish for Christmas break at 1.30 pm. Back on 7 Jan.
6.1.25	INSET DAY, back to school Tuesday 7.1.25
15.1.25	Applications close for children starting Reception in September 2025.
24.1.25 PROV	PROVISIONAL SSA Movie Night
29.1.25	Yr 5 & 6 QKS Queen Katherine School Matinee AM
6.2.25	SSA Meeting in school 7.30 pm – all welcome.
24.2.25	Explorers & Discoverers Young Voices - Manchester
28.2.25	Tepee Tots re-starts Fridays 9.30 – 11.30 am
7.3.25 changed (was 14.2.25)	SSA Bingo Night, 6.30 pm Selside Memorial Hall.
10-12.3.25	Explorers & Discoverers City Residential - York
Saturday 15.3.25	SSA – Rotary Swimathon - at 2.15 pm Kendal Leisure Centre.