



Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:4



Chair of Governors Newsletter – Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a Very Happy & Holy Christmas! I know the children in Reception class were very excited to take all their wonderful artwork home, especially their Nativity stables, and I'm sure they were able to tell you the Christmas Story in detail. Our Nativity play was a joy to watch, as always, and it never ceases to amaze me how our children perform with such confidence, even though they are only in KS1. I missed the trip to the Pantomime this year, as I had the joy of the 'Little Treasures' Christmas Party in the Village Hall with Revd Heather, but the children delighted in telling me all about Beauty and The Beast; They enjoyed participating and eating the sweets provided at the interval by the PTFA. I would like to thank the PTFA for organising such wonderful social events for our children and families; Movie nights and discos create great excitement amongst the children and the Music Bingo night in the Village Hall was another resounding success in November.

A highlight of the Autumn term for me is always our visit to Peterborough Cathedral for the 'Annual Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving for Diocesan Schools'. We were able to take the Church Council this year and, as always, they were a credit to our school, joining in with the hymns and prayers wholeheartedly and listening to Bishop Debbie's sermon. I was privileged to share lunch at the Bishop's Palace beforehand and it was a joy to come together with our Diocesan family and give thanks in prayer for all the support and encouragement we receive throughout the year.

Our greatest success of the Autumn Term was undoubtedly our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). I always describe it as Ofsted but conducted by the Church; It is a very intense process for all involved and I would like to thank Mrs Mistry, Mrs Mortty and Mrs Nelson for kindly giving up their time on the day to speak to the Inspector. I know you will all be as proud as I am of our school, which has not only received the best judgement possible but also the Bishop's Excellence Award, which will be presented when Bishop Debbie visits our school. We all believe our school is truly exceptional, but it is always reassuring to have those beliefs and judgements confirmed by independent experts. It is testament to the diligence and dedication of Mr Jones and all Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Support Staff, Governors, Parents, Carers & Children and I'm sure you feel as blessed as I do, to be part of such a successful school.

My year ended with the heartbreaking death of Rob Singlehurst on Christmas Day. Rob and Kirstie will have been supporting our school for 20 years in September - I'm sure that is a record! Rob was a Foundation Governor for many years and always said he would serve again to support Alice and Freya through their final years; He is the only Governor to have accompanied our Year 5/6 children on a Residential for the duration, so again he has set a record for our school; He was Treasurer of the PTFA and worked meticulously behind the scenes to ensure all financial requirements were met. Rob served our Church as Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council and provided the newspaper delivery service to our village; He will be sorely missed by our whole community, and we will all remember Rob, Kirstie, Jessica, Will, Charlie, Lottie, Alice and Freya in our prayers.

I wish you all a Very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2025!

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Chair of Governors