



Love your neighbour as yourself.
Matthew 12:31



Chair of Governors Newsletter – Spring Term 2026

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. The KS2 Carol Service in St Peter's Church is always a very special occasion, but this year the Children excelled themselves with their beautiful singing and articulate readings. I would like to thank our Governor, Mr Birkett, and all the Bellringers for their resounding welcome to the Church. A trip to the Pantomime on the last day was very exciting for us all and the children 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 throughout the year; Movie nights and discos create great excitement amongst the children. 'Stanion's Got Talent' provided a wonderful end to the term; We were all entertained by some very talented dancers, singers, musicians and magicians.

The highlight of the Autumn term was the visit of Bishop Debbie and our Diocesan Director of Education, Peter Cantley to present the Bishop's Excellence Award for achieving the best judgement in our SIAMS last year. 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; So successful that in the final SATs results we are the 3rd best performing school in North Northants (out of 127 schools) for our combined outcomes in the summer and the top performing school in NNC for our reading and maths average point scores!

We also had the privilege of taking our Year 6 children to the 'Annual Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving for Diocesan Schools' at Peterborough Cathedral. As always, the children were a credit to our school, joining in with the hymns and prayers wholeheartedly and listening to the words of Archdeacon Richard Ormston and Revd Annabel Copeland. It is always 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 Ethos Project this term, focussing on Christianity as a Global Faith, was another resounding success, with the children producing amazing artwork. I particularly enjoyed the images of Jesus created by the older children; their paintings have encouraged me to open my mind and think more expansively about my own faith.

As I wish you all a Very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2026, please remember Revd Heather in your prayers as she recovers from falling down the stairs on Boxing Day and breaking her leg.

Warmest Wishes

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Chair of Governors