



DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today, in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.' **Luke 2:10-11**

Diary Dates:

05/01/26 – INSET – School closed to Children
06/12/26 - First day of term
13/01/26 – Phonics Evening
23/01/26 – Popcorn Day (on sale after-school)
26/01/26 – Year 5 Bikeability this week
10/02/26 – Year 4 Rivers Trip
11/02/26 - FoPD Friendship Disco
16/02/26 – 20/02/26 HALF TERM

23/02/26 – Year 4 Swimming Begins
23/02/26 – Y4 Roman Chester Trip
11/03/26 – Parents' Evening (1)
13/03/26 – Crazy Hair Day for Easter donations
19/03/26 – Parents' Evening (2)
26/03/26 – FoPD Easter Egg Bingo (6pm)
26/03/26 – Easter service at church (led by Y4)
Break up for Easter on **27/03/26**.
Return on **Monday 13/04/26**.

Dates and event details can also be found on the calendar on the school website.

Message from Mr Lawson:

This month, we have been taking time to prepare for Christmas, using the advent candles to focus our attention of the important aspects of Christmas. We looked at **Hope** and how, even when things are difficult and challenging, we can be the light in the darkness for others and Christ can be that light for us; when times are challenging, knowing God is ever-present walking beside us gives us comfort. After a difficult term for our school community, **Hope** provides a way through the challenge. **Peace** was another focus that we took time to experience – we reflected on how when we are so busy we can often not hear those around us, and God's will for us. Whilst I know the excitement this time of year brings to families (evident by all the children's excitement in school and nursery!), I hope you can attain some peace in our lives this Christmas. **Joy** is a bedrock of our school culture. At this time of year, it becomes an ever-present word in our lives. Christian **Joy** is the constant – through the challenges – we can still feel moments of belonging, happiness and connection. I pray for our whole school community that they are able to experience **Joy** this Christmas.

Personally, I wanted to thank the school community for their steadfast love and support over these last few months. It undoubtedly has been an incredible challenge, but the strength of the school community has meant that we have navigated it together. I believe the Parbold Douglas community is a blessing upon this school, and I am so proud of all we achieve together. Please continue to hold all in your thoughts and prayers this Christmas and into the new year.

The last few weeks have been full of events and activities. Our whole school trip to Elf kick-started the festivities, Christmas Jumper day and Christmas dinner were a great hit. Our Reception and Key Stage 1 staff and children pulled off a brilliant nativity 'A child is Born' – you cannot help being filled with joy hearing their singing. The surprise of the Reinder on Thursday was magical. A massive thank you to the FoPD for their continued support of the school – without them moments like this (and the decorations through school) would not be possible. Our final day Snow Machines and class celebrations have rounded off the month brilliantly – thank you to Stable Lives for providing these.

Next year marks a number of landmarks in the school's history and we are so excited to celebrate with you all. It is incredible to think this time last year there was not a spade in the ground and we now have a brand new build, refurbishment of the nursery, new outside areas and an astro turf! Whilst

Chris Lawson
Headteacher

Friends of Parbold Douglas (FoPD) Column:

What a great first term it has been for FoPD. We have enjoyed bringing joy to the school through our fundraising and experiences for the children. In September our Bounceathon was a great success, swiftly followed by our AGM where new members of the committee were voted in. We then turned our attention to the Christmas raffles, the Neon Disco and the reindeers! All of these are not possible without support from the parents.

FoPD are currently only accepting donations of branded uniform. Pre-loved uniform is available to purchase all year round. Just email admin@fopd.co.uk with requests.

We will be in contact in the coming year as we continue to support the school in their vision for an outside space to the right of the cherry tree. There will, in the short term, be a donation of books that you will start to see in reading book bags soon.

We are always on the lookout for helpers and donations so please do get in touch.

Heads Team Column:

Hello! Welcome to our December newsletter column! We hope you enjoy it.

We went to go see Elf the Musical!. It was amazing! We travelled all the way to Blackpool and had a great time - we even saw the teachers laughing.

This week, on Friday, we had the snow machines. On the Thursday, we had a visit from some actual reindeer – we found out many interesting facts.

Reception and Key Stage 1 performed a brilliant nativity to all of the school and parents. We thoroughly enjoyed it! They were all so confident and cute in their costumes and we can't wait for next year!

Year 5 lead the school in a Christmas Service in church and they spoke fluently, clearly and with much confidence. They did an amazing job. Well done, Year 5!

Finally, the last day had teachers dressed as elves and a snow machine and giant inflatable arch. It was so much fun and we even got to have an extra go at break and lunch times. We were all tired out in the afternoon and looking forward to Christmas with our families.

Thanks everyone! Merry Christmas!

James, Gabrialla, Jenson, Sylvie and Maddy Heads Team

Notices / Reminders:

Term Dates: Please see the important letter explaining term dates for 2026-2027.

Parking: The school received **6 complaints** in November and December regarding some of our parents inability to park legally. We also passed on information to the developers about a car belonging to their site – they have been positively working with us to ensure they are parking safely in the area.

Nativity: Well done to everyone in Year 2, Year 1 and Reception for a stunning nativity performance! We can confidently report that the audience LOVED IT! A recording will be sent out shortly via ParentApp via a restricted link.

Christmas Service: Thank you to Year 5 for leading our Christmas Service at church, and for the support of the volunteers up at the church. It was a really enjoyable and prayerful service.

Attendance and punctuality: Thank you to you all for your commitment to achieving high levels of attendance throughout 2025. We ask that this remains a priority as we move into 2026. Attendance will be distributed via Arbor in January updating parents on their child's attendance statistics.

Life in school: Please remember that you can follow life in school via our [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram page](#).

Opportunities in our area: Whilst we don't usually circulate paper flyers and promotional leaflets to pupils, we are happy to signpost local opportunities via [this page on the school website](#). Please do check this regularly.

Church Newsletters: As a reminder, we publish a Church newsletter to the school website every month. <https://www.pda.lancs.sch.uk/christ-church-parbold/>

Let your light shine!

Matthew 5: 16