

# Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



Headteacher Mrs. E Barrs  
Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,


As we move toward the final weeks of the term, the school is truly flourishing with energy and learning. This week, we have witnessed so many examples of our pupils demonstrating the very best of themselves, both in their learning and in their interactions with one another.


This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Our focus this week has been on our core values of Excellence, Harmony and Compassion as well as this powerful Gospel: MERCY.

The Gospel reminds us that Jesus' kingship is not one of earthly power, but one rooted in love and pure mercy. He forgave those who crucified him, and He offered a place in His kingdom to a repentant criminal even in His final moments. This teaches us a vital lesson: in life, we all make mistakes, but we never have to be afraid to ask for forgiveness, and, crucially, we are called to share this gift of mercy with others.

We aim for every child in our school to flourish—to grow into the person God intends them to be—and mercy is key to this. When we show mercy, we create a supportive, loving community where children feel safe to take risks in their learning, knowing that mistakes are simply steps on the journey to success.

We have seen this courage and flourishing in action this week:

 **Maths Success:** Our pupils have been tackling challenging new concepts in their Maths lessons, showing fantastic perseverance! They have been learning from their initial errors, displaying the resilience that comes from knowing it is safe to try again. They are truly flourishing in their ability to solve complex problems.

 **Reading Fluency:** In our reading fluency lessons, the children have embraced the challenge of reading with pace and expression. This takes confidence and practice. It is wonderful to see them support and encourage each other, showing the very spirit of mercy and support that allows every pupil to find their clear, confident voice.

I encourage you to spend some time this weekend exploring the word MERCY together as a family. Discuss what it means to be forgiven and, more importantly, what it means to forgive others.

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping our children flourish in knowledge, faith, and love.

God bless,

## Christmas Fair

On Wednesday 3rd December we would like to invite you all to our Christmas fair!

Part of the Christmas fair will be a tombola and other prize winning events. For this to be a success, we need your support. Next Friday 28th November, it is a non uniform day. Instead of bringing in any money, we are asking that our school family contributes to the summer fair preparation in the following ways: EYFS pupils bring in 'teddies', KS1 pupils bring in 'Chocolate', LKS2 pupils bring in 'Bubbles' and UKS2 pupils bring in 'Bottles'. We will then create some fantastic hampers and prizes! Also if you have any unwanted gifts that we are able to use in a raffle it would be appreciated including any local businesses who could donate vouchers for treatments etc. we would be extremely grateful.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class 6 Parents Evening Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 12 – 6pm

Non Uniform day for gifts for the Christmas Fair Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November (See Christmas Fair notice for more details)

Christmas Fair 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Christmas Disco 4<sup>th</sup> December FU/KS1 4.00pm – 5.00pm and KS2 5.15pm – 6.15pm

KS2 Hull Truck theatre visit Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 visiting theatre performance (in school) Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Music Concert 10<sup>th</sup> December 2pm Please note the change of date**

Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Year 1 & 2 Nativity Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Reception Nativity Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

School Closes for Christmas on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December and re-opens on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Spring Half Term – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Easter Holiday – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

May Bank Holiday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Summer Half Term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Close for the Summer Holiday

Dove House Christmas Trinkets for sale at the school office £1.50 each



### **Christmas Disco**

FU/KS1 4.00pm – 5.00pm

KS2 5.15pm – 6.15pm

Tickets available from the school office.

Help needed from parents – please contact the school office if you can help in any way



### **Appeal**

If you have any unwanted jig-saws for children under 5 we would very much appreciate them for our after school club. We would also appreciate donations of small cars and small dinosaurs.

### **Designated Roles**

SENCO/Safeguarding Lead – Mr. J Fox

Assistant Head – Mr. J. Guthrie

EYFS Lead – Mrs. J Leach