

Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



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Dear parents and carers,

The Power of Thankfulness: Learning from Luke 17:11-19

This Sunday's Gospel reading, the story of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, offers us a beautiful and important lesson about the power of gratitude.

In the story, ten men are made well, but only one—the Samaritan—returns to say "thank you". Jesus notices this, asking, "The other nine, where are they?" The message is clear: when good things happen to us, we must take the time to stop, turn back, and express our thanks. This week, as we've watched our pupils grow and succeed, we've seen countless blessings for which we should all be grateful—and it's been wonderful to see so many of our children acting like that one thankful man.

Gratitude in Our Lessons: In our classrooms, we see children being 'healed' and 'made whole' through the gift of learning. This week, many of you have tackled challenging maths problems, written incredible descriptive stories, and explored new scientific concepts.

Thankfulness for Knowledge: When we finally understand a difficult topic, that feeling of eureka! is a blessing. It's important to thank the people who helped us get there: our friends, our teachers, and even ourselves for persevering. We've seen fantastic examples of children in Year 6 supporting each other with division, and Year 2 pupils thanking their reading partners after a great fluency reading session. That spirit of thanks and acknowledgement strengthens our whole community.

Sporting Success: Our sports teams and lessons have been buzzing with energy! Whether it was the Year 5/6 girls' football team showing brilliant teamwork or Class 4 pupils developing their throwing and catching skills, there has been much to celebrate.

Thankfulness for Effort and Opportunity: The success isn't just in the score; it's in the effort, the sportsmanship, and the chance to take part. After our recent football match vs Longhill, it was fantastic to see both the teams shaking hands and saying "well played". Just like the healed man in the Gospel, they didn't just walk away; they paused to recognise and give thanks for the good moment they had shared, showing great respect for their opponents and teammates.

Participation in Clubs: Our after-school clubs, from Film Night to Coding to Judo, are a huge testament to our pupils' willingness to explore new talents and interests.

Thankfulness for Community: Taking part in a club is a chance to spend an extra hour with friends, learning from a dedicated staff member. We are so thankful for the children who are helping to tidy up the resources in Code Club or those who are saying a cheerful "thank you" to the teacher before heading home. By acknowledging the time and effort put in by the staff and volunteers who run these clubs, our pupils are truly living out the lesson of the thankful Samaritan. They are showing that they don't take these opportunities for granted.

As we continue to flourish in our school, let us all remember to be like the one who turned back. Let's make a conscious effort to say "thank you" this weekend. Thank a friend, thank a family member, thank a teacher, or simply be thankful for the gift of a sunny day or a chance to learn something new (or go on a new ride at Hull Fair).

For as Jesus said, when we show our gratitude, our faith—our belief in the good around us—saves us and makes us truly whole.

Have a restful and thankful weekend.
Have a lovely weekend,
God Bless

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be available during both of the Parent Consultation Evenings and also on the playground on Friday evening. Please scan the QR code which is available on the end of the bookcases to make payment.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th October – Flu Vaccinations – Please check your email for the link for consents or follow this link <http://www.schoolvaccination.uk/> - **Please note change of date**

Parents Evening – 15th and 16th October. Bookings are live.

Y4 Swimming Lessons 20th – 24th October and 3rd – 7th November

Autumn Half Term – Friday 24th October 2025 until on Monday 3rd November

Christmas Fair 3rd December

Christmas Disco 4th December

Christmas Music Concert 9th December 2pm

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

Spring Half Term – Friday 13th February – Monday 23rd February

Easter Holiday – Friday 27th March – Monday 13th April

May Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

Summer Half Term – Friday 22nd May – Monday 1st June

Thursday 16th July – Close for the Summer Holiday

Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day

Today the children were asked to wear something yellow for World Mental Health Day for a £1 donation which will be used to purchase resources for ELSA interventions. We have collected £147 so far, if you forgot to send your donation please send it in on Monday.

Cycle to School Week

Next week is Cycle to School Week! Cycle to School Week 2025 takes place from **Monday 13 – Friday 17 October**. Get pedal ready to go from A to B by Cycle, and enjoy all the benefits along the way—saving money, boosting health, and helping the environment.

Last year, thousands of families and schools pledged to swap the school run for pedal power. This year, it's your turn!

By pledging our school's support, we will also be entered into a prize draw to win a fleet of 5 x Squish 14" Balance Bikes plus 5x Squish helmets!

Let's get cycling!



Designated Roles

SENCO/Safeguarding Lead – Mr. J Fox

Assistant Head – Mr. J. Guthrie

EYFS Lead – Mrs. J Leach