



'Our school, our church, our community'

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Elsecar Holy Trinity is a **nurturing, inclusive**, Church school where everyone is **valued** as a child of God. We warmly **welcome** people of all faiths/worldviews and backgrounds, fostering **respect, compassion** and **forgiveness**. Rooted in **faith, family** and **community**, we aim to **grow** together in love, developing **wisdom, knowledge** and **aspirations** for a **brighter future**.

This week



Only two weeks left until we break for Christmas!

The countdown is on, and there's so much to look forward to as we wrap up this term. From festive activities and special services to classroom celebrations, it's going to be a wonderful time for our school community. Let's make these last two weeks full of joy and togetherness!

Attendance Matters

Well done to this week's attendance WINNERS!

EYFS (99.1%)

Whole school attendance:

93.7%

Year to date:

94.6%

School Target:

96%



Dates for the diary



Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 10th Dec

Carols Around the Tree/Christmas Fair

Thu 11th Dec

EYFS & KS1 Nativity in church 09:30am

Wed 17th Dec

Christmas Disco 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Thu 18th Dec

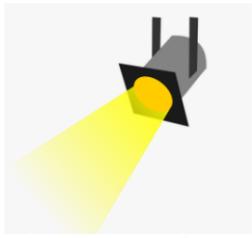
End of Autumn Term

Fri 19th Dec

Start of Spring Term

Mon 5th Jan

In the Spotlight Year 4



In Year 4 we have been focussing on and analysing recounts in our literacy lessons, linking it to our Ancient Roman history learning by looking at the events the erupting volcano (Mount Vesuvius) in Pompeii. In maths we have been consolidating our rounding knowledge from earlier in the term, which has helped strengthen the children's knowledge. In RE, we focussed on different ways to represent The Holy Trinity, we had some very interesting ideas. In science, Year 4 took part in a group science experiment that represented the digestive system, it was extremely messy but extremely funny, the children really enjoyed taking part - it was definitely one of our **WOW** moments!

Spotlight on Attendance



We've got a very exciting last few weeks in school where we are putting a spotlight on attendance.

Each day your child comes to school, they will be entered into an exciting competition where they will be in with a chance of winning a prize.

There will be **1 winner per day** so be sure to attend school everyday to increase your chance of winning.

You have to be in it to win it!

Collective Worship



Our worship focus was on the bible story of The Lost Sheep. In this story the one lamb was lost. It was probably hungry, cold, afraid and lonely but the shepherd came looking for him because he cared about all of the sheep and showed it compassion. How does it make you feel when you see someone who is upset or lost or fed up? Have you ever been a good shepherd? We can all be compassionate and look after others especially those who feel lost and alone. At this time of year, we can all take time out of our busy lives to show compassion.

Snowflake Appeal

We're thrilled to announce that our beautiful snowflakes are now proudly on the wall as you enter the school. They look amazing and bring a wonderful festive touch to our entrance area. Thank you once again for your continued support—it really makes a difference!

Year 3 and 4 End-of-Day Exit

To help reduce congestion around the main teaching block exit, we will be trialling a new arrangement for years 3 and 4.

Starting Monday, these classes will exit the school grounds through the small single gate. We kindly ask parents and carers of children in these year groups to wait in this area of the playground. Thank you for your support in helping us make the end-of-day transition smoother and safer for everyone.

Christmas Fair



The countdown to our Christmas Fair is on, and we're so excited to make it a magical event for everyone!

Just a gentle reminder that the last day to bring in your donations is Thursday, 10th December. Every contribution helps make the fair extra special for our children and families.

Please drop your items at the school office and hand them to Miss Brooks. If you'd like to donate any home baking, we'd love to include your delicious treats too!

Thank you so much for your generosity and support – together, we'll make this Christmas Fair truly wonderful!

KS1 Christingle Service

What a wonderful Christingle service we had in church today! It was a truly special time for our school community to come together, reflect, and celebrate the light of Christ in this festive season. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make it so memorable. Just a reminder that our KS2 Christingle service will take place this **Sunday at 3:00 pm in church** – we look forward to seeing you there!





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Snowflake Sponsorship

