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Issue 11

Lightcliffe C of E Primary School

Newsletter

This term's Christian Value is:

Trust

*My God is my strength in
whom I trust. Psalm 18.2*

Attendance

Attendance this week: xxx%

Xxx classes this week have had 97+% attendance

Whole school attendance to date: %

This academic year our target is 97%



Lightcliffe 100 – this week's words have been: **demonstrate, efficient, eliminate**

Families applying for Reception places for September 2026 are invited to attend

Open Events

Dates throughout the autumn term

- Open Evening**
30th September
6.00 - 8.00pm
- Stay & Play**
17th October
2.15 - 3.30pm
- Daytime Tours**
15th October
9.30am & 1.30pm
4th November
9.30am & 1.30pm

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Click to find out more & register

New Reception Intake Events

Today we were delighted to welcome parents and children to our Stay and Play event. The atmosphere was warm and inviting as families explored our learning spaces, met staff, and enjoyed a range of fun, hands-on activities. Children had the chance to engage in creative play, build friendships, and experience what a day in our school feels like.

Smartphones

"Major news outlets have reported links between excessive smartphone use and increased anxiety, sleep disruption, and reduced attention span in children."

"Experts warn that constant connectivity can heighten stress and affect emotional wellbeing as well as reduce real-world interactions."

Some parents have shared concerns about smartphone use and have provided a resource that others may find helpful. If you are interested in learning more or exploring ideas on this topic, you can visit:

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>.

**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

[Smartphone Free
Childhood](https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/)



Mrs Dunkley



Mrs Hustler

Upcoming Events

Fri 5 th December	PFSA Christmas Fair
Wed 10 th December	School Christmas Dinner
Sat/Sun 13 th & 14 th Dec	St Matthew's Christmas Tree Festival
Between 8 th & 19 th Dec	Performances and parties (see p.2)
Fri 19 th December	School Closes for the Christmas holiday
Mon 5 th January 2026	School opens

Inspiring and flourishing together

Second Chance to Order Your Christmas Project Items!

Class Fundraising is reopening the shop from **Friday 21 November to Monday 1 December**. This is the final opportunity to place an order. After this date, no further orders can be accepted. All items will be delivered before the Christmas holidays. If you need your order codes, please contact the PFSA via their Facebook page or email lightcliffepfsa@gmail.com.



Christmas play tickets

Tickets for the Christmas Performances will be allocated very soon. You will receive a letter with full details about the ticket allocation process, including what to do if you don't need all of your tickets. Scheduling can be very complex and results in some performances happening at the same time. If you have children in overlapping performances, please contact the office who can arrange tickets for the alternative performance. It's starting to feel festive—we can't wait to celebrate with you!

**LIGHTCLIFFE
CHRISTMAS**

Reception/ Year 1 play
2pm in school
Tues 16th Dec (Rec parents)
Wed 17th Dec (Y1 parents)

Year 2 Nativity
2pm in school
Mon 15th December

Year 3 & 4 Christingle
2pm in church
Mon 15th Dec (Y4 parents)
Tues 16th Dec (Y3 parents)

Year 5 Nativity
2pm in school
Fri 12th December

Year 6 Carols Concert
2:30pm in school
Thurs 18th December

**Christmas
PARTIES**

Reception/Year 1 - Thurs 18th Dec
Year 2 - Wed 17th Dec
Year 3 - Wed 10th Dec
Year 4 - Mon 8th Dec
Year 5 - Thurs 11th Dec
Year 6 - Fri 19th Dec

Children to come to school
dressed in their party clothes.

Note

If you have children in overlapping performances, please contact the office. The admin team will ensure you receive tickets for an alternative performance if needed.



LIGHTCLIFFE PFSA

Christmas Fayre

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

5-7PM

We're thrilled to kick off the Christmas season with the return of our much-loved Christmas Fayre! Join us for an evening bursting with festive cheer — browse beautiful stalls packed with perfect presents, sip on steaming hot mulled wine, visit Santa's Grotto, and enjoy the choir's heartwarming renditions of your favourite Christmas classics.

Mark your calendars and get ready to make this year's fayre the most magical yet! Here's everything you need to know...



Family Tickets
 £4 before the day/
 £5 on the door
 Tickets from the office
 w/c 17th November

**Cash & card accepted,
but cash is preferred**



Hot & cold food & drinks available





Visit Santa
 £3
 Tickets from the office
 w/c 17th November
Limited availability

Year Group Tombolas
 Reception/ Year 1: **Chocolate**
Any wrapped
 Year 2: **Teddies**
Clean & in good condition
 Year 3: **Bottles**
New & sealed bottled goods
 Year 4: **Sweets**
Any wrapped
 Year 5 - **Stationary**
New & unused
 Year 6 - **Toiletries**
New & sealed



Raffle tickets
 Lots of exciting prizes to be won
 & a prize for the child who sells
 the most

**Please send all Tombola items into school
w/c Monday 1st December**

Unfortunately Santa's Elves aren't available to help this year so, if you can spare 30 mins, please sign up to our volunteers list
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=qO3qvR3JzkWGPllYpTW3y8Jav9CpD9ZGm9cca9g4ouNURUdQNFM0MkhLOTJHQlIQVjg1R09JODBSUy4u&route=shorturl>


