



# STELLA Spotlight



*'Together we strive for excellence, inspired by the joy of the Gospel.'*

## Ofsted Report 2024

Our school's Ofsted inspection report is now available on the Ofsted website. This is the result of years of hard work and dedication from many teams within our community. We are incredibly proud of all that we've accomplished, and this report confirms that the vision for our school and the positive changes we've made have put us in a strong position for the future. We will continue to "strive for excellence" in everything we do. Congratulations to our amazing children, supportive families, and dedicated staff.

Here's to Team Stella!

Mr Craig.



## Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch day

On Friday 6th December, the children are invited to come into school wearing their favourite Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper/cardigan. The kitchen will also be serving a traditional Christmas Lunch. If your child normally brings in a packed lunch and would like a Christmas dinner, please inform the school office by Monday 25th November. Please note that there will be no Jacket Potatoes or sandwiches served on this day.

## Year 1 Mass

Children from Year 1 will be leading Mass on Thursday 21st November at 9.05 a.m. with Year 2 children attending Mass also. Parents are welcome to attend.



## Class Liturgy

Year 5 will be taking part in their class liturgy on Friday 22nd November at 2.30 p.m. in the school hall. Parents and carers are welcome, this will be followed by coffee and chat with Miss Hudson.



## Christmas Pantomime

Any final payments must be completed by Sunday 17th November. Thank you.



## Year 3 Assembly

The children from Year 3 will be presenting their Assembly to parents on Tuesday 19th November at 9.10 a.m. in the school hall. All are welcome to attend.



**This week Pope Francis reminds us,**

"Let us give thanks for all the blessings which God has bestowed on us, especially for his patience and for his faithfulness."



## Biking Viking Visit - 4th December

Our wonderful friends the Biking Vikings will be in school on the 4th December. You'll know them from past visits and their fantastic set up at our latest StellaFest. More information to follow.



## Attendance

During celebration assembly on Friday, we have been celebrating whole class attendance and each week the class with the highest attendance will receive our Attendance Trophy, well done to **Year 3** Class who won the trophy this week.

Week beginning: 11th November 2024	
Year group	Attendance percentage
Reception	98.41
Year 1	94.44
Year 2	96.53
Year 3	<b>100</b>
Year 4	97.40
Year 5	97.41
Year 6	98.89

## Congratulations

Following this weekend's ski race where Dixie was representing the school in the National Outdoor Skiing Championships, she came in first in her age category (under 8's)

What an amazing achievement, we are all so very proud of her in school.



## Year 6 Residential

Year 6 children will be going to Robinwood Activity Centre in the summer term. Payments can be made from 8 a.m. Monday 11th November until 4 p.m. Sunday 11th May. If you need any assistance, please contact the school office. You can pay in instalments over the 6 months if you wish.

## Old hats, gloves and scarfs

Our nursery are looking out for any spare/ unwanted children's hats, gloves or scarfs. These will be ideal for the children playing outside and getting dirty, keeping ones from home 'clean and tidy'. Any spare that we have in school will be washed regularly.



## Raring 2 go Winter Magazine

This month's magazine is full of festive fun with a huge what's on guide and activities for the whole family to enjoy. There's a great 20% off discount code for Skating at Life and lots of competitions to enter online.



## Stella Christmas Choir

The Stella Christmas Choir performance will take place on Friday 6th December 3.45 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

This was previously advertised for a different date.

We still have a few tickets available, please pop into the office if you wish to attend the event.



## MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2024

Thank you to everyone who joined us during our coffee and cake event ran by our Mini Vinnies.

Your kind contributions totalled £253.75 to help support those affected by cancer.

Thank you.

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Christmas Market  
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Saturday 16th November  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Over 30 stalls, soft play, bouncy castle, festive food and drinks and much more festive fun!

### Stella Football Team

Well done to our Girl's Football Team. They took part in the District Cup this week. They were outstanding. We can't wait to see them play in the league in the Spring.



## Spotlight Celebration



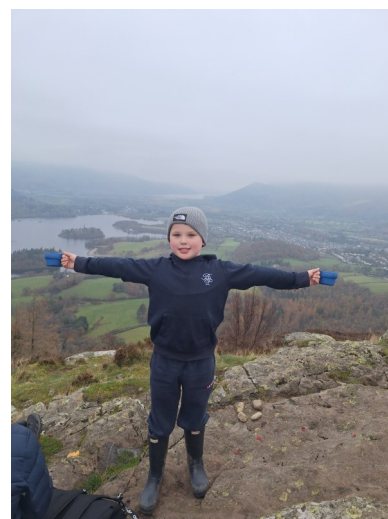
Well done to Finn Buddin from Year 2 who was awarded trainer of the week at football.



Penny, Martha and Sophie in Year 4 all passed their Primary ballet exam with flying colours, achieving 2 merits and a distinction. Well done girls!



Noah Potts has been busy climbing one of the Wainwrights/mountains (Walla Crag) in the Lake District. He was amazing and very proud of himself for climbing all the way to the top. He loved admiring the views with his tea and chocolates at the top.



Sam and Matty took part in an International Taekwondo Federation competition. They both performed really well and Matty came away with Gold for his patterns and silver for special techniques (kicks). Well done boys.



## Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 19th November

Thursday 21st November

Friday 22nd November

Tuesday 26th November

Thursday 5th December

**Friday 6th December**

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Monday 9th December

Tuesday 10th December

Wednesday 11th December

Thursday 12th December

Friday 13th December

Thursday 19th December

Friday 20th December

Year 3 Assembly 9.10 a.m. in the school Hall

Year 1 Leading Mass with Year 2 joining the service

Year 5 Liturgy 2.30 p.m. followed by Coffee & Chat

Year 1 Assembly 9.10 a.m. in the school Hall

Whole school Mass for Advent

**Choir Concert - 3.45 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.**

School Christmas lunch

Christmas Jumper Day

Reception Nativity in the afternoon - times TBC

Keystage 1 Nativity in the afternoon - times TBC

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Nursery Nativity in the afternoon - times TBC

Keystage 2 Christmas Performance in church - times TBC

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Christmas Mass 9.10 a.m.

Christmas Pantomime for Years 1 - 6 at the Tyne Theatre



Please note that if any of these dates change we highlight the new date in **Red**.

