

Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:16

Canon Popham C of E Primary Academy Newsletter



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**Friday 14th
November 2025**

This newsletter is a regular feature – available online. Please visit our website

<https://www.canonpopham.co.uk/>

Please let us know if you prefer a paper copy.

The VALUE we will explore this half term is

TRUST

We have looked this week at:

Anti-Bullying Week – POWER for GOOD

Next week we will look at:

Standing on God's promises – **Psalm 18.2**

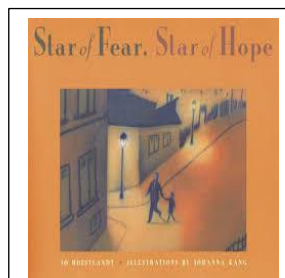
Remembrance Service

Year 6 once again led this year's Remembrance Service in church on Tuesday 11th November. They recited independent writing based upon their class novel *Star of Fear, Star of Hope* by Jo Hoestlandt which is a sensitive and poignant portrayal of the events of the Holocaust. *Star of Fear, Star of Hope* introduces children to this difficult, but important topic. We also heard about significant individuals whose lives were forever changed due to war such as Simon Weston and Doncaster's own Ben Parkinson. Classes from KS2 supported the service with songs. We were so proud of year 6 with how sensitively and respectfully they read their words. Thank you to the staff for supporting the service and for parents and school community for attending and observing the 2 minutes silence at 11 am.

Well done, children and staff - you really Let your lights shine!



Year 6 leading Remembrance



What's happening in school:

Week beg 17th November

Monday – 3.15pm Y6 SATs parent mtg

Tuesday – Picture News

Weds – Worship in church

Weds – Year 1 Bible

bootcamp

Thurs – Flu Immunisations

Friday – RAINBOW RAFFLE

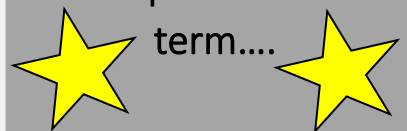
Non-uniform day

Week beg 24th

Weds 26th – AUTUMN

DISCO – tickets via ARBOR

Team points for this term....



St ANDREW: 57 = 3rd

St GEORGE: 51 = 4th

St PATRICK: 85 = 1st

St DAVID: 76 = 2nd

Well done St Patrick's, this week's winners!

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Attendance Matters Week 10 94 % = School

F2 = 88.7%

Y1 = 94.5%

Y2 = 90.8%

Y6 = 96.6%

Y5 = 94.1%

Y3 = 94.5%

**Well done Y4, winners
this week!**

Enjoy your extra break!

Y4 = 98.6% = WINNERS!!!

Attendance Matters – Autumn half term

The Department for Education tracks and monitors school attendance over a half term and publishes a report for schools to action using similar sized schools as a comparison. The latest report for Canon Popham shows areas of strength and highlights areas we must focus on to improve attendance data. These are listed for your information.

As a reminder, I have added the DfE/NHS link [DfE Should I keep my child off school](#)

Please also speak to school if you need support with improving attendance.

Areas of strength:

Year 3 and Year 5 attendance

Areas to focus on:

Attendance on Mondays

Year 1 and Year 2 attendance

Diary Dates: Autumn

November

Monday 17th – Year 6 SATs parents information meeting at 3:15pm

Thursday 20th – Flu immunisations for Reception class to year 6

December 2025

Thursday 4th – Flu immunisation catch up session

Monday 8th – Pantomime for years 1 – 6 at the CAST – 10:00am matinee session - further information to follow

Monday 8th - Key Stage 2 Christingle Service at 2.15pm with Year 5 leading

Monday 8th – EYFS pantomime within school

Wednesday 10th - Foundation stage Nativity 10.00am (nursery and reception classes)

Thursday 11th – Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.00pm (Year 1 and 2)

Tuesday 16th – Foundation stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas Party

Wednesday 17th – Christmas dinner

Wednesday 17th – Key Stage 2 Christmas Party PM

Thursday 18th – last day of term

Let Your Light Shine – 500 Words event 2025



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St Oswalds
Travis St Lawrence
St Michaels

This year's Doncaster DSAT schools 500 word read aloud event took place on Wednesday 12th November at St Oswald's Academy, Finningley.

We are very proud of the winners from Canon Popham who competed in the final against Y5 and Y6 writers from Travis, St Lawrence, Rossington St Michael's and St Oswalds. Elsie, Harrison and Arabella really let their light shine by reciting their stories to a packed audience of staff and parents. Thank you to parents for supporting the event too!

If you would like to share how your child has **Let their light shine** in some way outside of school, please email a photo and short description to their class teacher or enquiries@cpa.dsat.education thank you.

Bikeability Balance Bike – Reception Superstars!

Reception class have had a fun-filled week of Balance Bike training. This has been the first time Canon Popham has taken part and it has been a huge success! Balance Bike Training develops the confidence, spatial awareness and dynamic balance skills children need to become skilled cyclists. The experience was delivered expertly by a team of trainers who made the whole experience super fun and engaging. It was amazing to see the progress made within the sessions throughout the week. Well done, Reception children – you have worked hard and really let your lights shine this week!



Reception loved balance bike training this week!

Anti-Bullying Week – POWER FOR GOOD

To mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week 2025, we celebrated **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 10th November**. Children were invited to come to school wearing odd socks. During whole school assembly, I took the opportunity for us to celebrate our uniqueness, express ourselves and celebrate our individuality – hence the ODD SOCKS!

Our learning throughout the week was dedicated to spreading awareness about Anti-Bullying linked to the theme **'Power for Good'**. Children were reminded what bullying is using the word **STOP** which stands for **SEVERAL TIMES ON PURPOSE**. Whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's use our Power for Good and show each other the support we need. They were also reminded about using their power for good to reach out to someone they trust at school or at home if they need to talk and use their Power for Good to support or tell a trusted adult if someone they know is being bullied.

In assembly and in our classrooms, we listened to Andy and the Odd Socks band singing their song, **POWER for GOOD**



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Christmas Raffle - rainbow hampers.

We have assigned each year group a colour and would like donations of new items in that colour to help us create 8 colourful hampers which we will use wonderful raffle prizes.

On **Friday 21st November** we will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for the raffle donations.

Here's some ideas:

Books, games, chocolates, toys, sweets, toiletries, candles, teddies, gift sets, biscuits, crisps, tea bags, coffee, please be imaginative. Please **DO NOT** include alcohol, fresh, chilled or frozen items.

Non-uniform please donate the following coloured items for your class **RAINBOW RAFFLE** Christmas Hamper:

Nursery – GOLD/SILVER

Reception - PINK

Year 1 - YELLOW

Year 2 - ORANGE

Year 3 - BLUE

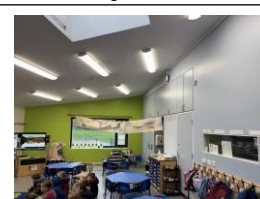
Year 4 - PURPLE

Year 5 - GREEN

Year 6 – RED

Thank you for your continued support!

Building works and renovations at Canon Popham



Reception class

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) building is almost complete with its new 'Chameleon' cladding. The children are loving seeing it appear to change colours as they move closer or further away – they are fascinated by it!

We have a scheduled programme of redecoration carried out by Mr Nick and Mr Blunt our site managers. So far they have completed Reception, Year 4 and Year 5 classrooms. New blinds will complete the transformation. The children were really thankful to them for making our school an even place to learn – they said they had Let their lights shine too!

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Well done to Mr Nick and Mr Blunt our wonderful care takers for created a pathway for safe exit from the new fire doors at the side of church. Thank you both!

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Thank you children for letting your lights shine by supporting WEAR RED DAY 2025 in support of the charity Show Racism The Red Card. You raised over £160 and showed an amazing understanding of our British Value of Mutual Respect. Well done!

Let Your Light Shine Celebration Assembly

Well done to the children awarded with LYLS certificates in our celebration assembly:

Year 1 – Hughie and Remi-Lee

Year 2 – Freddie and Hudson

Year 3 – Rory and Evie

Year 4 – Meesha and Alice

Year 5 – Thea and Matteus

Year 6 – The Whole Class!

A message from Rev Tom.....



We believe in an amazing God who loves to hear and answer prayer!

One of the great privileges we have as followers of Jesus is to talk to him about the best and hardest things in life, and to seek his help. We have some prayer boxes in school and pray through the children's requests each week – an amazing 60 of them for today!