

Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:16

Canon Popham C of E Primary Academy Newsletter

**Friday 24th October
2025**

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

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

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The VALUE we will explore this half term is

THANKFULNESS

We have looked this week at:

Counting your blessings 1Thessalonians 5:16

We will look next term at the value of:

TRUST



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Autumn half term at Canon Popham

What a busy first half term we have had at Canon Popham CE Primary Academy! Over the last eight weeks, the children (and staff) have worked incredibly hard in all curriculum subjects to know more, do more and remember more of their learning. We are very proud of the progress they are making as we track and assess each half term. Our Y6 class have practiced their first SATs assessments in readiness for next May with excellent outcomes which indicates positive outcomes for them moving to secondary school. In our younger classes, children on the Read, Write, Inc (RWI) phonics and writing programme have made really good progress in their journey to



Reception supervising in EYFS



become independent and fluent readers and writers!

Thank you children and staff – we know you are going to do just as well next half term!

Thank you to parents/carers for your continued partnership in supporting school. The staff are looking forward to parent/carer meetings after half term but as always, if you have any concern or issue, please contact them via the class email. We hope you have a restful, enjoyable half term.



What's happening in school:

Week beg 3rd November

Monday 3rd – DSAT training day – school closed to all pupils

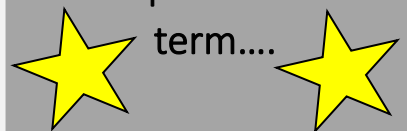
Tuesday 4th – School open

Wednesday 5th – Y6 PGL residential visit until Friday 7th return.

Parent meetings begin this week.

Friday 7th – Doncaster DSAT schools event @Travis lower school: BOCCIA festival

Team points for this term....



St ANDREW: 1108 = 3rd

St GEORGE: 914 = 4th

St PATRICK: 1318 = 2nd

St DAVID: 1323 = 1st

Well done St David's, this half-term's winners!

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Attendance Matters Week 8 % = School

F2 = 93%
Y1 = 92.5%
Y2 = 90%
Y4 = 94.5%
Y5 = 94.6%
Y3 = 93.5%

**Well done Y6 winners
this week!
Enjoy your extra break!**

Y6 = 94.8% = WINNERS!!!

Attendance Matters – Autumn half term

F2 = 93.4%
Y1 = 94.8%
Y2 = 93.9%
Y3 = 96.5%
Y4 = 96.4%
Y5 = 96%

**Well done Year 6
winners this half term!
Enjoy your special reward
next term!**

Y6 = 96.6% WINNERS!

4 classes above national attendance!

Diary Dates: Autumn

October

Friday 24th - last day of term
Monday 27th – Fri 31st October ½ term

Friday 31st – national closing date for secondary school applications to start in the school year **Sept 2026**

November

Monday 3rd school closed – DSAT training day. Tuesday 4th school open
Weds 5th – Fri 7th y6 PGL residential
Friday 7th - Doncaster DSAT schools event @Travis lower school: BOCCIA festival

Mon 10th – Weds 12th – Bikeability Reception

Monday 10th – Reception for 2026 open day event 3.15 – 4.15pm

Mon 10th – Fri 14th Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 11th – Remembrance service led by Y6 in church 10.30am

Wednesday 12th – Doncaster DSAT Y5/6 500 words competition @SOA 4pm

Let Your Light Shine – Harvest donations 2025



A huge thank you to parents for supporting your children and for donating to the harvest appeal!

We were treated to two Harvest Festivals in church this year. Reception and KS1 children shared their thanks for the food we have at harvest time and shared art work and songs. Year 4 led the KS2 celebration in church with songs, poems, different cultural traditions and prayer. As the images show, our local community donated lots to Doncaster Food bank for which we are truly thankful. Well done children, staff and parent/carers.

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.

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Celebrating Diwali

Diwali, is known as the festival of lights – a five-day long celebration. Many world faiths including Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhists celebrate this festival right across the world.

Different types of lanterns and traditional oil lamps known as Diya are lit around people's homes, temples, shops and even the streets, symbolising Lord Rama's return and the triumph of light over darkness.

Many people consider Diwali to mark the beginning of a new year, a time to make plans for a new start like new year resolutions. Nihal in year 6 enjoyed telling the class all about Diwali this week and how he celebrates it with his family. His whole house was filled with light and they enjoyed special food.



World Mental Health day 2025



Photos of celebrating on Friday 10th October



Fitness for our well-being!

Dance for our well-being!



Create for our well-being!

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



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!

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



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!