



## **Pupil star of the week**

LL: AM: Levi for joining in with singing and answering questions effectively.

LL: PM: Billy for following instructions and doing some amazing tidy up when asked.

CC: AM: Olivia Whitcombe- For being a confident communicator and showing confidence during our visit with Santa

CC: PM: Aliza- For always being happy and enthusiastic about everything that she does

BB: Ibrahim for being extremely friendly to all the children and adults in the class. For being really helpful and trying your hardest.

SS 1: Aleeza - for working hard in phonics to learn tricky words and all the set 2 sounds. You have shown that you care about learning to read and made great progress. Well done!

SS 1/2: Chloe-Louise - for always showing how much she cares for her friends by being kind always.

DD 2: Bernice! For developing as confident communicator by speaking to more adults in the classroom and for ALWAYS being a super star!

BB 3/4: Kaitlin - For really persevering with her sewing and her painting this week. She has really focussed and achieved a new skill. She has definitely become a knowledgeable learner in sewing!

WW 3/4: Rylan for being a confident communicator and giving 100% effort in our class Christmas song! Thank you Rylan for working so hard!

OO 5: Hollie Windle for putting in 100% effort into your home learning, being brave, challenging yourself and being a positive role model. It shows you really care about your learning. Well done :)

SS 5: Krystal Roach - for her problem solving in Maths. She was the first one to find the easiest way to answer a question. She then showed the rest of the class how to do it. She is an expert learner and a confident communicator. Awesome!!!

LL 6: Ramzi - for independently completing a woodcraft project at home, and confidently communicating how much he cares about the Lumberjunkers project. Inspiring words that many adults in school and beyond have been impressed by. Well done!

MM 6: Kelsey - For always being a confident communicator and always showing that she cares. She is an amazing pupil who always tried her best and has made great progress. Well done Kelsey.





## What we've done this week

**Lively Ladybirds:** We have been busy finishing our Christmas activities and have really enjoyed our Santa and Reindeer visit.

**Curious Caterpillars:** We have had a fabulous last week of term seeing Santa and his reindeer and learning party games ready for the Christmas party.

**Brilliant Butterflies:** We have been very busy this week making all our Christmas cards and calendars. We have learnt the Christmas story and the reason why Christians celebrate Christmas.

**Swooping Starlings:** We have enjoyed our Christmas activities in school this week and loved singing to Santa and seeing his reindeer. We have been reading about reindeer and had lots of questions to ask about them.

**Daring Ducklings:** We have had a wonderful last week in 2DD. Children have enjoyed their last week with their friends. I am so proud of how far all the children have come since September! We have also really enjoyed our Christmas dinner with all of our friends and seeing Mr Tolson dressed up as an elf was a highlight!

**Blissful Badgers:** We have had a great last week - Carol service in church, Art with Mr Bullock and finishing off sewing our Christmas stockings. What a week!

**Wondrous Whales:** What a fabulous last week we have had together and we have especially enjoyed our art day. We have created amazing paintings on Stonehenge at sunset with poster paints and great modroc sculptures even if we did get a little messy! Thoroughly enjoyed by all of us!

**Omniscient Otters:** It has been a tough week for the Otters this week being at home but they have absolutely blown me away with their hard work, determination and enthusiasm for their home learning. Some highlights of mine were Monday morning seeing all of their faces on screen and also the brave children who sang our Christmas song. Well done :)

**Super Seals:** Great last week! It's always fun the week up to Christmas, getting into the Christmas spirit and doing a range of activities. We loved the Christmas pudding, singing at Allerton Care Home and walking to the church. Stay safe everyone!

**Leaping Lions:** I've loved seeing our Ancient Greek myths being published complete with artwork, enjoying festive songs and jumpers and our reading in church was lovely to witness. Eating Christmas dinner with the hungry Lions wasn't as scary as I feared! Merry Christmas and have a wonderful, peaceful holiday.

**Magnificent Monkeys:** It has been an amazing last week of term. The children have continued to work incredibly hard all week but my favourite part of the week was watching the yr 6 children see the reindeers and Santa!



## Head Teacher's comment

As we come to the end of the term it has certainly been one full of many magical moments where staff, pupils and the community have pulled together in such a challenging time.

I would first of all like to thank all the staff for their energy, commitment and support in what has been a very challenging for us all. I am so proud of them all.

This week my highlights include:

1. Visiting Thornton Church for our Christmas service- we had every child from Year 1 to 6 visit and it was amazing to sit in church with our class bubbles
2. Tuesday was our Christmas Extravaganza and it was such a joy to watch. Santa came and every child got a present and then our friends from the North Pole arrived too - we love our reindeer friends at St James!
3. Otters- your home learning this week has been nothing short of amazing! Seeing you all log in every day has been such a joy and very funny at times. Thank you to Miss Rosenberg and her team for making it work so well.
4. Christmas Dinner was wonderful to watch and be part of- thank you to all the kitchen staff and office team for organising this!
5. Seeing our Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoying their art work with Mr Bullock- we have some very talented artists!

I would also like to share Ramzis story in Year 6 as he was inspired by the work he has been doing on a Thursday afternoon and made a sign with his dad for our outside library. These acts of kindness matter and build communities and it is at this time of year that we think about this theme even more. To be part of a peaceful community is such an important thing and during this global pandemic it has never been more important.

I would like to wish you and your family a very peaceful and happy Christmas- 2020 has been a year like no other in my lifetime but it has also shown some amazing acts of kindness and let us take this into 2021.

Take care #staysafe

## Important Notices

1. School will close on Thursday 17th December and open again on Monday 4th January
2. During the Christmas period (23 to 27 December) [different rules on social contact will apply](#). Here is the guidance on forming Christmas Bubbles over the holiday period-  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family>
3. West Yorkshire outside of the Christmas period is still in Tier 3 for now. Here is a reminder about the rules for this: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-3-very-high-alert>
4. If you would like any support with food we are sending a letter out to everyone to signpost them to places where you can get support. We are also working with Thornton Church and Harry.
5. On the 4th January each class will have a 'hook day' Each class teacher will be planning something exciting for when the pupils come back to school. Watch out for the letter from the class teacher.
6. In January we will be looking at how to get more parents involved in school. If are interested in being part of a working group to look at how we can keep improving school and creating a parent and teacher team
7. Remember to look at Class Dojo, our website and facebook page to get any latest updates.





**Photos from this week**

