



# AUTUMN NEWS '23



Reminder  
Parent Drop-ins  
Monday 13th 3.10pm until 5pm  
and Tuesday 14th 3.10pm until  
4pm.



As usual we have had a busy start to the half term. On Tuesday we had a "Shine" day led by local Poet and Author Paul Delaney. The whole school particularly enjoyed his assembly singing the song he has composed "Shine, Shine, Shine. This was followed by individual class workshops. We hope to have Paul back to lead a whole school poetry day next term.

The children in Year 5 and 6 have also taken part in immersive historical workshops that have helped to develop further their knowledge and understanding of War Time Britain and The Vikings. The varied costumes were also a delight to see, thank you for your support with this.

Yesterday our Upper Key Stage 2 children watched a performance of "The Last Post" at the Brindley Theatre. The children and staff found it both moving and thought provoking.

This week I have had the pleasure of looking through the children's English books as well as some children reading aloud their work to me. We have added some different aspects to our English curriculum this year and it is great to see and hear the positive impact this is having. Next week at the parent drop in sessions you will be able to look through your child's books to see the progress they have made already this year.

Once again we have been invited to take part in the Hale Village Remembrance Parade and service on Sunday. It would be fantastic if as many children as possible are able to take part, it is a poignant and moving event that is suitable for all ages.

For those children who are able to and want to take part I will meet them around 10.40am at Aran close where we will arrange ourselves to walk down behind the Clan Wallace Pipe band to the War Memorial in the Village with the school banner, wreath and crosses. The children will be invited into the fenced area at the War Memorial where they will have the opportunity to lay the wreath and poppy crosses.

At the end of the outside service the children can be collected from me at the gate to the War memorial.

As the children are representing the school can I ask that they wear their school uniform and have on a warm coat. We are always complimented on how smart our children look and how well behaved they are.

I look forward to seeing as many children as possible on Sunday to take part in this important event.

Mrs Emma Fenton



THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD,  
AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD  
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM,  
NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.  
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE  
SUN AND IN THE MORNING,  
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



# Home Learning



Key Stage One (Year One and Two)

- Daily reading from scheme books that are sent home or allocated online
- Numbots to be completed for 10 minutes per day
- Spelling Practice (linked to phonics learning)

Key Stage Two (Years 3-6)

- 15 mins Reading Plus completed daily (Monday-Friday)
- Spelling Shed (5 mins per day Monday-Friday)
- Times Tables Rock Stars (5 mins per day Monday-Friday).
- Reading books to be read over the weekend and logs to be filled in.

Online homework will be checked every Friday by teachers. If pupils have not completed the expected amount, they will catch up during their recreational time.

On occasion, additional homework might be set, depending on the class' needs. This will be down to the discretion of the class teacher.



Hope



## A Prayer for Hope

Lord, help me to hear you saying, "I am your hope" over all the other voices. I'm running to you with both hands stretched out and grabbing on to you. Fill me up with hope and give me a tangible reminder today that hope is an unbreakable spiritual lifeline.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen.



## Christmas Performances and Events

**8th December Christmas Jumper Day**

**Children can come into school wearing their Christmas Jumper and donate something for our Christmas Hampers.**

**12th December Christmas Community Day  
Pupils Only**

**Christmas Craft, Carols and Mince Pies  
with up to 4 guests per child.**

**Year 6 - 13th December 2pm-3pm**

**Year 3 - 14th December 9.30am-10.30am**

**Year 4 -14th December 2am-3pm**

**Year 5 15th - December 9.30am-10.30am**

**KS1 Traditional Nativity Play**

**Years 1 and 2**

**2 guests per family for each performance**

**18th December 2pm**

**19th December 9.15am**

**19th December 2.15pm Christmas Sing a long  
Reception Class**

**20th December Christmas Lunch and Party Day  
Non Uniform Day - Sensible Party Clothes**

**21st December School Closes for Christmas Break  
finish at 1.15pm.**

