



Friday 16th January 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Collective Worship Take Home

In Collective Worship this week, we have been thinking about how 2026 is the National Year of Reading - a special year, created to help children and adults in the UK enjoy reading more. Everyone is encouraged to explore all kinds of stories, books, comics, magazines, websites, and even audiobooks, with the theme 'Go All In'. Throughout the year, schools, libraries, and communities will run fun events and challenges to help everyone find a type of reading they love.

Things you could talk about at home:

- Talk to someone at home about the kinds of books or stories that help you learn about Christian values such as kindness and love. Which ones do you enjoy most?
- Ask an adult to share their reading journey. What books helped them grow in faith or learn good values when they were young? What do they like to read now?
- Why do you think fewer people read today? How can reading stories that teach us about God's love and helping others make a difference? Do you think encouraging more reading is a good idea? Why?



Whole School Panto Performance of Jack and the Beanstalk

On Tuesday afternoon, our children were treated to a spectacular performance of *Jack and the Beanstalk* by M&M Theatrical Productions. The hall was filled with laughter, excitement, and plenty of audience participation as the talented cast brought this classic tale to life in true pantomime style.

From the moment the 'curtain went up', pupils were captivated by the colourful costumes, lively music, and hilarious antics of the characters. The interactive elements had everyone joining in with songs, cheers, and even a few boos for the villain! It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience live theatre and immerse themselves in the magic of storytelling.

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA for generously funding this annual treat. Your support ensures that our pupils can enjoy these enriching experiences year after year. We are truly grateful!



Presentation Champions

At Frisby, we hold high expectations for all our pupils. We believe that excellent presentation is crucial for academic success. By acknowledging and rewarding students who excel in presentation, we emphasize the importance of striving for excellence in every aspect of their education.

Children who have been recognised for demonstrating outstanding presentation of their learning this week are:



- Class 1 – Dakota Harris
- Class 2 – Sophia Wallace
- Class 3 – Edward Clayton
- Class 4 – Georgiana Robinson



Frisby School Values Certificates



This half term's school value is 'Showing Compassion'. Well done to the following children who have been awarded a values certificate in today's Collective Worship:

Class 1- Giselle is a very kind friend in Class 1 and always shows compassion to others. Giselle has been showing compassion to her friends who find things tricky in PE this week and it has been wonderful to see. Well done, Giselle!

Class 2 – Bertie is a caring and compassionate member of class 2. He is always one of the first people to offer help to his classmates if they ask for it, but more importantly, will offer support if he can see someone needs help. This isn't just towards other children; he shows these values towards adults too.

Class 3 - You're always such a kind and compassionate member of the class and one of the first to seek to help or comfort your peers. You're very polite to both children and adults, and very mature in how you consider other's feelings and how you can help. This makes you a much valued and popular member of the class. Well done, Hallie!

Class 4 – Charlie consistently demonstrates exceptional compassion, especially during lunchtimes while leading in the KS1 zone. He takes care to ensure everyone feels included, supported, and okay, showing maturity and care beyond his years. His ability to make others feel valued is a wonderful attribute and a true credit to our school community.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 24th January – am – Cross Country event at Ratcliffe College

Tuesday 27th January – 3.30pm - 4.00pm – Open Classrooms

Wednesday 4th February – 5.15pm – 6.15pm – KS1 Disco

Wednesday 4th February – 6.30pm – 7.30pm – KS2 Disco

Friday 13th February – INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February – HALF TERM

Monday 23rd February – School reopens for Spring Term 2

Tuesday 24th February – 3.40pm – 7.00pm – Parents Evening

Wednesday 25th February – 3.40pm – 6.30pm - Parents Evening

Thursday 26th February – time TBC - Sky Theatre performance

Friday 27th February – Visit from Road Safety Education

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Monday 9th March – British Science Week

Tuesday 17th March – 2.00pm – 3.00pm – Stay & Play Easter Crafts - children starting school in Sept '26

Friday 27th March – 9.30am – Easter Service at St Thomas Church (parents/carers welcome) – parents of children in Class 2 are invited to stay for tea and cake following the service

Friday 27th March – School closes for Easter break

Monday 13th April – School reopens for Summer Term

Growing with hope; serving with compassion; transforming with humility.

JOHN FERNELEY COLLEGE
PROUDLY PERFORMS



The Addams Family

A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY

Wednesday 21st January - Opening Night 7.30pm

Thursday 22nd January - Show 2 7.30pm

Friday 23rd January - Final Show 7.30pm

Contact Mr Popp in school or email Lpopp@johnferneley.org
for tickets