



Dear Parents,

It has felt very Christmassy in school this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed our visit to see 'Goldilocks & The Three Bears' at Darlington Hippodrome on Tuesday, and the Christingle on Wednesday was, as always, magical. It was fantastic to see the church so full and it goes without saying how proud we are of all of the children who performed. It is definitely a highlight of the school calendar and a wonderful way to end the year. 2025 has been another fantastic year in school.

In classrooms, we have held our second Design Technology week of the year. This has seen a wonderful range of products created across school involving pneumatics or electrical systems.

We also wish Jay in Year 2 goodbye as he moves on to pastures new, as well as farewell to Rosa, Emmy and Sebby who are also moving away with their family. We wish them all luck in their new adventures. We also say goodbye to Phil Morgan, who has been a parent governor for just over a year. Phil has made a great impact during that time and we thank him for his hard work and dedication.

On behalf of all of the pupils, staff and governors, may we take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support during 2025 and wish you a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2026!

Have a relaxing Christmas break,

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

### Y3/4 Parliament Visit

Year 3 & 4 have the very exciting visit to the Houses of Parliament to look forward to on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Final details regarding arrangements were sent home last week – please let us know if you did not receive these.

### Christmas Party

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, Kingfisher and Partridge Class will be visiting the Hindu Temple on Catterick Garrison. Please do ensure you have returned the paper consent slip before the day of the visit. Please also remember that the sandwich option will be the only meal choice for children in these classes the day.

School is closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January for staff training. We open for pupils on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026!

### Governors' Corner

What a wonderful way to end the term and begin our Christmas celebrations. Once again, we were treated to an amazing evening! Christmas is really upon us, and our children presented poems, prayers, readings and carols, which ensured that we truly experienced the real meaning of Christmas. The church was full to overflowing and it is wonderful to have support from parents and the community. A big thank you to Mr. Donaldson and his team for all of their hard work, not only in preparing the children for this service but also for their continued hard work, dedication and commitment throughout the year.

Hunton & Arrathorne continues to thrive and grow, providing outstanding experiences for all our pupils. Once again, thank you to everyone who supports the school. On behalf of all the governors, we hope that everyone in the school community enjoys a happy and peaceful Christmas and send our best wishes for 2026!

Andrea Peacock – Chair of Governors

### Safeguarding Reminders

Mr. Sam Donaldson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mr. Gavin Cope is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs. Louise Wyatt is the Safeguarding Link Governor.

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named above, in confidence.