



*Loving to learn, Learning to love.
For every child a chance to shine*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating Spirituality:

This week, we were delighted to welcome Reverend Kirsty, who led a meaningful Collective Worship on Candlemas, drawing on the Bible story of Simeon meeting the baby Jesus in the temple. The children explored the themes of hope, patience, and recognising light in the world—core elements of spirituality. Simeon's long wait and his moment of deep inner peace invited the children to reflect on their own experiences of anticipation, gratitude, and noticing the "special moments" in everyday life. It was a gentle and thoughtful reminder of how spirituality can grow through stillness, wonder, and the stories we share.

Celebrating Teaching and Learning:

This week Nicky Murphy, our English Advisor, visited Layston. Nicky worked with staff members to further embed the new handwriting policy and practice. She had a lovely afternoon and was pleased to report that policy is being followed and teachers are putting this into practice in class and children are making good progress.

Everyone was delighted to see the new log seats in the forest this week. Some children counted the rings to find out how old the trees would've been. Thank you to FOLS for supporting this. National Storytelling week meant we had lots of comfortable story sessions in the log circle.

Celebrating Enrichment:

Next week our Y4 parents are invited to a meeting to discuss the Hudnall Park residential visit. This will take place in Y4 classroom at 2:45 on Tuesday 10th Feb. We look forward to seeing you there.

Celebrating Attendance: 93.6%

30/1/2026 – 05/2/2026

Year Reception: 91.05%

Yr1: 89.96%

Yr2: 95%

Yr3: 96.67%

Yr4: 97.78%

Well done to our Year 4 children!



Parent Chat: Anxiety	Tues 10 th Feb 2:15
Hudnall Park Y4 parents meeting	Tues 10 th Feb 2:45
Children's Christingle Service; Layston School Hall	Tues 24 th Feb
World Book Day	Thur 5 th Mar



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Book Fair	Wed 11 th - 18 th Mar
Parent Conferences held during the school day with your child. How to book and further information about these to follow after half term.	Tues 10 th Mar Y2 Mon 16 th Mar YR and Y3 Wed 18 th Y1 Thur 19 th Mar Y4
KAPLA whole school STEM workshop	Tues 10 th Mar
Y3 Roman workshop	Fri 13 th Mar
Y2 History Off The Page	Thur 19 th Mar
Easter Service	Tues 24 th Mar TBC

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend,

Adele McMurrough
Headteacher