

AN A GLANCE

CARR MANOR COACHING CHRONICLE



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MEANWOOD LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Well done to all of our pupils who performed at the Meanwood lights switch on!

It is good to contribute to events in our community, and it was fantastic to see so many of our pupils in the audience supporting our performers.



"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop

THE NOTICE BOARD



DID YOU KNOW... AN OSTRICH'S EYE IS BIGGER THAN ITS BRAIN.

IF YOU COULD CHANGE YOUR NAME, WOULD YOU? WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE IT TO?

IMPORTANT DATES



DECEMBER

Monday 1st

- Year 9 Peace Education trip to CATCH

Wednesday 3rd

- Year 9 Speed Networking careers event
- Year 3 and Year 11 Families Consultation Evening (3.30-7.00pm)

Thursday 4th

- Pre-school winter crafts morning

Friday 5th

- Year 9 Notre Dame French Day
- Year 10 construction trip to Leeds College of Building
- House Dodgeball Competition

Sunday 7th

- Trip to watch Leeds Knights ice hockey
- Volunteering at the Santa Dash

Monday 8th

- Year 9 Peace Education trip to CATCH

Tuesday 9th

- Reception's Nativity performance

Wednesday 10th

- Basecamp residential to Borrowdale begins
- International Day of Human Rights

Thursday 11th

- Pre-school winter songs performance

Friday 12th

- Year 7-9 poetry event
- House Dodgeball Competition



BREAKFAST CLUB

**SECONDARY PHASE BREAKFAST CLUB
START YOUR DAY THE RIGHT WAY!**

**Monday 7.45-8.45am,
Tuesday-Friday 7.45-8.25am
in G5**

As the mornings are getting colder and darker, why not warm up with something tasty to eat?

This week in G5, we've got brand-new festive activities to get you in the holiday spirit! Try your hand at paper snowflakes and colourful paper chains - perfect to brighten up your day.

And that's not all! Your usual favourites are waiting for you:

Pool and table football, computer games, Disney films, board games, mindfulness colouring, crosswords, puzzles... and more!

Plus you can make use of our revision zone which is packed full of resources, tips and tricks.

You can squeeze in some last-minute prep before mid-terms and fuel your body and brain for a strong start to your assessments!



ON SALE

Christmas Showcase

TUESDAY

16TH DECEMBER

2025

Show from 6.30-8.00pm

6.00-8.00PM

Refreshments and pre-show entertainment
in the refectory from 6.00pm

TICKETS £2

FROM SCHOOL RECEPTION

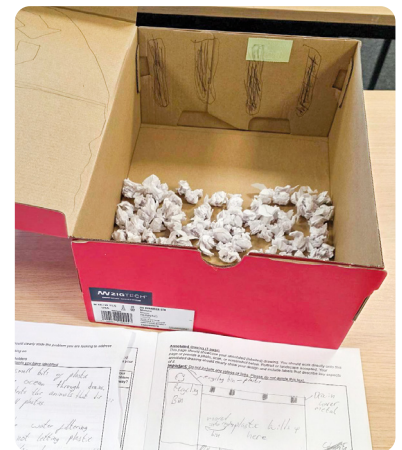
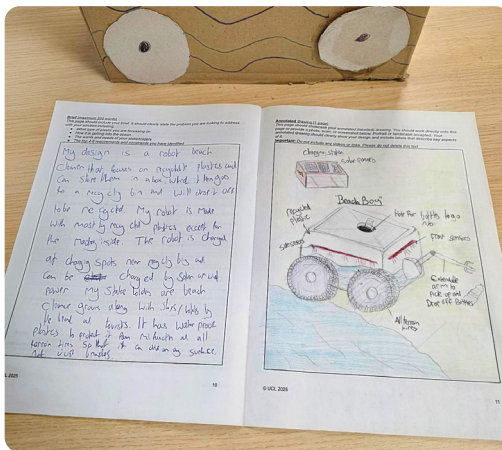
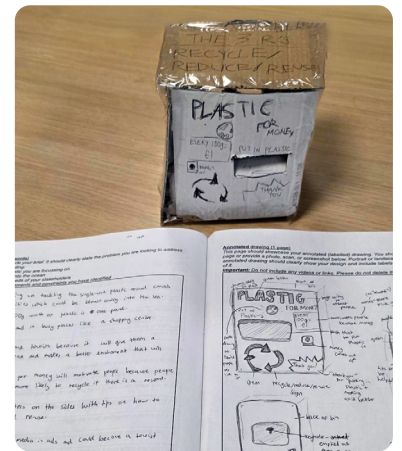
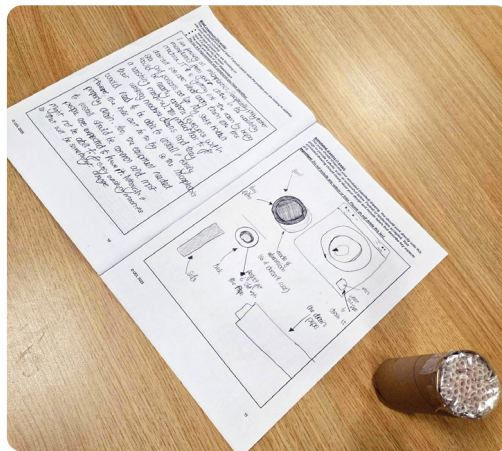
 **CARR MANOR**
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

UCL OCEAN CHALLENGE

30 Year 9 pupils took part in the Ocean Health Challenge recently.

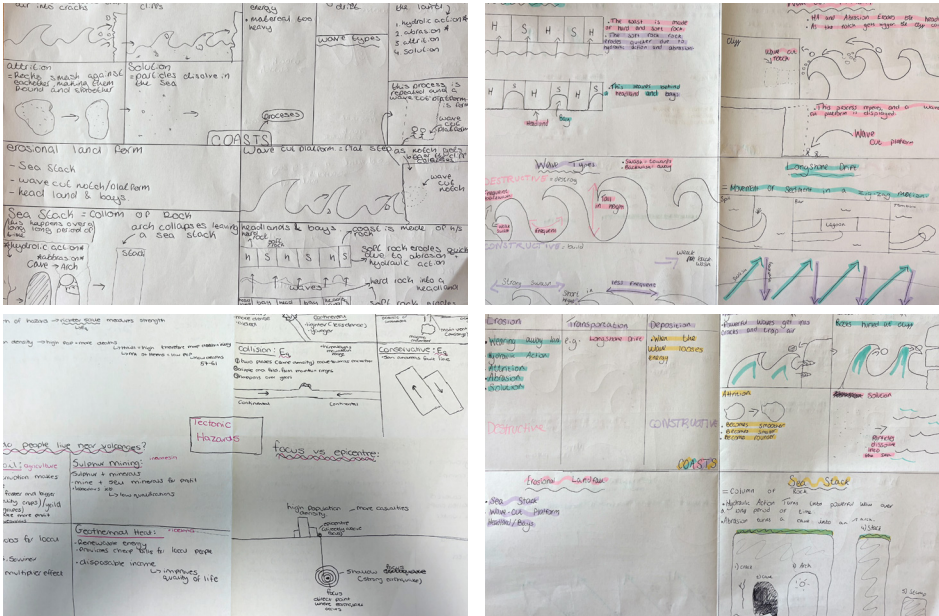
They designed and built prototypes for inventions to tackle plastic pollution.

The pupils showed fantastic creativity, coming up with filters for the washing machine to remove micro-plastics from water and remote control devices to remove plastic waste. These will be entered into a national competition, so good luck to those involved. *Mr Malik*



GEOGRAPHY INTERVENTION

Well done to all of the pupils who have been regularly attending geography intervention after school on Wednesdays. They have been producing some excellent work!



Mr Catchpole would like to give a special shoutout to the pupils for achieving an attendance streak in geography intervention last term.



CARR MANOR

BLUE



INFLUENCERS

The Blue Influencers spent time in the forest gathering materials for the bug hotel.

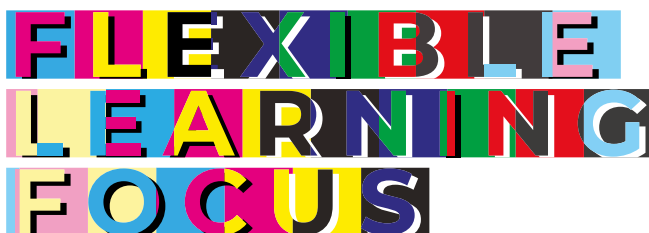
They then continued with their designs, while some worked on completing the information board.

They will soon apply the finishing touches.

Mr Heath



PUTTING THE 'FLEX' INTO FLEXIBLE LEARNING



Our yoga Flexible Learning group have been working very hard on their balancing and breathing techniques.

They began the Autumn 2 term with so much energy and positivity. They understand that yoga is not a race or competition - it is about relaxing, being in tune with your mind and body and finding your inner peace.



Together as a team, they selected their own calming, peaceful and relaxing music to accompany their yoga session. What a lovely way to wind down after a busy week.

LEEDS WELL SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

The children in the Primary Phase, with the help of our House Captains, took part in the Leeds Well Schools Challenge 20 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Leeds Rhinos Foundation.



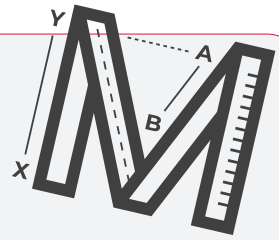
The charity works to get more people involved in sport with a goal of "Smiles not Silverware". We have been fortunate over the years to be involved in multiple activities with them through our Leeds Well School membership.

From rugby to cheerleading, kinball to netball, cross country running to gymnastics, we have had the opportunity to try so many different sports. The whole Primary Phase headed out onto the playground to "Challenge 20" where, guided by our House captains, the children did 20 second bursts of lots of different exercises.

Well done to all involved. *Mr Read*



MATHS SEMINAR



Thank you to all Year 10 pupils who engaged with the maths seminar on Monday 24th November with Professor of Maths Richard Elwes.



Pupils engaged with such areas of maths as optimisation problems, misleading data and mechanics.

It was great to see pupils contributing and asking relevant questions.

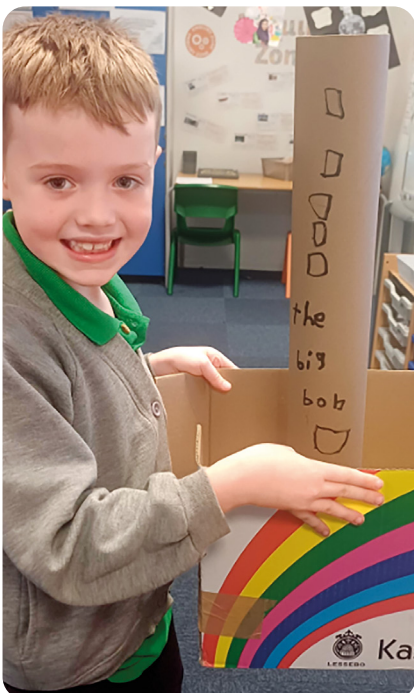
Shoutout to **NH** for his impressive recall of Netwon's Third Law!

Mrs Kauke

DT STRUCTURES

Year 2 have been hard at work designing and creating their own structures in DT last week.

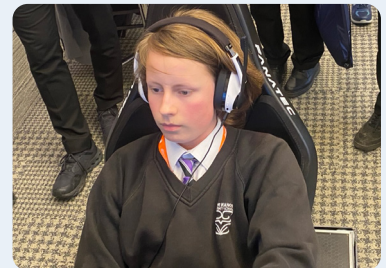
Inspired by London skyscrapers, the children explored how to build tall, stable models. They showed great resilience as they experimented and made structures that could stand independently. *Miss Cook*



CYBER SECURITY WORKSHOP



A group of pupils went to Hull University to take part in a cyber security event.



There were lots of events and activities, which included workshops led by the army and aviation industry, and even a **Formula 1 simulator** experience.

JG came second overall out of 4,555 pupils in attendance. Well done Jai!

Mr Clough

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

A group of English and drama pupils visited the Playhouse to watch a production of *A Christmas Carol* last week.

It was a brilliant production and the pupils enjoyed the experience, especially the festive photo opportunities that were on offer outside the theatre!

Mrs Pearce



DJ WORKSHOP

We welcomed DJ Niall Turner into school last week for a music workshop.

He showed the pupils the equipment that he uses and how to mix tracks before letting them have a go themselves. The pupils also enjoyed learning about another career pathway into music.

Miss Keohane



WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

SIGN UP FOR THE SANTA DASH AT CARR MANOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL

If you would like to take part in the event this year, use the QR code below.

TRUEMAN



BREMNER



TOMNLINSON



ROBINSON



ROW WITH THE RHINOS



A group of pupils took part in the **Row with the Rhinos** city-wide competition last week, following their fast-tracked training sessions.

Well done to **TR** who took gold in the Year 7 Boys' race, a fantastic achievement.



NETBALL

Well done to **ZF** in Year 10 who has successfully trialled for the Leeds District Netball Squad for the second year in a row.

This is a fantastic achievement as only two other Carr Manor Community School pupils have successfully trialled previously.

Miss Wood

YEAR 1 VISIT YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK

Year 1 visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park as part of their science topic 'How are animals classified?'

The children had a brilliant day exploring the park and were able to classify animals by asking various questions.

They were lucky to see so many animals throughout the park, but they were very excited to see the polar bears and giraffes!

Miss Wilson





YEAR 5 LEGO WORKSHOP

Year 5 were visited by

Yorkshire Water who taught them all about waterworks and sewage blockages.

They built Lego bots and learnt how to unblock some of these blockages on a map.



20²⁵ GRANDPARENTS DAY



Reception enjoyed welcoming their grandparents into school for our Grandparents Day.

The children were so proud to share their classroom and show their visitors all the wonderful things they do each day.

Together, they enjoyed a range of activities, from creating salt dough star decorations to making handprint family trees and designing personalised calendars. It was heart-warming to see the children and their grandparents working side by side, talking, laughing, and making memories.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day so special.



LITERACY CORNER

DEBATE IT!

Is climate change the biggest threat to our future?

Debate it!

Sentence Stems

- I think that... because...
- In my opinion, ...
- I agree/disagree because...



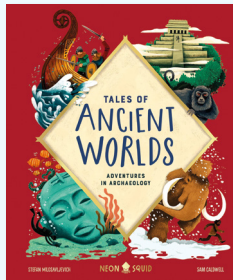
CURIOSITY CORNER

If you are interested in different civilisations, try one of these!

Key Stage 1

Tales of Ancient Worlds

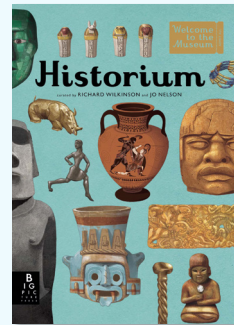
by Sam Caldwell & Stefan Milosavljevic



Key Stage 2

Historium

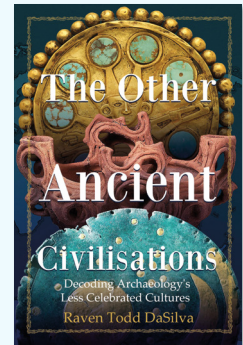
by Jo Nelson & Richard Wilkinson



Key Stage 3 & 4

The Other Ancient Civilisations

by Raven Todd DaSilva



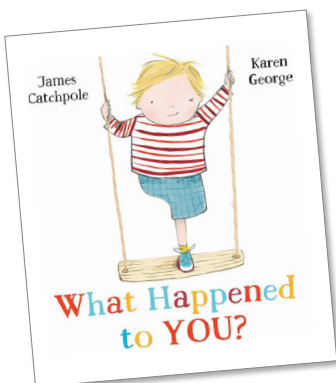
VOCABULARY VAULT

prudent

Means: an adjective describing a wise action in the given circumstances.

Sentence: It was prudent to not get involved in the argument.

ADVENTURES IN BOOKLAND WITH...



WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

BY JAMES CATCHPOLE

"What Happened to You?" is a warm and thoughtful picture book about disability, empathy and friendship.

The story follows a little boy named Joe, who has one leg and loves playing in the park, where he battles pirates and sharks and goes wherever his imagination takes him! Joe never explains why he has one leg, but other children often ask questions that interrupt his play. As the story unfolds, they soon discover that the best way to make friends is simply to join in the fun.

A lovely read for EYFS, Key Stage 1, and Key Stage 2, full of warmth, imagination, and understanding.



MISS JENKINS

BASIC LANGUAGE SAYINGS

Hello

Hej

How are you?

Hvordan har du det?

Nice to meet you

Dejligt at møde dig

Good bye

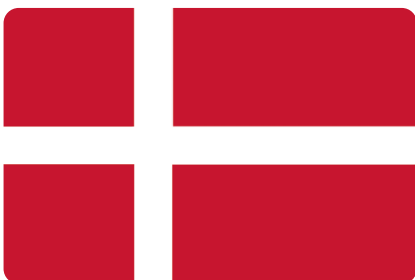
Farvel



FRIKADELLER

BASIC LANGUAGE FACTS

- Danish language is spoken by approximately six million people, primarily in Denmark, and is the official language of the Kingdom of Denmark.
- Danish uses the Latin alphabet supplemented by three extra letters: æ, ø, and å.



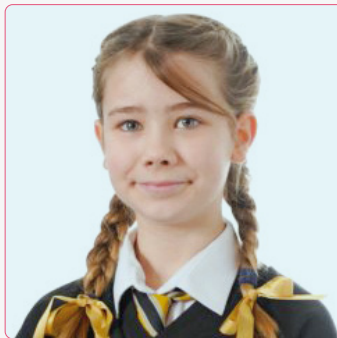
Danish

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH



Let's hear from a Danish language speaker here at CMCS!

SPEAKER: ET /YEAR 8



My name is ET, my mum comes from Denmark but I was born in England.

My mum has been speaking to me in Danish since I was little.

I am able to communicate with relatives in Denmark who don't speak English.

What do you think English speakers find hardest about learning your language?

The pace of spoken Danish and the complex sounds can make it hard to understand native speakers.

Do you have a favourite food from your country?

Frikadeller are Danish meatballs made with veal and pork that are shaped into slightly flattened ovals.

Biksemad is a traditional Danish, essentially a hash made from fried, diced potatoes, onions, and pieces of cooked meat/bacon. The name literally translates to "mixed food" in Danish.

Do you have a favourite word or saying in your language?

Hyggeligt - cozy

Hygge refers to a deep sense of contentment, wellbeing, and connection found in simple, everyday moments.



HOUSE POINTS



TOTAL POINTS SO FAR THIS YEAR

1ST **ROBINSON** **6464**

2ND **BREMNER** **6175**

3RD **TRUEMAN** **6107**

4TH **TOMLINSON** **5629**



LAST WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS



ATTENDANCE



OVERALL HOUSE ATTENDANCE

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
TOMLINSON	BREMNER	TRUEMAN	ROBINSON

100%

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

PUNCTUALITY



PUNCTUALITY



100% ATTENDANCE



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COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY COUNTS!

In the run up to our Christmas break every day matters!

For the **last two weeks of term**, we're adding extra festive fun and rewards for great attendance.

Some of the extras include:

Big End-of-Term Prize Draw

Have **100% attendance** for these two weeks and you'll be entered into a **special Christmas prize draw** on the last day - with amazing prizes to win!

On-the-Spot Treats

Attend each day and you could grab instant festive surprises.

Seasonal Fun

Enjoy favourite activities like music and films during free time, plus lots of Christmas celebrations.

More surprises

As part of our **10 Days of Christmas** events.





STARS OF THE WEEK



RECEPTION 



OL

YEAR 1 



IOE

YEAR 1 



XG

YEAR 2 



LFW

YEAR 2 



AP

YEAR 3 




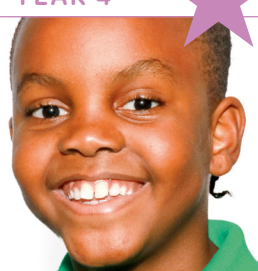
AL

YEAR 3 



MD

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YEAR 4 



OP

YEAR 5 



JL

YEAR 5 



RB

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YEAR 6 



OM

CARR MANOR AWARDS

SPORTS PERSONALITY



FH



NOMINATED BY MR DIXON

DIGITAL SUPERSTAR

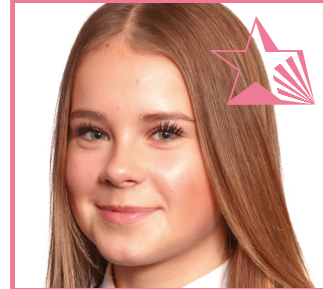


CS



NOMINATED BY MR MAHMOOD

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD



CH



NOMINATED BY MRS PEARCE

SPECTACULAR SCIENTIST



ARA



NOMINATED BY MR MALIK

BRILLIANT IN BUSINESS



KA



NOMINATED BY MISS WOOD

MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIAN



CM



NOMINATED BY MISS KAUKU

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD



AC



NOMINATED BY MISS KEOHANE

EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH



AW



NOMINATED BY MR THOMPSON

EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH



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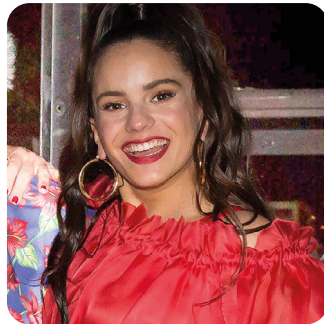
NOMINATED BY MISS LEE

COACHING ACTIVITY

Music • Quiz

Test your knowledge of famous musicians through the years.

As a bonus, you can read about some famous musicians from Leeds in the article written by Ellie in Year 10.



Answers 1: Bad Bunny 2: Mariah Carey 3: Cher 4: Olivia Dean 5: David Bowie 6: Rosalia 7: Dave 8: Paul McCartney

FAMOUS MUSICIANS FROM LEEDS

by Ellie Hipshon



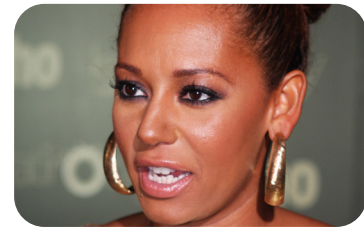
Kaiser Chiefs

The Kaiser Chiefs are an indie rock band from Leeds heavily inspired by new wave and punk rock from the 1970s and 80s. Their two most popular songs are "I Predict A Riot" and "Ruby".



Alt-J

Although the name says 'Alt-J' their name is actually 'Δ'. This is a reference to the Greek letter delta which is used in mathematics to represent change. Their most popular songs are "Breezeblocks" and "Left Hand Free".



Mel B

Melanie B or "Scary Spice" from the best-selling female group of all time the Spice Girls is a dancer, judge, singer and song writer. Her most famous songs are "I Want You Back" and "Wannabe".



Advent



What is Advent?

Advent is a special time that many Christians around the world celebrate every year. It begins about four weeks before Christmas. The word Advent means "coming," and during this season, people get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Just like you might count down to your birthday or a holiday, Advent is a way to count down to Christmas in a thoughtful and joyful way.

Why is Advent celebrated?

Christians celebrate Advent to remember that Jesus was born at Christmas and to prepare their hearts for this happy event. It's also a time to think about hope, peace, joy, and love - four important themes that many churches focus on each week. Advent helps people slow down, be thankful, and look forward to the good things that Christmas brings.

How do people celebrate?

Many families and churches use an Advent wreath with four candles, lighting one new candle each week as Christmas gets closer. Some children enjoy Advent calendars, which let them open a small door each day - sometimes with a picture, a Bible verse, or even a chocolate inside! Others read special stories, sing songs, or do kind activities to spread joy.

Who celebrates Advent?

Advent is celebrated mainly by Christians, including families and churches from many different traditions, such as Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, and some Protestant churches.

Even though different groups might celebrate a little differently, they all share the same purpose: getting ready for Jesus' birth and remembering the message of Christmas.



Advent

Advent is where we count down until the day when Jesus was born.

We have a special advent calendar that has a picture of the Nativity on it.

We open one door every day and see more of the picture.

On the last day we see the whole picture and we know that was the day when Jesus was born.

EN | YEAR 2



Moş Nicolae (Saint Nicholas Day)

On the 5th December, we wash our shoes and make sure they are clean.

We place them in the hallway then St Nicholas comes and puts sweets and gifts in our shoes.

NM | YEAR 10



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CREW CHARACTERISTICS BADGE NOMINATIONS

NOMINATE

CLICK HERE ON YOUR IPAD TO ACCESS THE CREW CHARACTERISTICS ONLINE FORM.

OR FILL OUT THE PAPER FORM BELOW AND HAND IT TO YOUR COACH.



CREW CHARACTERISTICS BADGE NOMINATIONS PAPER SLIP



Your full name:

Year group nominated (if applicable):

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Full name of staff/pupil nominated:

.....

Crew Characteristics Badge you would like to nominate the person for (please tick):

Coach

Inspiration

Guide

Teacher

Director

Leader

Manager

Role Model

Reason for nominating this person:

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