



# Forest of Galtres

ANGLICAN METHODIST  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



*Rooted and Grounded in Love For All (Ephesians 3:17)*



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Newsletter - Thursday 18th December 2025

## A message from Mrs Holmes

Wow! What a busy Autumn term we have had with so many people to thank.

Thank you to our wonderful kitchen team for our delicious Christmas dinner. The smiles in this photo say it all.

Thank you to our fantastic Friends of FoG team for all their time and hard work towards our Christmas events, including our Christmas fair, refreshments at performances, Christmas crackers for all children at the Christmas lunch and our Santa visit. We all really appreciate you.

Thank you to our whole school community for your support, kindness, Christmas gifts and well wishes. Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year!



## We had a very special visitor this week!



### Important dates for your diary that we have so far

Friday 19th December	Training Day	School closed
Monday 5th January 2026	Training Day	School closed for pupils. 3.15pm - 3.30pm If helpful for the transition back to school, pupils are welcome to visit their classroom.
Tuesday 6th January	Spring term begins	All children
Tuesday 6th January, 3.20pm - 4.30pm	Drama Club	For those children signed up to drama club
Tuesday 13th January, 3.20pm - 4.30pm	Drama Club	For those children signed up to drama club
Thursday 29th January	Young Voices, Sheffield	Foxes class
W/C 2nd February	National Story telling week	We will be celebrating National Story telling week in school.
Thursday 5th February	Class drop ins	This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom, look at their learning and informally chat to the class teacher.
Friday 6th February	NSPCC Number Day	More information to follow
W/C 9th February	Children's Mental Health Week	We will be celebrating this in school.
Tuesday 10th February	Safer internet day	We will be celebrating this in school.
Friday 13th February	Break up for half term Non-uniform day	Our non-uniform day is to celebrate all pupils reaching gold on the reading chart.
Monday 23rd February	School opens	All children
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or bring a prop from their favourite book.

School Vacancies - please click the links for more information

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### Goodbye and good luck to Ms El Oakley

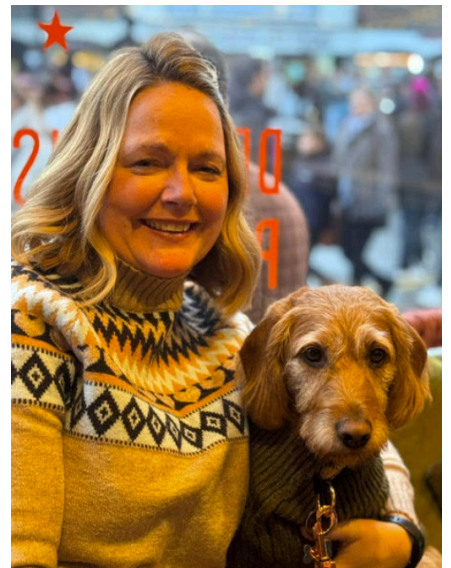
I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at FOG over the past four years and that is entirely due to the amazing children, staff and families. Thank you for always being so warm and welcoming. FOG is an incredibly special community and it has been a privilege to watch the school go from strength to strength over the past few years. I will be checking in from the Norfolk Broads to see what fabulous things you all get up to - I will be in need of inspiration! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Welcome to Mrs Nicholson

My name is Fiona Nicholson and I am the new Trust Associate Principal at HLT. I am very much looking forward to spending time in your school and getting to know you all. I have been teaching for 25 years in a variety of roles and have taught in Hartlepool, Dubai, Thailand and Stockton-on-Tees. I am passionate about teaching and learning and about ensuring children have the best possible start to their education.

My husband and I will be moving to North Yorkshire over the Christmas period with our dog, Chester. In my spare time, I enjoy walking Chester and visiting new places.

I look forward to meeting you all soon.



### Christmas Performance Success!

The children were fantastic in their nativity and Christmas carol performances! We are very proud of them!



### Chaplain's Corner Chaplains Award

Recognising the many ways in which our children nurture our Christian ethos and sense of community is so important to us at FoG. This half term, I was delighted to introduce the Chaplains Award which is given to a different student each week who lives out our vision and values. Well done to all those who have received the award so far. I am very proud of you all.

### Christmas Reflection Space

Our children had the opportunity to explore the Christmas story through our Christmas reflection space. They took part in a range of creative activities that helped them to learn more about the characters in the Christmas story and reflect on what it might have been like to be in their shoes. Our children displayed such maturity and sensitivity as they shared their reflections and thought deeply about the lessons we can learn from each of the characters. It was definitely a highlight of my time at FoG so far!

### Christmas Service

We had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas together at Holy Evangelists Church. The children did an incredible job of telling the Christmas story and challenging us to be like the Angels, people who bring good news and joy to those around us this Christmas time. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and to Rev. Lucy for all her valuable support.

Conkers and Acorns went on a local village walk to post their letters so Santa!



### Attendance this term



96%



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95%



97%

Whole School attendance this week 96%. National Average attendance: 94%