



December 2025



As we come to the end of our Autumn term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. As always, our children have been amazing and continue to demonstrate our Christian Values daily. It has been an extremely busy term with so much to celebrate!

We look forward to seeing all of the children back in January full of energy and raring to start the new year. I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing what 2026 brings for Blue Coat!

Christmas Tree Recycling

Recycle your Christmas Tree and support St Cuthbert's Hospice. Book your tree collection now at:

<https://www.stcuthbertshospice.com/events/christmas-tree-recycling/>.



Attendance Update for December 2025

The attendance figures for each class were as follows:

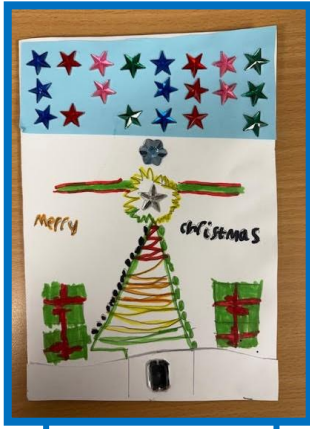
3M – 93.9%	5B – 93.5%
3N – 96.4%	5D – 96.5%
4S – 99.6%	6H – 96.2%
4W – 97.4%	6W – 98.2%

Reminders for the New Year

- Where possible, medical appointments should be taken outside of school hours to minimise disruption; however, we understand this is not always possible. Please give the school office prior notice if you require your child to leave school.
- If your child needs to be collected for another reason, other than a medical appointment, you must give the school prior notice or we may not be able to let them leave school.
- We are a **NUT FREE** school. Items containing nuts are prohibited in school. Children found to have nuts in their packed lunch/as a snack will have these confiscated and they will be disposed of in respect of Health and Safety for all students and staff.
- Please ensure your child comes into school with a full named water bottle each morning. Thank you.



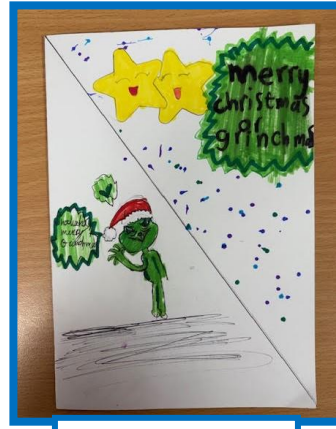
Christmas Card Competition Winners



3N 1st: Elliot



3N 2nd: Grace



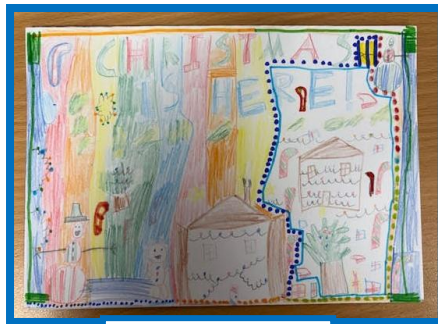
3M 1st: Nevaeh



3M 2nd: Zach H



4S 1st: David



4S 2nd: Mason



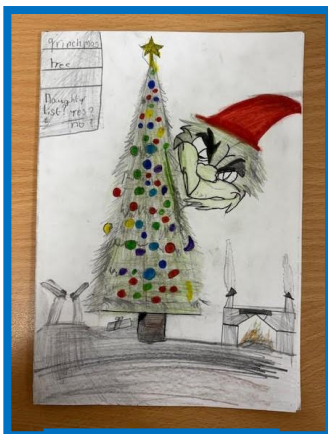
4W 1st: Katelyn



4W 2nd: Annabelle



5B 1st: Ava



5B 2nd: Dexter



5D 1st: Arthur



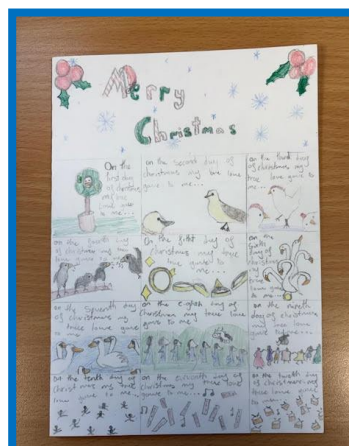
5D 2nd: Alicia



6H 1st: Lyla



6H 2nd: Evelyn



6W 1st: Georgiana



6W 2nd: Verity

New Devices for Christmas?

Some of our students may be lucky enough to receive new devices, games consoles and phones for Christmas. Most others will have access to an internet-enabled device, in one way or another. We want to ensure that everyone in our school community has a safe Christmas holiday, online and beyond.

We encourage the positive use of technology at school and often talk about the fun of going online, but we also discuss the scary things that can happen too. So, if your child is getting a new device or will be accessing a shared/existing device over the holidays, have a think about the following, ideally **before** they access the device/s:

- Have you set up parental controls on your broadband connection to limit access to inappropriate content?
- Have you set up parental controls on the actual device (phone/tablet/laptop/watch etc.)?
- Have you set up controls on the apps/games your child is going to access?
- Have you spoken to your child about any agreed boundaries? E.g. screen time limits, what sites/apps/games to access (or not), where to leave devices at night, screen-free times of the day etc.
- Have you spoken to your child about what they do online, so you can better understand their online activity and any potential risks, and help them accordingly?
- Have you spoken to your child about what they can do if they see anything online that worries or upsets them?
- Are the games, TV series and films (including on Netflix/Disney+/AppleTV etc.) that your child will access, appropriate for their age? All of these have age ratings linked to their content, not their difficulty. Common Sense Media ([commonsensemedia.org](https://www.commonsensemedia.org)) can help you to know which games/apps/TV programmes are appropriate for your child.

If you need support with any of the above, have a look at parentsafe.lgfl.net for lots of advice and support, including advice about parental controls.

Remember, many children experience harm online as a result of being naturally curious or sociable, or as a result of what other people do or say to them. Consequently, all children can be at risk, and so it is important that we are proactive about the above safety tips for all children.

Thank you for your support - do let us know if you have any questions or concerns. There is lots more information available about online safety on <https://www.bluecoatcofejunior.co.uk/online-safety/> and via www.internetmatters.org or www.net-aware.org.uk.



Diary Dates



Christmas Holiday's commence Monday 22nd December and we re-open on Tuesday 6th January 2026

