



DECK THE HALLS

Today marks the start of advent and the Christmas Elves in school have been busy decorating the halls with boughs and holly (or trees and tinsel). The Alvey has been transformed into a winter wonderland, which we are sure will make this time of year extra magical for everyone. The children are all busy making their own decorations for our hoops in the hall (these will be shared on Facebook next week) which will be ready for the Nativity performances.

A big thank you to Pennells Garden Centre who donated the tree at the front of the school. What a great community we live in! Thank you to all of the volunteers in school who have spread the Christmas spirit! Don't forget to come along to Santa's Fun Run this Sunday and the school's choir is performing in St Denys' Church at 3.30pm. Come on Christmas!

Thank you to
the tree team!



LEARNING TODAY FOR LIVING TOMORROW

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 3rd December
Santa Fun Run

Tuesday 5th December
Flu vaccination follow-up

Wednesday 6th December
KS2 Choir at Dementia Group

Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th December

Reception Nativity

Wednesday 13th December
Christmas jumper day

Friday 15th December
KS2 Choir at Care Home

Friday 15th December
Christmas Disco

Tuesday 19th December
Alvey Christmas service at St. Denys

Wednesday 20th December
Last day of term 2

Wednesday 3rd January
Term 3 begins

GENEROSITY

WRITTEN BY OUR HEADTEACHER

I received a lovely email earlier in the week from a representative of the poppy appeal charity. He confirmed that the William Alvey community raised **£1077.12** for the poppy appeal, which was the highest in the district again! He asked me to thank you all for your generosity, which I am only too happy to do.

As it's now the 1st December, I feel able to mention Christmas. There are lots of things to look forward to (EYFS nativity play, Christmas jumper day, our trip to the church to mention just a few). Please keep a look out for upcoming events, either by checking dates in the WASP, the website or via messages from your child's class teacher.

As always, I have really enjoyed your children telling me about the many ways they have been successful over the past week. Henry showed me a book he has written all by himself. The book is called 'Fin the Hungry Shark' and should, because of its quality, be available in all good bookshops soon.

Freddie attended a workshop at weekend where he learnt all about voice acting. He demonstrated one of the



Henry



Rory

methods he learnt for me, and his classmates. He showed huge bravery and confidence in doing that and I was very impressed with the quality of his voice over too.

Matilda was awarded two medals – bronze and copper – for her efforts at a recent martial arts competition.

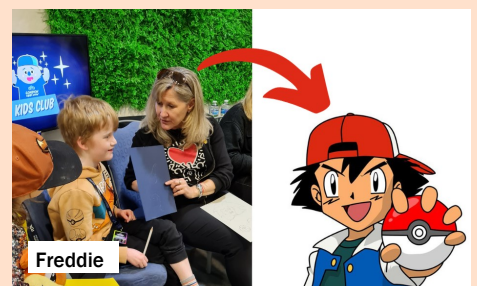
Esme, despite being one of the youngest in her club, has been awarded an orange belt in Kick boxing. Two ladies not to mess with! Rory was awarded player of the week at football. He achieved this award for the many tackles he made, as



Matilda



Esme



Freddie

well as scoring a goal.

I hope to see lots of you at Sunday's school fair and Santa fun run.

Best wishes,
Mr Farrington

GROWTH MINDSET!



As reported last week, we have launched 'Growth Mindset' at the Alvey with the view to every child fulfilling their maximum potential.

All staff have already received lots of training to ensure all classes benefit from this initiative. This week, teachers were put through their paces and challenged in various ways (some of which were impossible). This is so, as adults, we could put ourselves in the children's shoes and experience how it feels to be challenged and how we can build **resilience** to face these challenges. We will be continuing to promote these values throughout all of our lessons. We have already seen positive changes happening with many children saying, "I can't do it....YET" and "I'm not going to give up, I'm going to keep trying." We hope you start to notice some of these positive steps at home too!



Last Friday, children represented the school at a tag-rugby festival at Sleaford Rugby Club, which was organised by Carre's Outreach. The Year 4 pupils took part in a range of fun activities aimed at developing their rugby skills. The Y5/6 children played competitive matches against other local schools. Having played some excellent rugby, they managed to win their league and make it to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, they



were narrowly beaten in the knock out match but were praised for their skill, **team work** and sportsmanship by the referee. All the Alvey children should be extremely proud of their achievements and the event has hopefully inspired more children to play rugby.

ADVENT

Written by Mrs Risdell

Last Sunday is known as "Stir-up" Sunday because we have a prayer at church which begins "Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people...." and so we are reminded that Christmas is coming! In the olden days it reminded folk that it was time to stir and make the special puddings we eat on Christmas Day. Nowadays the shops and supermarkets have been reminding us for weeks.

This coming Sunday will be Advent Sunday when we remember that there are only four Sundays left until Christmas Day! So we can get out our Advent calendars on Friday (1st December) and start opening the windows and maybe enjoying chocolate! We also have Advent candles in church, one for each of the four Sundays and one for Christmas Day. I expect you will have some special candles in



school as well. The town will remind us too because it is Christmas Market and switching on of the Christmas lights in town on Sunday, (3rd December). Maybe we will see you at the service in St Denys Church at 3-30pm for a family service with Christingles. I know that the school choir are singing there too and then we shall all go out to see the festive lights switched on. Also this weekend is the Christmas Tree Festival at the Methodist Church which is always worth seeing. These weeks of Advent remind us to think about why we are celebrating Christmas and the reason for it all. I'm sure you will be reminded of the story of the baby Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem in these next few weeks at school.

Cold weather

The temperature looks as if it is going to remain cold this week so could all children please be sent to school with a warm coat? We also encourage hats, scarves and gloves as we will continue to go outside (ensuring the children get fresh air and exercise during the day). We will also continue our outdoor PE lessons so having some tracksuit bottoms and jumpers as part of their PE kit is a good idea.

Art Club Christmas Tree

As a reminder, our very own Art Club Christmas Tree will be proudly displayed at the Sleaford Christmas Tree Festival again this year. Go and see the magic in person this weekend, take a photo stood next to our tree and send it to: marketing@william-alvey.lincs.sch.uk Anyone who sends in a photo will receive a sweet treat from Mrs Christmas herself (Mrs Whitt).

21st Sleaford Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 2nd December 10am – 4pm
Sunday 3rd December 11am – 5pm

Christmas Trees decorated by people, businesses and societies in the local area

Sleaford Methodist Church, Northgate, Sleaford

Raffle, Tombola, Jams & Chutneys, Cafe

Free Entry
Donations Welcome



[Sleaford-christmas-tree-festival](https://www.facebook.com/Sleaford-christmas-tree-festival)

Christmas cards

The art club have designed these beautiful cards, all of which will be available to buy for 50p from the school office. All money will be used to purchase new art materials for the club.





SANTA FUN RUN!

With Santa's Grotto!

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER

10am - 12. Ready to run at 10.15!

£3.50 per runner (includes Santa Hat and Medal)

Festive Fancy Dress (Prize for best outfit)

Free Christmas card making



Face Painting

Hamper Raffle

Tombolas

Food & Drinks

You don't have to run to come and join us for some festive fun!

Advent Family Service with Christingles

**with the choir from the
William Alvey School**

All welcome



**Sunday, 3rd December
3.30pm in St Denys Church**

Join the procession from church onto the
market place to see the
Christmas lights switched on at 4.15pm

**Every child will be given a
'take away Christingle'
when they leave the church,**



Omegle Parent Guide

Omegle is a website offering a free video chat service which will connect you to a random stranger who you can interact with through text chat and webcam. There is no Omegle app currently available to download.

No account or username is required to use the service and users are anonymous unless they choose to tell other users about themselves. Users should be 18+ or over 13 years with parental permission.

The main page of the site has a direct link to an adult site which streams adult sexual content.

There are no parental controls or privacy tools available at all through Omegle other than the ability to stop a chat and move to another user.



Talk to strangers!

By using Omegle, you accept the terms at the bottom. You must be 18+, or 13+ with parental permission.

Mobile video chat is an experimental new feature. Video is monitored, so keep it clean!

Go to [an adult site](#) instead if that's what you want.

Start a chat

Video

Meet strangers with your interests!

Add your interests (optional)

College student chat

Omegle (oh-meg-ul) is a great way to meet new friends, even while practicing social distancing. When you use Omegle, we pick someone else at random and let you talk one-on-one. To help you stay safe, chats are anonymous unless you tell someone who you are (not suggested!), and you can stop a chat at any time. Predators have been known to use Omegle, so please be careful.

www.omegle.com says

Because this section is not moderated, you are more likely to encounter sexual behavior. As with the rest of Omegle, users in this section are solely responsible for their own behavior.

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18, or you would prefer not to use this section, press CANCEL. By pressing OK, you affirm that you are at least 18 years old.

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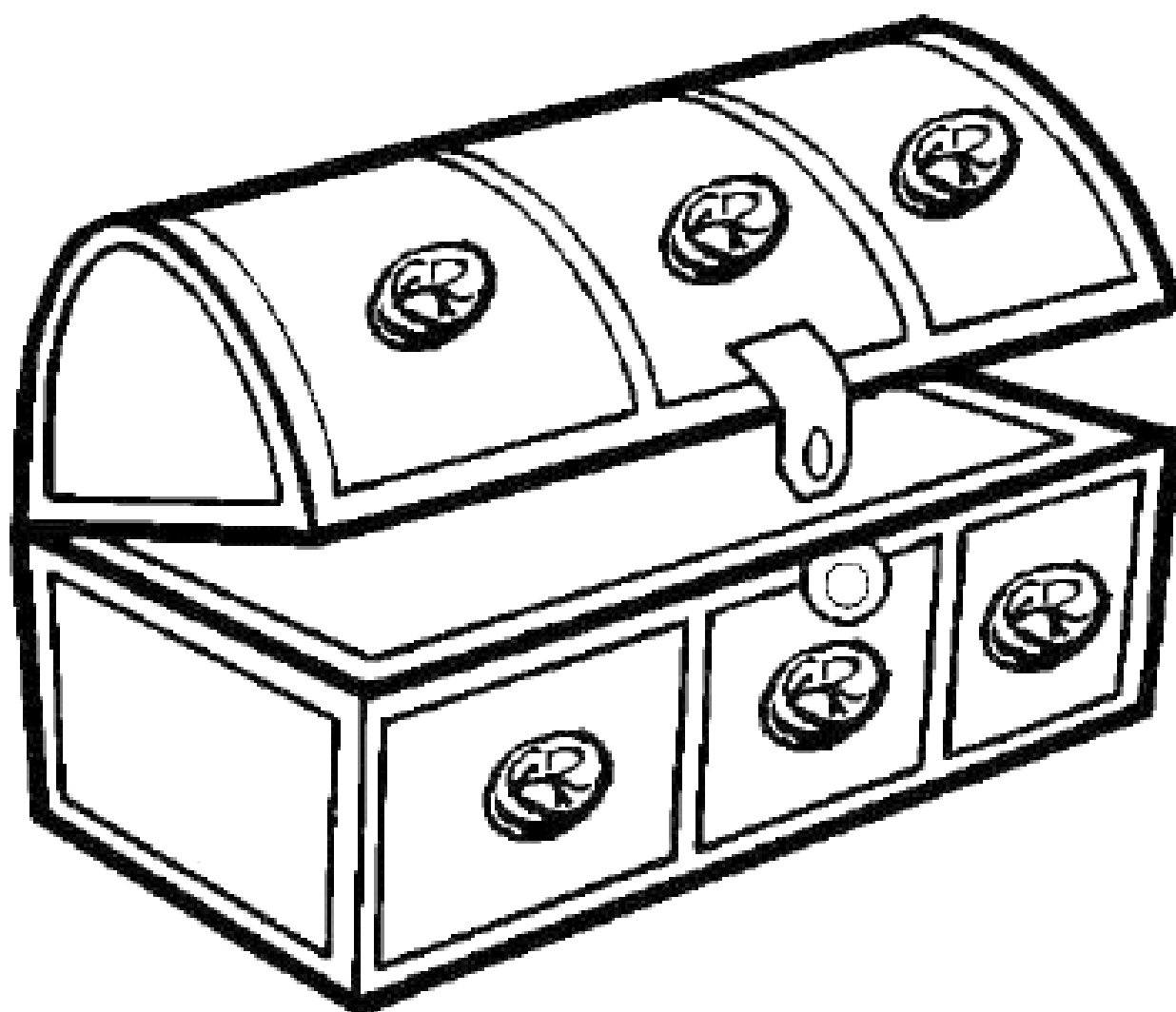
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Three Gifts Competition

Choose from one of the three templates for your Gold, Frankincense or Myrrh design.

We will display your artwork in the Cathedral and visitor centre. There will be a £10 gift voucher for first prize in two categories: 4 years and under and 5 – 16 years



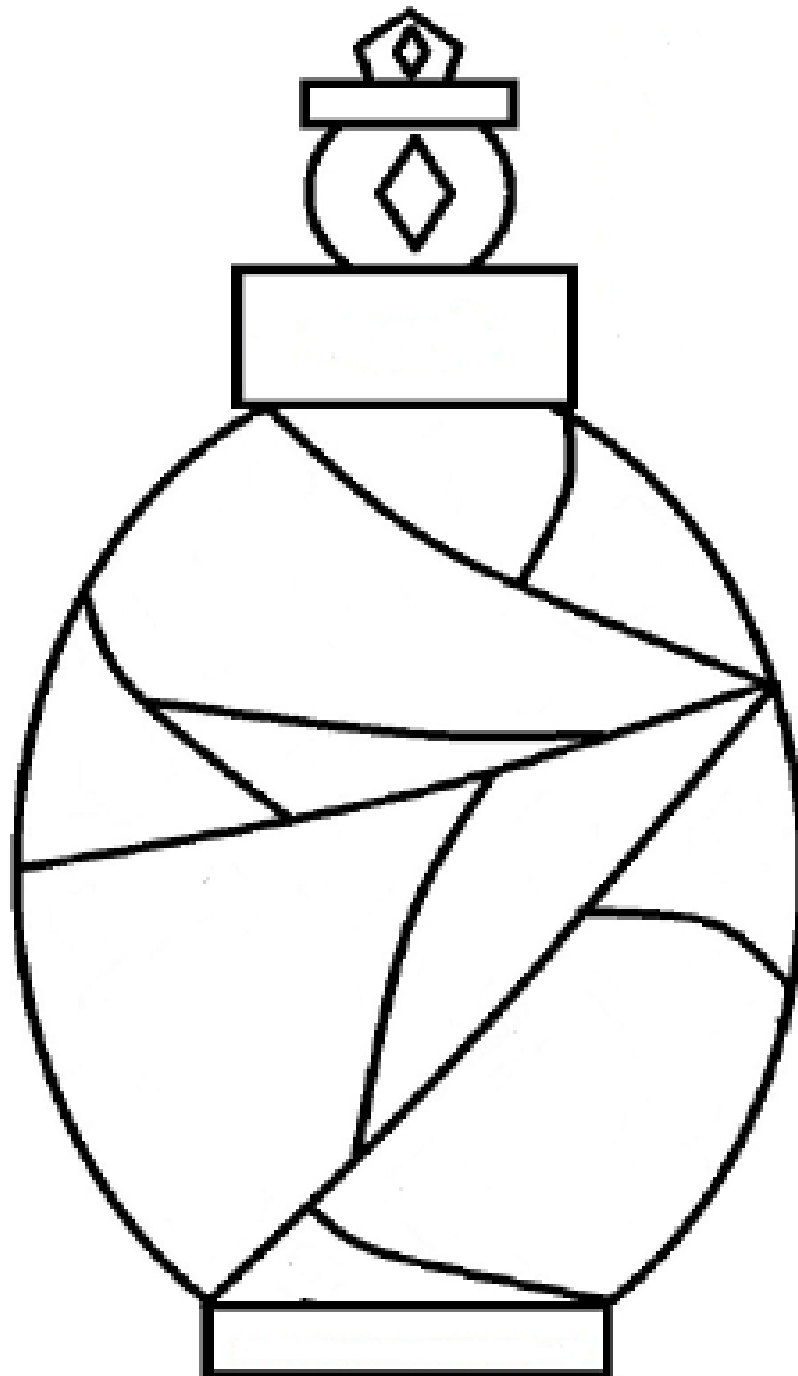
Competition Guidelines

- Any art media may be used
- Cut out your decorated Three Gifts Artwork
- Write your name, age and contact details on the back of the image
- Please hand in your Three Gifts Artwork to the Welcome Desk by midday 8 December 2023
- Alternatively, post your entry to Education Team, Chapter Office, 4 Priorygate, Lincoln, LN2 1PL
- The Three Gifts will be judged by Cathedral Staff. The judges' decision is final; no correspondence will be entered into. There are 2 prize categories: under 5's, and 5yrs to 16yrs. Both winners will receive a £10 Cathedral Shop voucher.
- Winners will be notified by Monday 13 December 2023

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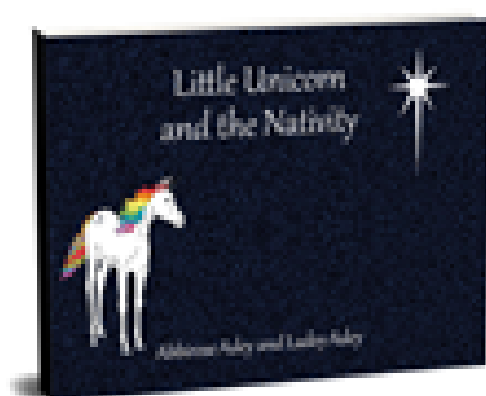
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Saturday 9th December

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JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT



JOHN LEGGOTT COLLEGE
West Common Lane
Scunthorpe
DN17 1DS
Saturday 9th December 2023

John Leggott College is pleased to host another junior chess tournament!
Christmas jumpers are not compulsory but encouraged.

The sections are; U9 (Years 4 and under), U11 (Year 5 and 6), U14 (Years 7,8 and 9) and U18 (Year 10, 11 and 12) with a possible adult section. Sections might be mixed depending on numbers. Sections refer to their age on 31st August 2023.

Certificates, medals and trophies to be won with a possible raffle too.

£3 entry fee payable via PayPal to johutchinsonchess@gmail.com or contact me to make a bank transfer. Please include the child's name, school and the section they are entering with the payment.

Children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the day. Light refreshments should be available but please bring a packed lunch.

For confirmation of booking and any questions or comments please email johutchinsonchess@gmail.com.

Please note that payments are non refundable and must be paid before 6th December.

Round times (subject to change if rounds finish early)

Arrival 9.40am

Round 1, 10am-10.40am

Round 2, 11am-11.40am

Round 3, 12-12.40pm

Round 4, 1.20pm-2pm

Round 5, 2.20pm-3pm

Round 6, 3.20pm-4pm

Prize giving 4pm

SATURDAY 16TH, SUNDAY 17TH, SATURDAY
23RD & SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2023.

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