



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School**



The Kingsland Times

Friday 19th December 2025

Let your light shine

“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine on our vision:

As God’s children, overflowing with His light, we will shine before others to inspire, nurture and bring joy so all may embrace life in its fullness to the glory of God.

Our Christian value for this half-term is **KINDNESS and HONESTY**

Please help your child to reflect on the importance of this Christian value

**Life at Kingsland CE Primary School: life in all its fullness
(John 10:10)**

It has been a wonderful term – productive, creative and full of joy – both children and staff have worked exceptionally hard. Thank you, parents, for your support as we continue to ensure all our lights shine brightly. **We send a very special THANK YOU to Miss Williams who has brought so much to the school in the last four years – we wish her all the very best in her next exciting adventures.** Have a peaceful and joyful Christmas.



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 7 th January 2026	Start of term
Wednesday 14 th January	Togetherness Workshop for YR – Y3 parents 5.30pm
Wednesday 4 th February	Winter Concert 5.30pm
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
11 th and 12 th February	Parents' Evenings (Class 4 Parents' Evening also on 10 th February)
16 th -20 th February	Half term holiday
WB 2 nd March	Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival
Friday 6 th March	World Day of Prayer 2pm (Y6 children) Kingsland Methodist Chapel
Monday 9 th March	HPAF Celebration Concert 5.30pm Kingsland Church
WB 9 th March	Science week

The full 2025 - 2026 term dates can be found on the school website following the link:

<https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/term-dates/>

Big Question

We continue our series of BIG QUESTIONS as a focus for family discussions. This week's BIG QUESTION is:

What would Jesus think of how Christmas is celebrated in 2025?



Governor news: this week the Full Governing Body met to discuss how governors monitor different areas of school life, how AI and technology could be used to enhance provision, and to thank Miss Williams for all that she has done for Kingsland School.

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Martha Alfie Kit Mary Darcy	Emily Helen Finn Oliver Henry Finley	Connie Matilda Isabelle Toby Robyn	William Hector Lucie

Congratulations to CROFT for winning this half term's house competition!

Invitation to all YR – Y3 parents about our upcoming Togetherness 'Understanding your child workshop'. Please use the link below to sign up.

TOGETHERNESS

Bringing the Solihull Approach to the world

We are delighted to be able to offer a brand NEW opportunity for YR – Y3 parents, to learn about the Togetherness approach to 'understanding your child'. This was formally the Solihull approach – and now has a new name!

On **Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 5.30pm – 7.30pm**, we are thrilled to welcome Lieke Blondeel to school to host a workshop purely for YR – Y3 parents / carers. Lieke is the Togetherness Approach Lead for Herefordshire Council. The workshop will focus on '**understanding your child**' - brain development and the importance of healthy and stimulating interactions, with an aim of raising children's emotional wellbeing. There will be opportunity to ask questions and share ideas on topics which are important to you, such as 'How can I best support my child at home and in school?'. It is anticipated that these sorts of questions will be being considered by many parents / carers, and this will provide a safe space to ask questions and think through what is best for each individual family circumstances. The workshop is for parents, and is not for children to attend.

Further, the workshop is described: 'During this workshop we look at brain development. Our brain continues to form new synapses and prune away unused connections throughout life so there is always potential for change. However, critical pathways developed during the first years of life can continue to exert a strong influence and may be hard to change.'

We would encourage ALL YR – Y3 parents / carers to attend this fantastic new opportunity. Please complete this online form by Thursday 8th January to confirm your attendance:

<https://forms.office.com/e/MBdM8QmXFj>

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SOLIHULL APPROACH

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For the school, this workshop has been long coming ... it was arranged for November 2024, but unfortunately had to be cancelled. The staff team have undertaken extensive Togetherness training last year, in order to generate a common and shared understanding across the school community. We are really excited about the intended and expected impact of this workshop.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to school for the workshop on **Wednesday 14th January.**

19 parents are already booked onto this fantastic workshop! Please don't miss out on this opportunity.

KS1 Nativity – The Raggedy King

Our KS1 children gave two incredible performances of The Raggedy King nativity story on Wednesday. A huge THANK YOU to all the staff involved in this wonderful production. Further nativity photos can be found on the school website [here](#).





We received some lovely messages from parents regarding the nativity performances – thank you. We are glad you enjoyed it!

We just wanted to say thank you to your whole Kingsland team for this year's fabulous Nativity!

Our last one with Kingsland as parents, but it was a wonderful one and my daughter was sad this morning not to have another performance to do!

It was so special!
Thank you to the amazing team that it made it possible.

Thank you so much for all the lovely nativity performances we've had over the past 6 years. The costumes just look incredible too. Thank you for all the hard work and effort that is put in to them.

Thank you for giving my child the perfect part for the nativity. It was lovely to see him enjoy it so much.

Just a little note to say a huge thank you from us all for such a wonderful play! We all thoroughly enjoyed it and grandparents said it was perfect and all the children were amazing.

Courageous Advocacy in action

Class 3 children made Christmas cards for the residents of the BUPA care home. Unfortunately, due to a flu outbreak, they were unable to deliver the cards in person. The cards were delivered yesterday on their behalf.



Parents' Show and Tell

On Monday, the school's doors were swung open to parents and carers to join their children and share in their incredible learning journey this term.



Class 1 visit to Santa Safari

On Tuesday, Class 1 children enjoyed a fabulous visit to Santa Safari.



Class 5 Elf Interviews

This week, Class 5 children undertook a rigorous Elf Interview process. The winning Elf was Helen!



Christmas Carol Service



School Attendance

This week's attendance – well done Year 6!							
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School total
94.7%	98.4%	99.0%	96.8%	93.3%	91.9%	99.5%	96.1%

The school encourages all children to attend school for every session of every day the school is open to them. Thank you for your support with this.

Having excellent attendance at school is essential for children to be fulfilling their potential and flourishing with every opportunity on offer.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Herefordshire Council SEND Newsletter

Please click [here](#) to access the latest SEND newsletter from Herefordshire Council.

Congratulations go to the following children who have received Headteacher's Awards:

Oscar, Hector, Lilly and Daisy for super recount letters as Howard Carter; **Ava** for super effort and resilience in maths; **Freddie, Devon and Arthur** for super non-fiction writing about the Vikings; **Matilda** for consistently being helpful and always offering support; **Martha** for compassion in recognising the needs of others and courageously standing up in support of them – well done!

Message
from the
PTA ...

Thank you!

This term we have raised
£3545.55!

This has helped pay for:
iSing Pop 2026
Transport for trips September - December
Christmas Panto Performance

We have plenty of plans for 2026!

A Christmas carol is a song that focuses on the religious aspect of Christmas. So it could tell the story of the birth of Jesus, mention God or be about how Christians celebrate Christmas.



Use the QR code to listen to The Sussex Carol.

Musician

Christmas Carols

Making Connections



There are many other pieces of Christmas music. Use the QR code to listen to *Walking in the Air*.



Use the QR code to listen to 'Once in Royal David's City'.



In the past, when only wealthy people received an education, many people couldn't read. Christmas carols were an important way of helping people learn the Christmas story. The lyrics (words) and music of Christmas carols were sometimes written by different people. The lyrics might have started off as a poem rather than a song. Because lots of carols were written a long time ago, some of the words are old fashioned.

Christmas carols were usually written to be played on a church organ and sung by a choir as well as a church **congregation**. Some carols have a **descant**. This is a different, higher-tune that complements the main **melody**. It is usually sung during the last verse.

of the Month

The lyrics to 'Once in Royal David's City' were written by a woman named Cecil Frances Alexander, who wrote many other well-known hymns. The carol tells the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, also known as David's City. It also talks about Christians hoping to one day see Jesus when they go to heaven.



Use the QR code to listen to O Holy Night.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Reception admissions for 2026-2027

Do you have a child born between
1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022

If so you will need to apply for a school place
by 15 January 2026
(to commence September 2026)

Applications can be completed from
15 September 2025 online
(scan QR code) or visit:



www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions

Please note: a place at a nursery does not
guarantee a place at the associated primary
school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school
admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or
schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advent Crown

Why not make an advent wreath as a family at home. You could make one for class too. You will need 5 candles (electric nightlights are fine too) and a plate to arrange them on. Put four of the candles around the edge and one in the centre. Collect pieces of evergreen foliage to decorate it with. If using real candles you must ask an adult to help you. Each week light one of the candles as you reflect on the meaning of advent. To find out more and suitable prayers please visit: [Prayers for an Advent Wreath \(spiritualchild.co.uk\)](http://Prayers for an Advent Wreath (spiritualchild.co.uk))

Jesse Tree

Another tradition you could explore is a Jesse Tree. This is a tree branch that has decorations added for each day of Advent. The decorations tell the big story of God leading up to the birth of Jesus.

The Jesse Tree: A Guide to the Advent Tradition | Faithward.org



For Advent the Archbishops Youth Trust has released Advent materials to use in worship. Find them here: <https://www.nse.org.uk/ayla/advent>



FROSTY FOOTPRINTS

Go for a Winter walk outside in the frost and snow (if you have any). As you walk notice the footprints that you leave behind. People can follow your footprints to find you. Take a moment to pause and to ponder: when Jesus came to earth as a baby what did he leave behind in heaven? Why do you think he did this? Also whilst he was living on Earth what do you think he left behind so that people could follow him today?



Paper Chain of Peace

After learning about how Advent and Lent are linked, you could make a paper chain of peace.

Use strips of paper, ask everyone to write a prayer for peace on a strip. Use tape or glue to make it into a long paper chain, linking up all your prayers.

What does Advent mean to you?

What do you think would be different about the world if Jesus did come back as King?

Which part puzzles you the most?

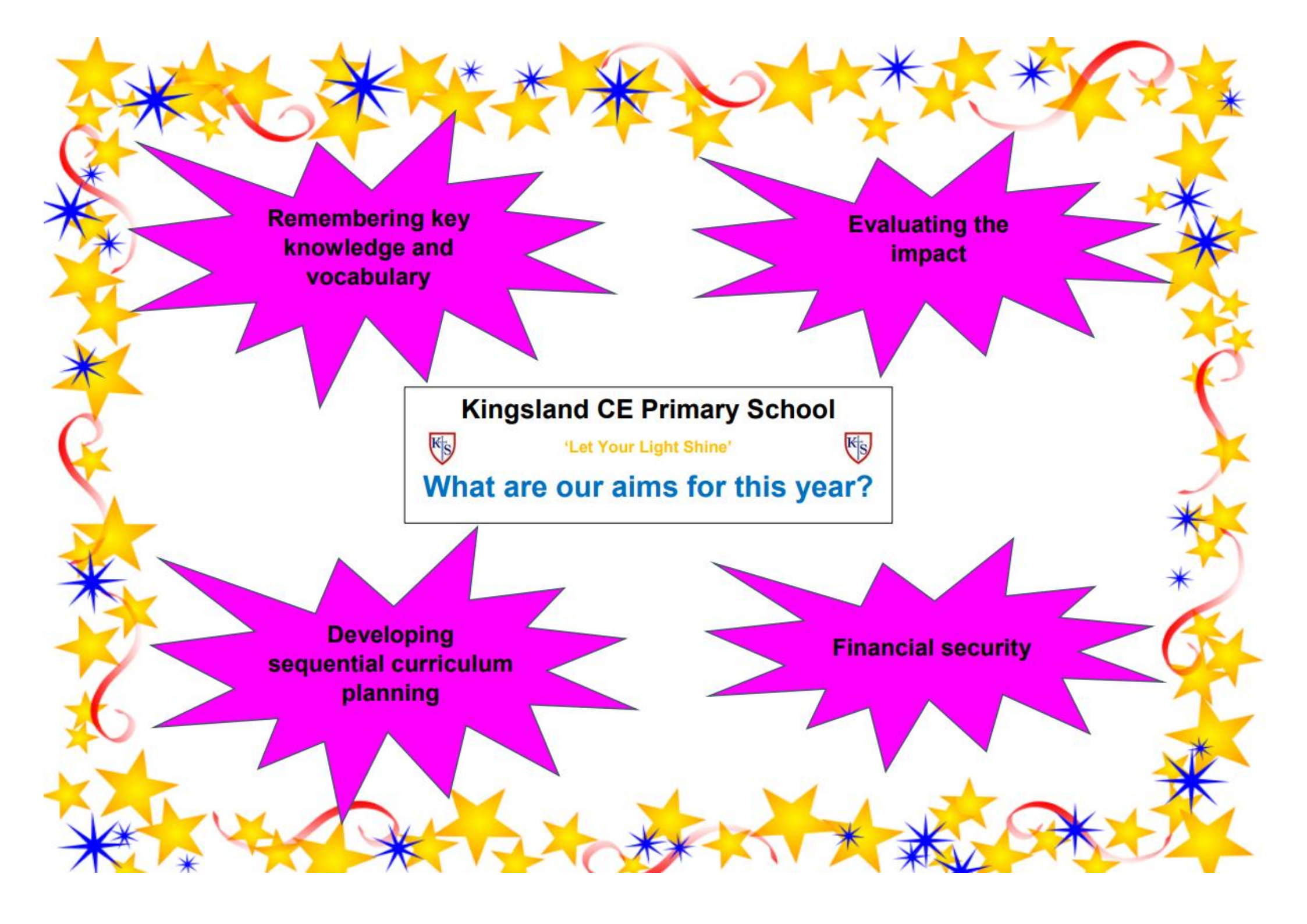
Big Questions

Which part of the Christmas story fills you with wonder?

What message would you put into everyone's Christmas crackers?

When could you make some time to pause and ponder during Advent?





**Remembering key
knowledge and
vocabulary**

**Evaluating the
impact**

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'Let Your Light Shine'



What are our aims for this year?

**Developing
sequential curriculum
planning**

Financial security



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“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”
(Matthew 5:16)

This half term's Christian value is:

KINDNESS and HONESTY

Educating for Dignity and Respect



A prayer for Kindness and Honesty

Dear God, Help me to be kind and caring to everyone I meet. Please give me the strength to be a good friend, and to make choices that are good and fair. Help me to remember that we should treat others how we would like to be treated. Amen.

Christian Value Family Reflection

Welcome to our Christian Value Family Reflection which offers some suggestions, thoughts and ways into exploring and reflecting on the value of this half term: **KINDNESS** and **HONESTY**

A reflection on Kindness and Honesty by Wendy Maddocks (School governor)

The lady looks sad. I don't know why. I don't know what she is thinking about but she looks like she might cry. I watch her for a bit. I look across at where she is sitting and she sees me looking. I smile and offer her one of my sweets. She shakes her head but she does give me a little smile back.

That story could have been from the TV advert for Cadbury's chocolate, where a child sees a lady on the bus. Or it could be you, sitting beside the swimming pool waiting for your little sister to finish her swimming lesson, or at the supermarket checkout, waiting whilst your parent packs and pays for the shopping ... a little act of kindness that brightens someone else's day.

Jesus was very good at being kind, noticing people who were sad or lonely or not liked by other people. The Bible tells us of a man who lived in a town called Jericho. He wasn't liked as he worked as a tax collector; this meant he worked for the Romans and tax collectors were often dishonest. One day, Jesus visited the town. Jesus was quite famous by then - people had heard of the amazing things that he did, and the inspirational talks that he gave, and a crowd had gathered to get a glimpse of him, to hear what he had to say, much like we would do if a famous pop star or a member of the royal family came to Leominster. The tax collector was not very tall and could not see past the crowds so he ran on ahead and climbed a tree, a sycamore tree. The Bible tells us his name was Zacchaeus. Jesus spotted him and called out to him, 'Can I come to your house, please?' Everybody else in the crowd grumbled because they didn't like Zacchaeus as he was a tax collector, but with those few kind words, we are told Zacchaeus was filled with great joy! (Luke 19)

Kind words can make all the difference to someone's day, like telling your friend that their painting is really good or you like playing football with them, or their joke was funny. It might be like the example at the beginning ... being kind to a stranger, like Jesus was to Zacchaeus. And kindness spreads ... and spreads ... and spreads. When we are kind to someone, they are more likely to be kind to the next person they meet. I think the Bible sums it up very well, in the book of Ephesians, chapter 4: 'Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you. No more shouting or insults, no more hateful feelings of any sort. Instead, be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.'