



Dear parents/carers,

What a lovely festive final week we have had!

Nursery have had a wonderful couple of weeks enjoying the Christmas festivities. The Nativity performance was amazing! They loved the pantomime and the children were so well behaved. They had so much fun at their class party, and their Christmas dinner was delicious. Father Christmas popped by for a visit too. This week, we say goodbye to Mrs Power as she begins her retirement. The children and staff will truly miss her. Sending Mrs Power lots of love. I'm sure she'll be back to visit with all of her newly found free time!

In Reception, the children have continued to learn about celebrations in the community. They have also been writing short sentences; their development has been amazing. We are all super proud of you, Reception—have a great Christmas!

They've had a fantastic final week of the term in Year 1! They finished their superhero puppets and designed a suitable cape for Superbat in Science, thinking about everything we have learnt about different materials. They have applied their recently acquired mathematical knowledge to a number of problem solving activities, and also enjoyed lots of drawing challenges relating to our class text. Emilia has been warmly welcomed back into the class and has settled in brilliantly. We said a sad goodbye to Amir today who starts at a new school in January - good luck Amir!

What a fabulous week year 2 have had! It has been Christmas Carols galore - their voices have been resounding down the corridor with joy. They enjoyed a fantastic Christmas dinner, made their own classroom decorations, had a visit from Santa, as well as completing their DT moving car. Have a fantastic time together this Christmas!

This week, Year 3 have had a very busy week finishing all their learning for autumn term. They summarised what we know about Ancient Egypt using picture prompts. In English, they edited their stories. In maths, they used their addition and subtraction knowledge to solve Christmas themed puzzles. Well done Year 3!

What a fantastic final week we've had in Year 4! We are incredibly proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm the children have shown this half term. Highlights have included the brilliant performances from our steel pans group and trumpeters at the carol service, as well as their wonderful *Beauty and the Beast* production. In computing, the children successfully completed their endangered animals project on the Chromebooks, developing some impressive new IT skills, and they finished the week by writing clear explanations of the plant life cycle and creating some truly beautiful Christmas cards. A busy, creative and memorable end to the term! See you in 2026!

It has been a great end to the term in Year 5 with lots of activities on the go! The class have made their Christmas tree decorations using different stitches, they have completed their computing unit looking at AR by making their own AR scenes and also finished their science unit exploring Earth and Space, by creating phases of the moon pin-wheels. It has been a fantastic term and we are all proud of the efforts they have put in; now it is time for some well-earned rest!

Year 6, what a wonderful week it has been...they started the week with a trip to the Edge theatre, 3 trips in 3 school days! On Wednesday, it was Christmas central with painting, dinner and classroom disco... absolute highlight was the whole class and Father Christmas raving to a dance track under the disco lights! They even managed to finish off final bits of work this week, including their DT structure evaluations. So proud of you Year 6, they've had a fantastic Autumn term!

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the carol service at St Clement's on Wednesday night! The performances were truly amazing and made for such a wonderful celebration. It was also a poignant moment for our community as we acknowledged the retirement of the wonderful Mrs Power. We wish her the very best!

A reminder that school will reopen on Tuesday 6th January (school is closed for an inset day on Monday 5th January), gates open as normal at 8.40am.

I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET day – School closed
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens for Spring 1
wc Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y3 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	EYFS parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	No afternoon Treehouse session (staff training)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Front Row Music assembly, 2.40pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term

## PTA News

### PTA Treasurer Wanted

We're looking for a new volunteer to take on the role of PTA Treasurer.

Before that, we want to say a huge thank you to Sarah Greenwood, who has been an outstanding Treasurer and an absolute joy to work with. She's done an amazing job for the PTA and been a huge amount of fun to work alongside. Sadly, she's having to step down due to family responsibilities, and we're incredibly grateful for everything she's given.

We've been very lucky to have had two brilliant Treasurers in recent years both called Sarah (clearly a winning formula) but you don't need to be called Sarah to do the job! You do, however, need to be reasonably numerate and happy keeping track of income and spending.

The PTA is a really lovely, supportive group of parents and carers, and the Treasurer role is a great way to be involved without needing to be at every event. Full handover and support will be provided.

If you might be interested, or you'd like to know a bit more before deciding, please get in touch with Emily Heyworth or Abi Herron or any of the PTA team. We'd love to hear from you.