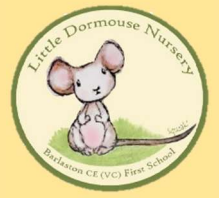




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16th October 2026



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Mrs Warrington

Sadly, Mrs Warrington is leaving us at the end of next week for pastures new. She has been with us since last September and has been a fantastic asset to our school in that time, in her work in the office but also much more widely throughout school, as well as serving as a member of our governing body. We are all incredibly sad to see Mrs Warrington leaving us but we wish her all the very best in her new adventures.

Food Bank

Thank you for all of the kind donations for the local food bank following our harvest service last Friday. We are able to accept donations until the end of the day on Monday for anyone still wishing to do so, then we will deliver the food to the foodbank.

Thank you all for your generosity.

Parking

A reminder to park carefully and considerately if you do need to park in the crescent or on Longton Road near to The Duke of York pub.

Please ensure that you also always abide by road markings and restrictions.

We are now working very closely with the county council on issues around travel to school, parking, and safety, and they will be in school supporting us once again next week.

Thank you for your co-operation in helping to keep all of our children safe.

Permissions and Information Details

Following our annual review of permissions and information held at school we have modified the form on which we collect this information. The new version gives more clarity regarding where you authorise use (or not) of your child's image.

The form will come home with your child today and if you could complete and return it as soon as possible we can make sure all of our records are up to date.

Dates for the Diary

23rd October - Break for Half Term

2nd November - Inset Day
school closed to children

9th & 11th November - Parents Evening

11th November -
Remembrance Service
10.45am at The War Memorial

13th November - Children in Need Day more details to follow

16th November - PTFA Disco for Nursery, Reception & Yr1

18th November - PTFA Disco for Yr 2,3 & 4

8th December - Early Years Nativity Performance 4.15pm

9th December - Theatre trip to see The Borrowers @The New Vic. (Reception - Year 4)

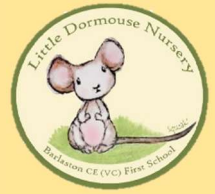
10th December - Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 5.45pm

11th December - Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 1.45pm.



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Parents Evenings

Our Parents Evenings will take place on Monday 9th November and Wednesday 11th November, from 3.45pm to 6pm. Forms to book appointments will come home next week.

Hood Winked

In conjunction with our local panto "Hood Winked", children are taking part in a competition at school to design / colour Robin's Bow. Winners will be announced in next week's family worship.

The Borrowers at The New Vic

This year's Christmas trip to the theatre will be on Wednesday 9th December to see The Borrowers. I will give more detail on this in next week's newsletter.

Christmas Performances

This year's nativity performance by Dormice and Hedgehogs will take place on **Tuesday 8th December at 4.15pm.**

Christmas Performances from Squirrels and Badgers will this year take place on **Thursday 10th December at 5.45pm,** and on **Friday 11th December at 1.45pm.**

These timings are slightly different to previous years due to our theatre trip taking place in the middle of that week this year.

Vacancy - Clerical Assistant

If you know anyone who may be interested in joining our lovely school team and working in the school office, please ask them to search for the vacancy on the DfE jobs page.

Thank you for helping us spread the word!

Half Term Break

We break for half term on Friday 23rd October and **return on Tuesday 3rd November.**

Regards,
Mr J Gordon