

26th November 2025

Dear Families,

As we approach Advent and 'busy season' for us all, I wanted to highlight some of the lovely whole school events approaching, that we can all look forward to.



On behalf of the school community, I would firstly like to offer my enormous thanks to the PSA for their amazing organisation and preparation towards this Friday's Christmas Fayre (5.00-7.30pm). We are looking forward to our choir opening the evening and we hope that many of you will attend and volunteer to help on the fantastic stalls and games for our children! Please sign up for a time and stall if you haven't already- every little bit of help goes a long way and we are truly grateful!

Donkeys are on their way – Thursday 4th December!

A week Thursday, we will be welcoming two donkeys, along with their helpers, to our school, thanks to Jake in Year 6 who has helped to organize this day! The children will spend a little time in year groups visiting the donkeys, down on the field, learning some information about them and how they are cared for at East Clayton Farm. What a wonderful way to mark the season of Advent! Thank you Jake.

Christingle Service with West Park – Monday 8th December

As part of our Growing Partnerships agreement between school, community and St Mary's Church, we are joining with our other locality church school, West Park, for the Christingle Service. This will take place on Monday 8th December at 6.00pm at the church. The service will be organised by West Park and supported by Mrs Whittaker and members of our Liturgy team. Please attend this service if you can, so that together we can focus on our preparation for the festive season and understand why Christingle is such a special event for Christians in the church calendar.

Christmas Cards into school – Thursday 11th December

If the children have written Christmas cards for their friends, these can be brought in to school from Thursday 11th December and put in the year group boxes in the hall. Please make sure they have the child's **name and class clearly marked on the envelope**.

School Nativities for Reception, Year 1 and 2 - Tuesday 9th/Wednesday 10th December

Group 1: Owl/Starling/Robin

Group 2: Magpie/Woodpecker/Finch

Performance times

Group 1: Tuesday 9th December 9.20am and Wednesday 10th December 1.30pm

Group 2: Tuesday 9th December 1.30pm and Wednesday 10th December 9.20am

This is not a ticketed event but specifies up to 2 adults per family for each performance, for safety reasons and to keep within our hall capacity. Please queue by the gate next to the school office. The doors will open approximately 10 minutes before nativity performances begin. The performances will be recorded and can be purchased for £12.00 via MCAS. Both performances are on one DVD or via digital download.

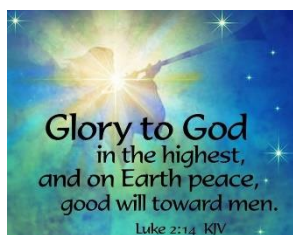
Please return All Reception/Y1 & 2 reading books to school - Monday 15th December

Please note that there will be no Reception/Year 1 & 2 books going home during the final week of term/ Christmas holidays as this allows us to audit our current book resources, ready for the Spring Term. As in previous years, a replacement charge of £4.50 will be issued for any books that are not returned, or returned damaged and torn. With the increasing rise in cost of books, these are expensive to replace!

Chartwells Christmas Lunch and Party Bags sent home - Tuesday 16th December

If you would like to order a Christmas meal, for your child, please be quick to do so before the deadline next **Thursday 4th December**. Please refer to the previous letter, sent out on 19th Nov where you can scan the QR code to register for a meal. On this day, your child can also wear a Christmas jumper/outfit. Again, the previous letter details what they can wear. We are collecting donations for Chestnut Tree House this year, for those wearing their Christmas Jumpers.

Children will bring home a paper food bag on 16th ready to be named and then filled by you with a few festive treats and brought back into school on Thursday 18th December for their Christmas parties.



Wednesday 17th December - Key stage 2 (Y3-6) Carol service at St Mary's Church

We are looking forward to Year 4 children leading our Key stage 2 Carol service at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 17th December. Our classes attending each service will be as follows:

9.15 Puffin (leading), Kingfisher, Kestrel and Hawk, KS2 Choir

10.30 Seagull (leading), Swallow, Osprey, Eagle, KS2 Choir

All parents are invited to attend but please be aware that seating in the side aisles in Church is limited.

Thursday 18th December – Christmas parties

Children may wear their own clothes into school on this day. Suitably warm clothes and sensible footwear only please (no open-toe sandals/ heels). The children will need to bring in their **named** Christmas party food paper bag containing a small selection of Christmas treats **(no nut based products please)**.

Friday 19th December

The last day of term, school ends at usual time 3.20pm

Had an accident out of school?

If your child has had an accident out of school, and/ or is taken to hospital due to an injury, please bring your child into school the following day via the school office.

It is important we speak with you about what has happened and ensure the right adaptations are in place for them to be safe and well when in school.



Don't forget our coats!

As winter is now with us, the mornings especially are really chilly.

Please make sure your child wraps up for this cold weather and wears a winter coat to school every day!

Hats, scarves and gloves all help to keep them warm and toasty whilst out at play.



School Uniform

This is a gentle reminder please that despite us creeping into the festive season (and aside of today's non-uniform day), our children should still be wearing the correct school uniform every day, including school shoes on non-PE days.

Hairbands, grips and hair ties (of a sensible size only) must be in keeping with our school colours please.

Please can you ensure that if your child's hair is shoulder length and below, all hair MUST be tied back for safety purposes during the school day.

Thank you for your ongoing support here in ensuring our children wear their uniforms with purpose and pride.

Uniforms
are
your
identity!



May I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support throughout this autumn term and for attending many of the events and parents evenings we have organised. We know it has been a busy one, but our staff team feel very blessed to work in and support a school community where everyone is keen to enrich our children's opportunities.

We look forward to the wonderful events coming up over December and remind ourselves of the most important gift of all, the birth and arrival of Baby Jesus. Whilst we help our children to be inspired to spread peace and goodwill during this festive season, let us all remember our responsibility to share His message of love, compassion and hope in our daily lives today and every day.

My last newsletter for the term will go out during the final week of the Autumn Term.
Yours sincerely,

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