

Lyttchett Matravers Primary School and Preschool

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Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Christmas atmosphere is certainly building at school and the PTFA are playing a key role in this! The children absolutely love the Christmas tree put up in the hall last Friday night by the team - it provided such a wonderful surprise on Monday morning.

I also have complete faith that today's Christmas Fayre will be a fun and engaging event for all attending. Once again, thank all of the many volunteers for their support in organising. This is especially true of the grotto which was set up in some particularly challenging circumstances with the weather being what it has been this week! Well done to the elves for spreading Christmas cheer!

We are also very excited about the whole school pantomime trip on 18th December. This will be a very different day for the children and parents / carers need to be aware of some important information.

- Timings for the day are normal as per any school day.
- Children should wear full school uniform, including a school jumper, fleece or cardigan. Non-uniform tokens cannot be used on this day as uniform is a good visual identifier for our children.
- Whilst drop off will be normal, you will notice that the staff's cars are parked in the playground. This is to enable the coaches to park in the car park to facilitate boarding in a safe and efficient manner. Coaches will access the site through both gate access points – these must be kept clear at all times.
- The pantomime is due to commence at 11am. This means that we will be starting lunch later than usual, we consider from 13:30, although potentially later. For this reason, **please provide your child with 2 snacks that they can have before coming back to school and can keep in their pockets** (wrapped items). Items such as cereal bars will provide sustenance over a longer period. You may also like to consider providing a bigger breakfast than normal! Please do not provide sweets or chocolate or any item which contains nuts.
- The PTFA will also provide a small treat within the interval of the performance. We will take account of allergies.
- Please ensure that your child has a full water bottle with them and also a coat as we will be walking from the coach park to the Lighthouse.
- We have created social stories for specific children. If you are worried about your child's attendance at the pantomime, please contact their class teacher to discuss.

With warmest wishes as always,

Mr Vernon, Headteacher



MCAS detail check

We ask that everyone follows the steps below in order to check that we have the most up-to-date information for your child online, including address, medical conditions, surgery etc. and that your own details are all up to date.

Login to MCAS and navigate to 'Data Collection'. From here, you can check your details and sometimes save changes in regards to:

'Student Information'

- Profile - check and advise school of any changes
- Medical, Dietary and Disabilities - check and save changes
- Languages - check and advise school of any changes

'Parent Information' – check your details in 'Profile' and save changes/advise school of any changes.

OR Login to MCAS on a browser, navigate to Data Collection

Within 'Student Details' you can view / edit your child's details and locate 'View Your Personal Details' to check and save changes / advise school of any changes.

Behaviour Policy

We have attached an updated Behaviour Policy, which is in draft form as this has not yet been ratified by the school's governing body. There are not many changes to the previous year's version with the main strategies to support positive behaviours across the school remaining consistent for the children this academic year.

In order to provide as much clarity as possible, we have also attached a 'policy on a page' document to show the key points of the policy in a more concise manner.

Key Christmas Dates

Please find below a reminder of some key dates for the end of term events:

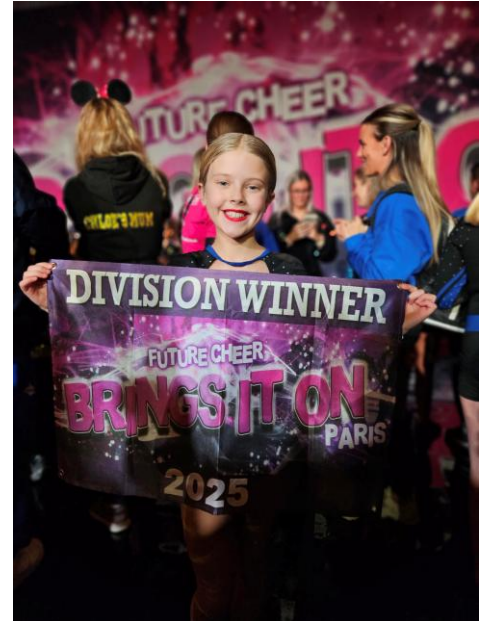
Thursday 11 th December	9:30 – 10:30	Nativity for Reception Parents
	15:00 – 15:30	Christmas songs on the playground: Years 5 and 6
Friday 12 th December	9:30 – 10:30	Nativity for Year 1 Parents
Wednesday 17 th December	N/A	Christmas lunch
		Christmas Jumper Day
	15:00 – 15:30	Christmas songs on the playground Years 2, 3 & 4
	18:30 – 19:30	Y6 Christmas performance
Thursday 18 th December	am	Pantomime Trip

Wow Achievements!

2 pupils in Year 5 have won amazing achievements recently. One is now the under 11's South West Trampoline Champion for 2025 🏆🏆 following the South West Open in Bath last weekend, having come 1st out of 49 competitors and also winning team gold.



We also have a division winner of Level 1 under 12s from the 'Future Cheer Bring It On' competition which was held in Paris!



Congratulations girls!

Uniform at Christmas

We are very much looking forward to a Christmassy themed week for the final week of this term, and the children are welcome to accessorise their school uniform with festive sparkle should they wish. Please can we ensure the school uniform policy is adhered to in the weeks leading up to the final week of term, with only our final week being filled with sparkle. Thank you for your support!

Online Safety Survey

Help shape our online safety session!

We know how important it is to keep children safe online, and we want to make sure our upcoming online Information Session answers the questions that matter the most to you. Hopefully, you've all managed to look at our new Online Safety Hub (OSH) for parents. If you haven't yet used this new resource, this is a link to it: <https://hamwic.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>.



In the New Year, experts in online safeguarding from the OSH will host a trust-wide event designed for parents and this is your chance to shape the content of the session. Would you like information on Roblox, YouTube, social media safety or cyberbullying? Or maybe something else? Tell us what you want to learn more about by completing this short survey:

[Parent Survey Online Information Session on Pupil Online Safety – Fill in form](#)

Don't miss the chance to influence the content - please complete the survey by **Monday 8th December**. Together, we're building a safer digital space for every child. Thank you for contributing and for your support.

Miss Fripp

Congratulations to Miss Fripp for successfully gaining a place on the teacher training programme at Corfe Hills from September 2026. Although it is a long time before we say goodbye, we know that she will be such a strong addition to any school in which she works. Our loss will be their gain!

Attendance

Your children may have (hopefully) told you about the attendance incentive we are running in the run up to Christmas.

Statistically, attendance drops in the run up to Christmas so we are aiming to provide a little encouragement to promote the highest attendance possible!

We have ordered some Christmas treat items for the children to win. Anyone who attends school for 12 out of the 13 days

possible up to Thursday 18th December will one ticket for their class draw and will be in with a chance of being picked randomly to win a prize. If a child gets 100% attendance during the time frame then they will double their chances through being given two tickets!



So far this year, our attendance as a whole school has been 96.1% - this is right on track. Please keep it up!

The top 3 classes for overall attendance is currently:

1st Merlin

2nd Swan

= 3rd Kestrel and Honeybee

