



DECEMBER 2025 MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

And just like that it is December already!!

This newsletter is primarily a round up of all the events and activities taking place over the coming 3 weeks. We hope to see as many parents, carers and family members as possible in

the run up to finishing for Christmas but if you are unable to get in, then I wish you all the very best for the festive season.

Next week will be Miss Robley's final one in school as she leaves us to train to be a social worker, still helping children but in a different way. We wish her the very best in her new career.

We have some new faces in school - Miss Tunstall has now joined us as a Teaching Assistant in our Early Years unit and, after Christmas, we will also be joined by Mrs Armitage in Year 3/4. Interviews will be held shortly to appoint someone to work in Miss Robley's role in Year 5/6.

Attendance

Following a visit by the Local Authority Attendance Officer, I would like to remind parents about our procedure for notifying the school about absences.

Parents are required to notify the office of any absence on each day of the absence. Should we not receive a reason as to why a child is not in school we will -

- 1. send out a text message*
 - 2. follow up with a phone call*
 - 3. make a home visit*
 - 4. refer to the safeguarding team*
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All parents are also required to notify us in advance of any holidays to be taken within school dates. Should the number of days taken out of school for holidays exceed 5 (or 10 half day sessions), then the Local Authority requires us to refer to them to decide if a fixed penalty notice is to be issued.

Any child with attendance below 90% flags up on the Local Authority monitoring system as being 'persistently absent'. This means that attendance will be closely monitored and if there is no sign of improvement, parents may be asked to attend a meeting in school to discuss this further.

PLEASE NOTE - THE SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO HAVING NO HEATING DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE FIGURES.

Family Craft Afternoon

We are hosting our annual Christmas craft afternoon on Friday 5th December. Family members for infant children can enter via the main infant (breakfast club) door and junior family need to enter at the main entrance.

If you have children in both the infants and juniors, then you are welcome to move between classrooms or go to the hall or canteen to do your crafting.

Y4 - as our Y4 children are at a STEM workshop at Netherhall in the afternoon, their craft session will be in the morning. Please see Seesaw for details.

2s - the craft sessions for our 2 year olds are being held across the week each morning. Please see the Little Acorn staff for details.

Christmas dinner

Our lovely kitchen staff will be serving Christmas dinner on Wednesday 17th December. Please can we ask that orders for this are made by 11th December at the latest to ensure the right quantities are ordered in advance. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

1st Dec - Y5&6 space workshop

- Y1 water workshop

- Y2 Phunky Foods workshop

3rd Dec - Y1&2 pantomime visit

- KS1 choir at the Rotary club carol service 6pm start

5th Dec - Y2 (am) & Y4(pm) STEM visit to Netherhall

5th Dec - Family Christmas craft afternoon from 2pm

8-11th Dec - Christmas prayer spaces

8th Dec - EYFS STEM workshop

8th Dec - KS2 cinema visit

11th Dec - Choir visits to local care homes

11th Dec - Y1 & 2 Christmas show - 2pm and 6pm. Tickets available now.

15th Dec - Christmas party day

16th Dec - EYFS Christmas singalong 10am. Tickets available soon.

17th Dec - Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

18th Dec - Christingle Service at St Mary's 10am led by Y3/4

19th Dec - EYFS trip to the cinema

- School closes for Christmas break at 1.30

7th Jan - School reopens for the Spring term



UNIFORM

Please can all parents/carers ensure that children are coming to school each day with the correct uniform.

- *Grey trousers/skirts/pinafores*
 - *optional checked skirt/pinafore*
 - *White polo shirt*
 - *Navy blue jumper/cardigan*
 - *black shoes*
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PE

- *Black shorts/leggings/joggers*
 - *white t.shirt*
 - *optional blue hoody*
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Forest school

- *old trousers, jumpers and coats*
 - *wellies*
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IMPORTANT

The only jewellery to be worn in school is a watch (NOT a smart watch) and stud earrings which must be removed for PE.

Acrylic nails and make up are NOT to be worn for school. Any lip products must be handed to the adults in class to ensure they are applied appropriately.

