

Next Week in School at a Glance					
Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	
* Lunch Menu week 2 * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y5/6 Baking (last one) * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Disney Stars (last one for this half term) * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y2/3	* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y1, 2, 3 Performing Arts (last one) Parents Performance 4pm * 3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Hockey (last one) * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y3, 4 Baking (last one)	* 8.15 am Eco Warriors, HPL team, Happiness Heroes mtgs * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y1, 2 Athletics (last one) * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y4 Gardening (last one) * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y5/6 Crochet (last one)	*8.15 am Sports Crew mtg *3.15 - 4.15 pm Y 4, 5, 6 Choir (last one for this half term) *3.15 - 4.15 pm Y1, 2 Football (last one) *3.15 - 4.15 pm Y1, 2	*8.15 am Innov8 mtg *3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Girl's Football (last one) *Deadline for signing up to clubs	

Persevere, Respect, Collaborate

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

This week we have had our open day for prospective parents for Reception 2025. We have had so many positive comments about our school, and I must say the children across school are such ambassadors. Year 6 led the open day again, and demonstrated such bravery and confidence. They were so articulate talking about the school and what they have enjoyed about their experience over the last 7 years. Thank you everyone in school for being such great role models.

We have also had a visit from our HPL (High Performance Learning) Associate this week. As we are in the second year of the programme, we have a new associate called Jamie. Although a flying visit, he had a tour of the school and watched some learning in Year 5. He was very impressed with the class and how they were demonstrating one of the key values of collaboration in their spelling lesson. He is due back in school in the new year and is excited to hear from our HPL Pupil Team and all of the things they are working on. Recently they introduced their 'Empathetic Ellie' sticker and have been on the look out at playtimes for children demonstrating kindness, confidence and collaboration. I know they have struggled to choose as they have seen so many examples of children being empathetic.

As mentioned earlier in the week, the PFA have organised the pantomime visit this year. Beauty and the Beast will be performed next Friday and children can wear Christmas outfits or a themed costume. Just a reminder that Carol will also be doing a picnic lunch that day for the children to enjoy. Thank you to the PFA who have been working hard to continue to raise funds. Our new equipment for the polytunnel and forest school area will also hopefully be arriving before Christmas, funded through grants the PFA have applied for.

Finally tickets for Reception/KS1 performances have been sent home this week and KS2 will be coming home next week. Thank you for your understanding regarding the fire regulations and the way we are having to run ticket allocation a little differently this year. As I know you will agree, the safety of everyone in our community is at the heart of this, alongside the necessity for us to follow statutory guidelines. Please remember though, you must have your ticket on the day or we will have to ask you to wait until everyone else is seated and we know there is a vacant seat.

Have a lovely weekend and I'll forward to seeing you on Monday! Mrs Quigley

Picture News

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

'What does it mean to feel included?'



The Football Association (FA) has laid out new plans aimed at raising awareness and increasing participation in disability football. The strategy, called Football Without Limits, includes growing the Comets programme for young people aged 5-11. The FA says Comets will be the most inclusive format of the sport and will provide a safe and supportive space for children to start playing football.

Comets is a fun, inclusive football scheme for disabled children aged 5-11. It runs in towns and cities across the UK as part of the Football Association's Football Without Limits campaign. Sessions are held weekly and are focused on helping children with a disability to enjoy themselves, whilst building confidence, independence and making friends. All sessions are delivered by qualified coaches, who have had training and guidance.

Things to talk about at home:

- Share your thoughts about the FA's plans to increase awareness of disability football.
- * Can you think of a time when you have felt like you belonged (perhaps in a team or group)?
- * Ask people at home whether they, or someone they know, have benefitted from a similar programme.

Hot Chocolate and Cake

This week, the Midday Assistants have chosen the following children, who have demonstrated good manners and our school values at lunchtimes and they will join Mrs Quigley next week (or as soon after if that is not possible) for hot chocolate and cake:

Erin B	
Charlie R	
Elsie R	
Julio T	
Ollie H	
Jacob N	
Luke B	

Deadline to Sign Up to Clubs

If your child would like to join one of our clubs, the deadline to sign up is Friday 6 December. After this date, we will not be able to add anyone to clubs for next half term.

Performing Arts End of Club Performance

There will be a small performance for the families/carers of the Performing Arts club members at 4 pm on Tuesday 3 December, showcasing their learning this half term. Entry will be through the main school office entrance at 4 pm.

Guinea Pig Update

As promised, here is an update on the name of our newest guinea pigs.

The picture to the right shows Paddy and he looks quite a lot like Elvis, our only original guinea pig who is about 7 years old!





The photograph to the left is Buster, who has very similar colouring to Patch, who was one of our original pigs and who sadly passed away last Friday.

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St Mary's Church Christmas Services 2024



Saturday 21 December, Messy Church, 4.00pm

Book via Eventbrite Messy Church Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite

Sunday 22 December,

Nativity, 10.00 am. Carol Service, 6.30pm.

Tuesday 24 December, Christmas Eve Christingle

3.30pm.https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christingle-service-tickets-1090974136009?aff=oddtdtcreatorand

5.30pm..https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christingle-service-stmarys-tickets-1091048959809?aff=oddtdtcreator

Midnight Communion, 11.30pm.

Wednesday 25 December, Christmas Day

All Age Communion, 10.00am.

Sunday 29 December.

Team Communion Service,10.30am at St.Paul's (only service)

Sunday 5 January

All Age Epiphany Service 10.00am



Join us this Christmas!

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