



Newsletter Term 2 2023/2024



Monday 18th December

Message from Miss Davies

Dear Parents,

This is our final school newsletter of 2023! It has been a wonderful year to reflect on and a super first term for this school academic year too. Our new Reception children have settled incredibly well into the school, as have our other year groups. Our Year 6s are amazing ambassadors to our school children from our younger years. They are kind and helpful and are truly a fantastic Year 6 class.

We have really enjoyed welcoming in lots of visitors to the school to see outstanding practice following our Ofsted inspection in July. It has been fabulous sharing all the things that we do ranging from our Early Years provision to our whole school curriculum, to an in-depth view of our art curriculum, to our personal development offer, plus lots more too!

December is a crazy time in the school calendar, but one we all fully enjoy! It has been truly magical to welcome you in to see our nativity plays. They have been a great success, and our children performed exceptionally well. We are very proud of all of them, and they are a real credit to yourselves and our school. A big thank you to our Reception and Key Stage 1 teaching and support team for all their hard work in making it such a success.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Nursery Christmas sing-along. The children singing along makes us once again burst with pride. We thoroughly enjoyed our carols on the playground, thank you to everyone for attending. It is a lovely way to bring our whole school together and gives us a real sense of community.

We are equally excited about our Christmas Market today held after on Monday 18th December. The children have worked very hard creating their delights to be sold which will raise money for our school. The children's learning is all part of our design and technology curriculum, and I have been very impressed with the quality of the children's products. Well done to all of them. I would also like to say a huge thank you to our PTA for working so hard behind the scenes and creating these wonderful events for us all to enjoy. Their commitment and hard work also means that we can put the money raised to good use and purchase equipment and experiences that our children can enjoy.

As we move into the Christmas holidays tomorrow, I would like to thank you for your continued support in making our school a truly special place to be. I also would like to wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope you have a wonderful, safe, cheerful, and fun family time together. I look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

Best wishes,
Miss Davies



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Our Learning for Term 3

We are already looking forward to starting our history-focused topics with our children in Term 3. We will be using a class text / book to support our learning. This text will supplement our history learning.

Whole School Theme-History				
EYFS/KS1	Preschool	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Theme	Traditional Tales	Dinosaurs	Kings and Queens	The Victorians
Book	Alice in Wonderland (Additional topic : Chinese New Year: Lets Celebrate!)	Tyrannosaurus Drip Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs	Fairy tales' books by Sarah Gibb	Oliver Twist
KS2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Theme	Romans and Celts	Brunel: Victorian Swindon	The Egyptians	Ancient Greeks
Book	Boudicca: Guilty or Innocent	Street Child	The Story of Tutankhamun Egyptian Cinderella	The Girl of Ink and Stars

Our school values for Term 3 are Tolerance and Freedom.

Our wellbeing strand is TO CONNECT

Term 3 Starts on 4.1.24

Children will return to school on Thursday 4th January.

Staff will return on Wednesday 3rd January for their Teacher Training Day.

We look forward to seeing you in 2024!





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Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Elijah for getting a contract with Swindon Town Football Club.

We are incredibly proud of this huge achievement. We wish Elijah every success as he continues to grow and develop as a football player, and we hope he enjoys every moment of it.

Well done, Elijah!



Diary Dates

(Please be mindful that some dates may change, and extra dates and events will be added)

Wednesday 3 rd January	TD Day- School closed to children
Thursday 4 th January	Term 3 starts
Thursday 4 th January	Cricket training starts for Years 3-6.
Monday 8 th January	Assessment week for Year 6
Tuesday 16 th January	Governors' meeting
Wednesday 17 th January	Year 5 school trip to science museum
Wednesday 17 th January	Football tournament (selected children only)
Thursday 18 th January	Year 4 trip to Steam Museum
Monday 22 nd January	World Religion Day
Thursday 25 th January	Windsor Castle trip for Year 1
Friday 2 nd February	Football tournament – girls (selected children only)
Monday 5 th February	Year 5 dance performance at Wyvern
Tuesday 6 th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 7 th February	Wonderful Wednesday Parent Event 2.40pm
Friday 9 th February	Break up for half term