



Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 3rd December 2025- Christmas coffee afternoon with stalls and games (2-3.15pm)

Thursday 4th December 2025- Advent mass at 2.15pm (all are welcome)

Wednesday 10th December 2025- Reception to Year 6 visit to the pantomime (Goldilocks)

Thursday 11th December 2025- Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December 2025- Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 12th December 2025- Nursery visit to the Hullabaloo (9am-12pm)

Tuesday 16th December 2025- Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity (10-11am) all welcome

Wednesday 17th December 2025- Disco 3.15-5pm

Thursday 18th December 2025- 2 and 3yr old nursery Nativity songs (11.30am and 3pm) all welcome

Friday 19th December 2025- Christmas carols around the tree (2.45-3.15pm) all welcome

Friday 19th December 2025- Children break up for Christmas holiday

Monday 5th January 2026- PD Day: children not in school

Tuesday 6th January 2026- Children return to school

Staffing Updates

We would like to inform you that two valued members of our team will be leaving at the end of this term. Mrs Doyle, who has been both a dedicated teacher and our SENDCO, and Mrs Bell, our wonderful administration assistant, will be moving on to new opportunities. While we are sad to see them go, we are incredibly grateful for the care, commitment, and hard work they have shown during their time with us. Their contributions have made a lasting impact on our school community, and we wish them every success in their future endeavours. Please join us in thanking them for all they have done for our children and school.

November Highlights

Science Show-

On Tuesday 11th November, the Royal Institution wowed our children with explosive experiments and hands-on fun in their 'Fuel the Future' show. The children (and later parents!) explored sustainability, CO₂ impacts and the science behind generating and storing electricity.

Remembrance Day-

On Tuesday 11th November, our school council led a thoughtful and reflective assembly to commemorate Remembrance Day. We were honoured to welcome Scott Robson, our Trust Health and Safety Manager, who is a former member of the British Army and currently serves in the Army Reserves. He visited each class, proudly showing his medals and answering the children's questions.

Kielder Observatory-

On Thursday 20th November, Adam and James from Kielder Observatory came into school with their incredible inflatable planetarium. Inside the dome, the children were transported among stars, planets and galaxies. The children also dived into an interactive workshop all about Light. They explored the hidden world beyond human vision, discovering infrared and ultraviolet light through exciting hands-on activities.

Parliament Week-

On Monday 24th November, we welcomed our local MP, Alan Strickland, who spoke to the children about his role in Parliament and how decisions are made. The pupils were full of curiosity and asked some fantastic questions using the traditional 'bob' system – just like in the House of Commons!



Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during November



John	Finley	Ollie	Kajetan	Lucas J	Heidi
Isla L	Melody	Daniel	Ava O	Aliyah	Caiden
Chloe	Ella	Charlotte			



Attendance

Children are required to be at school by 9am as our core subject lessons (English and Maths) begin immediately after registration.

Appointments should be made out of school time where possible please.

Holidays should be taken outside of term time.

The Department for Education deems that if a child's attendance drops below 90%, they become known as a Persistent Absentee. All absences are monitored thoroughly.

To celebrate great attendance, children with 100% in a week receive 10 dojos on a Friday. The class with the highest percentage will also receive 10 dojos per child.

Below are the percentages of attendance for each class for November:

Matthew (Nursery/Reception) – 87%

Mark (Year 1/2) – 90.6%

Luke (Year 3/4) – 94.1%

John (Year 5/6) – 91.7%

The government's target for attendance for primary school pupils is at least 95%.

Our whole school attendance for November was 90.2%

A child is classed as late if they arrive at school after 9.20am.

0.2% of our pupils arrived late in November.

A child is classed as unauthorised absence if they arrive at school after 9.30am.

3.3% of our pupils had unauthorised absences in November.



Uniform

School uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school and makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

If your child is not in correct school uniform, we will ask for correct uniform to be brought in for your child to change into.

Our uniform is:

- Red sweatshirt or sweat cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore dress
- Sensible, plain black leather shoes/ trainers



Jeans and leggings are not permitted. Skirts and trousers should be grey not black.

Homework

Homework reinforces and helps your child to retain information taught in the classroom. It also develops study habits and independent learning.

For Year 1 to Year 6, we kindly ask that your child is listened to reading daily and their reading record is signed. Your child will receive a dojo for each signature in their record.

For Year 1 to Year 6, your child will also receive maths and spelling homework each Friday to be handed back in by the following Thursday.

Times tables are extremely important for children in Year 3 to Year 6. In Year 4, children take a times tables test. Every child has log in details for Times Tables Rockstars - <https://ttrockstars.com/> We would greatly appreciate it if your child could regularly practise their times tables at home.

READING EVERY DAY...

- ...**CREATES** lifelong readers.
- ...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.
- ...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.
- ...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.
- ...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.
- ...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.
- ...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.
- ...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.
- ...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.
- ...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.



PE

On PE days, children are to come to school dressed in their PE kit.

Mark (Year 1/2)- Monday

Luke (Year 3/4)- Monday

John (Year 5/6)- Monday

Our PE uniform is:

- Plain white T-shirt with no branding or logos from professional sports teams
- Plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms with no branding or logos from professional sports teams



- Red sweatshirt or sweat cardigan or hoodie



- Suitable black trainers



If your child comes to school in PE kit on a day which is not their PE day, we will ask for uniform to be brought in for your child to change into.

Jewellery and Hairstyles

Wrist watches are permitted but not smart watches.

Piercings (including earrings) are not permitted.

Pupils with long hair must ensure that this does not impede their vision, cover their face or provide a health and safety risk. Long hair must be tied up during practical lessons, e.g. PE.

The following hairstyles are not considered appropriate for school:

brightly coloured, dyed hair, headwear with bold patterns or colours, excessive hair accessories.



Christmas Coffee Afternoon

We would like to invite you to our

Christmas Coffee Afternoon

On Wednesday 3rd December 2025

At 2.00pm

There will be a raffle, a tombola,
a variety of stalls and games.

Change would be greatly appreciated.

We hope to see you all there!