



Whole school Reminders

Message from the Headteacher	Merry Christmas to all our families! We wish you a happy and healthy break filled with plenty of time to relax, celebrate, and enjoy special moments with loved ones. This term has, once again, flown by, with so much happening across the school. Our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and curiosity, and the range of curriculum activities has been truly jam-packed for all year groups! From exciting projects to creative performances and memorable trips, it's been a fantastic term of learning, growth, and fun. As we look ahead to next term, please find below the key diary dates. These will also be shared in our weekly "What's On" updates to help you stay informed. Thank you for your continued support and partnership—it's what makes our school community so special. We hope you have a wonderful festive season and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year. Warmest wishes, <i>Laura Newell</i>
James Campbell Author Visit	James will be visiting our school on 16th January 2025, if your child would like a signed book please order via your child's ParentPay account by Tuesday 7th January 2025. Please see letter of 20th December for more information.
Activity Clubs	We still have availability on the following activity clubs for Spring Term: • Craft Club • Choir • Hockey • Swimming Please log onto your childcare online booking account.
Wraparound	Wraparound booking for the Spring Term are now live. To take advantage of the early booking discount, please ensure bookings are made by Monday 6th January 2025.
Snow White Panto: Reception, Y1 & Y2	The children had a wonderful time at the Panto, it's not too late to log into ParentPay to pay the £3.20 contribution to the cost of the production please, if you have not already done so. We really appreciate your support, it ensures we can continue to provide these wonderful opportunities for the children, thank you.
Lyfta Challenge	Please see below. Please e-mail your competition entry to admin3595@welearn365.com with the Title Lyfta Octopus Competition.



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Coming up the first week of term

Reception	<u>PPA</u> Both class – Sport and swimming
Year 1	<u>PPA</u> 1B - Forest School (Wear PPA kit. Wellies and Waterproofs will be in school for Opal play). 1K - Swimming and Spanish (Wear sports kit and bring swimming kit)
Year 2	<u>PPA</u> 2W and 2O - Sport and Music (Wear sports kit)
Year 3	<u>PPA</u> 3L - Forest School (Wear PPA kit. Wellies and Waterproofs will be in school for Opal play). 3H - Swimming and Spanish (Wear sports kit and bring swimming kit) <u>PE</u> PE is now on a Wednesday
Year 4	<u>PPA</u> 4J and 4H – Sport and Music <u>4J Parent consultation</u> Taking place on 08.01.25 & 09.01.25. Bookings closed Monday 6th January 2025 at midday
Year 5	<u>PPA</u> 5W - Forest School (Wear sports kit. Wellies and waterproofs should be in school for Opal play). 5G - Spanish and Swimming (Wear PPA Kit and bring swimming kit)
Year 6	<u>PPA</u> 6G and 6A - Sport and Music (wear sports kit)



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Other news

Useful Links

Our Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/AlcesterStNics/?locale=en_GB

Our calendar <https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/11/>

News <https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/topic/news-and-events>



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Spring One - Term Dates *subject to change*

Date	Time	Details
06.01.2025	All day	Teacher Training Day School closed to children
07.01.2025	All day	Children return
08.01.2025	4 – 7 pm	4J parents consultation
09.01.2025	4 – 7 pm	4J parents consultation
09.01.2025	Morning	Open morning for prospective 2025 families
15.01.2025	1.30pm	MTC workshop for year 4 families
16.01.2025	All day	James Campbell author visit
17.01.2025	9.10am	DBSB KS1 and Reception
24.01.2025	9.10am	KS2 DBSB
w/c 03.02.2025	All week	Children's mental health week
07.02.2025	All day	Sports hall athletics
07.02.2025	9.10am	KS2 DBSB
11.02.2025	All day	Online safety day
14.02.2025	9.10 am	Rec/KS1 DBSB
w/c 17.02.2025	All week	Half term
28.02.2025	9.10am	KS2 DBSB
07.03.2025	9.10am	Rec/KS1 DBSB
w/c 10.03.2025	All week	Science week
11.03.2025	All morning	Archery competition
12.03.2025	4-7pm	Parents consultations
13.03.2025	4-7pm	Parents consultations
14.03.2025	9.10 am	KS2 DBSB
21.03.2025	9.10 am	Rec/KS1 DBSB
25.03.2025	All day	OGDEN science of sound day
28.03.2025	9.10 am	KS2 DBSB
02.04.2025	12.30pm	Panathlon at Myton school
04.04.2025	9.10 am	Rec/KS1 DBSB
04.04.2025	3.00 pm to 6.00 pm	Spring Disco
07.04.2025	All day	Heart of England – Year 3
09.04.2025	All day	Heart of England – Year 3
09.04.2025 – 11.04.2025	All day	Edgmond Hall – Year 4
11.04.2025	9.10 am	KS2 DBSB
w/c 14.04.2025	All week	Easter holidays
28.04.2025		Return to school

Competition: Name the Lyfta Octopus!

Have you ever wondered why you see a friendly octopus popping up all over the Lyfta?

Whether it's guiding you through interactive lessons, navigating storyworlds, or helping you find your way back to the globe, our eight-legged friend is always there to lend a tentacle.

But how did this fascinating creature become Lyfta's mascot?

YOUR CHALLENGE IS TO LET US KNOW!



I need an identity!

Let your imagination run wild:

What's my name?

Where have I come from?

Why am I here?

****Don't forget your SPAG!****

Please e-mail all entires to school with your name and class no later than Friday 10th January for submission to Lyfta

The winner will claim a £50 book voucher for their school and a prize of their own!

A panel of Lyfta judges will select the winner based on;

creativity, imagination, and clarity.

The winner will be announced on Friday, January 17th 2025 and will feature on the LYFTA blog and newsletter.

For further details, hints and tips check out the Lyfta page on the school website.