

YEAR 3



NEWSLETTER

Week beginning 01.12.25

Key Information:

PE Days are changing slightly this half term – please read carefully!

- **3CD** and **3IM** PE day will be on **Tuesday**.
- **3DC** PE day will be on **Wednesday**.

Outdoor Learning (3CD)

- It's getting a lot colder and the need for appropriate clothing is even greater than before. A change of footwear is also essential as it is increasingly likely to be wet and muddy.

Attendance

F2 96.4% Y1 95.4% Y2 96.9% Y3 96.4%

Y4 97.2% Y5 96.2% Y6 96.8%

The whole school target for attendance is 97%

Messages from the Year 3 Team:

Year 3/4 Christmas Pantomime – Peter Pan

- The children are very excited to take part in this year's Pantomime and have been working hard to learn their song and dance routines. Thank you for your continued support with costumes and learning lines.

Design and Technology Morning

- Thank you to those of you have offered to support with the DT morning on Thursday 4th December.
- 3CD's Outdoor Learning lesson will be pushed back by one week to allow for the DT morning. There will be no need for children in 3CD to arrive in Outdoor Learning clothes on that day.

This week's learning:

In Maths, children will begin a new unit on length, focusing on measuring accurately and identifying equivalent lengths in metres and centimetres. In English, children will explore the meanings of new vocabulary and apply these words within the context of our class text, The Firework-Maker's Daughter. They will also develop their use of subordination and the past progressive tense to help build suspense in their writing. In Science, children will investigate reflected light and compare materials based on how reflective they are. In PE, children will learn how to safely mount apparatus and collaborate effectively in groups to perform movements in unison. In French, children will learn to write short phrases describing each of the seasons. In Design and Technology, they will create wallets or purses, selecting suitable fabrics and fastenings. We will also begin spending additional afternoon time rehearsing songs and dance routines for the Christmas Pantomime.

Whole school information

We have lots of great events coming up in the next week – we have the Christingle Service at St Johns Church where some of our choir will be singing. On Tuesday, it is Carols in the Playground at Meadow Lane with the Salvation Army Band and some lovely food and drink. We also have the Christmas Fair next Friday! In order to support the Friends with the fair we are having an optional non-uniform day on Thursday 4th December for a donation of some cake or chocolate!

Message from Mr Wilkes

I hope you have all had a good week. The children have continued to work really hard getting ready for the Panto, undertaking assessments, creating some wonderful artwork and getting engaged in reading.

We hosted an online reading meeting for Y3 - Y6 parents this evening which was expertly delivered by Anna Hodkin and Dean White. The slides and recording will be available on the school website next week. The key message is very much talk and read as much as you can at home!

As part of our school improvement work we are reviewing our approach to spellings. The children will no longer be sent home with spelling lists or have spelling tests. Having reviewed research in this area there are more effective ways which we will update you on in the new year.