

## Friday News 28.11.2025

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for the donations for the PTFA raffle. I know they will make wonderfully colourful hampers! We have had a busy week this week with some of the children starting our part of the church reredos. Years 1 and 2 have worked hard today on their sticky mosaics and year 6 have designed and made their own mosaic coasters. Some of these creations will be on display at the church. I have also had the pleasure of working with children across the school on our school logo mosaic. This will also be displayed at the church before taking pride of place somewhere around the school. The last 3 weeks before we break up for Christmas are jam packed with activities. Please see below for a few final details of the events we have planned.

### Community Larder

Thank you all for the donations for the community larder. The 4 Year 6s who accompanied me to the larder today were a credit to the school. They worked hard, were very friendly to members of the community and really enjoyed the experience. I am looking forward to taking more next half term.

### Walking Nativity

On Thursday next week (4th), Antarctica, Africa and Oceania classes will be taking part in the Walking Nativity. Reverend Faith will lead the 3 classes on a walking tour to the church, stopping at 3 'Inns' on the way before reaching the church to hear the final part of the Christmas story. It is such a wonderful experience for the children to take an active part in the nativity story which will be brought to life by members of the community. We will be leaving school as soon as we are registered and will be back in time for lunch. Please ensure your child has a warm coat and suitable footwear for this activity. School staff will be supporting this activity. Mrs Longhurst and Mrs Brown may need a few parents to support, if you are available, please let them know.

We would love the children to be dressed up for their pilgrimage to the church. Please **do not** buy anything, all the children will need is an old shirt / dressing gown to go over their coats and a tea towel for a headdress!

### Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert

South America, Europe, North America and Asia will soon be starting their rehearsals for their Christmas concert. This will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> December at the church. The concert will start at 2pm. If you are able to attend, you will be able to take your child home from the church with you. We will walk back with those who need to return to school.

### Christmas Cards

The Christmas post box will be up in school next week. If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends in school, please can they write the child's name and class on the envelope. Our wonderful posties will then deliver them to classes after lunch to be handed out.

### Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper

We have our school Christmas lunch on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December and we are very much looking forward to it.

If the children have a Christmas Jumper, or a bright coloured jumper they can wear this on that Thursday instead of their school jumper / cardigan. The rest of the school uniform must be kept as normal please. The children are also welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers over their normal

school uniform on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December as well as it is our final day before we break up for the Christmas holiday.

### **Change of menu on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Due to the Christmas lunch being on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> we have a change of menu for the day before. The kitchen will be serving Sausages and chips or vegetarian sausage and chips.

### **Attendance**

We achieved **95.3%** attendance this week, this is a decrease on last week.

Year 1 are our attendance champions this week with **99%**, well done Year 1! They were very closely followed by Year 5 with 98.9% and Year 3 with 98%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

### **Key Dates** - Autumn term (these may be added to)

4<sup>th</sup> December - Live nativity walk (Antarctica, Africa and Oceania classes)

9<sup>th</sup> December - Antarctica nativity to parents 2:15pm

11<sup>th</sup> December - Antarctica nativity to parents 2:15pm

12<sup>th</sup> December - PTFA Christmas disco

16<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas concert at the church 2pm

18<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle in school

18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas dinner day - Christmas Jumpers can be worn over normal school uniform

19<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term - Christmas Jumpers can be worn over normal school uniform

5<sup>th</sup> January - PD Day

6<sup>th</sup> January - Children back to school

Have a very happy weekened everyone!



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**“Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them”**

MATTHEW 19:14