



Learning Together for Life

Headteacher's Newsletter – November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely half term holiday, it seems like it was so long ago already. This term is always one of the favourites as it is the build up to Christmas and the opportunity for our Reception and Key stage One children to perform their plays. It is also the term when the children are settled into their classes and routines ready for the year ahead.

As ever, if there is anything I can help with or if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Kind regards

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School Uniform

Please can we remind you to write your child's name in their uniform. We have a large amount of uniform lost property already that doesn't have a name in. We are aware of the increasing costs to uniform and want to ensure all of your child's uniform comes home with them rather than find itself in lost property.

Attendance and Lateness

Our attendance as a whole school is above National levels overall and we work hard to ensure this is the case. I want to remind you that children need to be in school unless they are ill otherwise they miss so much of their education. We are also not able to authorise any holidays during term time.

We also have quite a few children regularly arriving at school after the start of school at 8.45am. Learning begins as soon as the children come into school and they miss vital lessons at the start of the day. This can add up to a lot of missed learning over each term. Children need to be in the line with their class at 8.45am every morning.

We also have some of our older children coming into the playground early in the morning. Please can I remind you that staff will be in the playgrounds from 8.35am. Please do not let your children come to school earlier as there will be no one outside to supervise.

Anti Bullying Week

This week is Anti Bullying Week and the children will be involved in a variety of activities linked to Anti Bullying throughout the week. Please take the opportunity to talk to your child about what they have been learning. We use the STOP message which we communicate in different ways:

Start Telling Other People

Several Times On Purpose

Staff teachers Other People

Our recent Parentview outcomes were positive overall regarding incidents of bullying in school. We take any reported incidents very seriously and would encourage you to contact myself or your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

M&M Production



We are very excited to have M&M Productions join us again this year. The pantomime will be on Wednesday 12th November during the afternoon. Please pay for your child's ticket on Wisepay.

Children in Need



We will be supporting Children in Need again this year. A letter has been sent from the school Council and there will be a raffle throughout the day. One lucky winner will be taking home a giant Pudsey Bear. We look forward to raising lots of money to support children across the country.

We also have a selection of bracelets, pens and ears to purchase from the school office.



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Christingle



We will be making Christingles in school this year with the support of adults from St. Thomas' Church in a couple of weeks. We will be holding a collective Worship in school to talk about the importance of Christingle.

Christmas Dinner

Please remember to order your child's Christmas dinner for the 16th December on Wisepay before the cut off date. We will not be able to provide additional meals on the day that have not been ordered.

Aldi Store Opening

A group of children have been invited to attend the opening of the new Aldi supermarket on Thursday 13th November and we have an Olympic athlete coming into school to lead our Collective Worship. We are very excited to be part of the store opening celebrations.

FAFF



Our FAFF committee recently held their AGM meeting and we have been successful in forming a new committee for this academic year. I wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you to Lindsay Pickworth for her amazing work as the Chair for the past couple of years and we are delighted she will be remaining on the committee.

FAFF have lots of exciting events planned over the year - look out for posters and further information about events coming up.

Term dates

Below are some term dates for your diary. We will update term dates in each monthly newsletter.

3 rd Nov	Children return to school for Term Two
12 th Nov	M&M Cinderella Pantomime
14 th Nov	Children in Need non uniform
10 th Dec	EYFS Nativity 9.30am / 2.00pm – tickets to follow
16 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
16 th Dec	Enterprise event – pm
17 th Dec	Key Stage One Show 9.30am / 2.00pm – tickets to follow
18 th Dec	Key stage Two Church Carol Service – 1.30pm

We will update with further dates and information regarding future planned events throughout the term.