

Tuesday 5th December 2023



*A day of Victorian learning in Willow class*

### Nativity Arrangements

The two performances of our nativity will take place in St Thomas à Becket church on Thursday 14th December. The first performance will start at 2:00pm; all children will come back to school with their teacher for parents to collect as normal at 3:25pm. Costumes will be sent home with the youngest children so they can come to the church wearing them for the evening performance at 6.00pm.

The involvement of our Key Stage 2 children is a vital part of the performance. Their voices are really needed to support the younger children and make the nativity a success and we hope to see as many of them as possible for the evening performance. Children in KS2 are able to wear Christmas jumpers or party clothes for the performances.

The church doors will be opened at 5:45pm ready for the performance to start at 6pm. The performance will finish by 6:40pm and children must be collected from the church by an adult. We will send the KS2 children home first and once the church is less crowded we will put the Year 1s and 2s back on to the stage so parents can take photos before they go home. Please remember that any photos that you take of the nativity are for your own personal use and must not be uploaded on to any social media accounts.

At the end of the nativity there will be a retiring collection for a charity chosen by the children.

### Dress Rehearsal

We have invited pre-school and other village groups to our dress rehearsal on Tuesday 12th December at 2pm. The dress rehearsal and performances will take place in St Thomas à Becket's church.

### Christmas lunch

Please don't forget that the Christmas lunch and party afternoons are on the following days:

Monday 18th December for Ash, Oak and Willow

- Tuesday 19th December for Beech, Chestnut and Sycamore

Children may come to school in their party clothes on their Christmas lunch and party day. On the day that your child is not having a Christmas lunch they need to bring a packed lunch as the kitchen doesn't have the capacity to serve any other lunches.



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## School Diary

Autumn 2023

### Term 2

12/12/23 - Nativity dress rehearsal  
14/12/23 - Nativity performances  
18/12/23 - Ash, Oak & Willow  
Christmas dinner & party  
19/12/23 - Beech, Chestnut &  
Sycamore Christmas dinner & party  
20/12/23 - Carol service & last day of term

### Term 3

04/01/24 - SDDay  
05/01/24 - first day of term  
06/02/24 - Safer Internet Day  
08/02/24 - Year 6 tests meeting  
09/02/24 - last day of term

### Term 4

19/02/24 - first day of term  
07/03/24 - World Book Day  
28/03/24 - Easter service & last day of term

### Term 5

15/04/24 - SDDay  
16/04/24 - first day of term  
13/05/24 - Year 6 test week  
20-22/05/24 - Yr 4 residential visit to Braeside  
24/05/24 - last day of term

### Term 6

03/06/24 - first day of term  
10-14/06/24 - Yr 6 residential visit to Jamie's Farm  
21/06/24 - Sports Day 1:20pm  
28/06/24 - reserve sports day  
24/07/23 - leavers service 2pm in the church & last day of term

Keep up to date on life in school by following our [School Blog](#)

From Harvest to Remembrance, mathletes to history a lot goes on in school and the blog gives you regular snapshots!



**Carol service**

We have our annual carol service in church at 9:15am on Wednesday 20th December which will consist of readings, a few congregational carols and the choir singing some of the carols they have learnt this term. You are invited to join us for our final Christmas celebration of 2023.

**Christmas or favourite jumper day Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

On the last day of term Children are invited to wear a Christmas or a favourite jumper to school for a small donation to Save the Children. Please don't purchase new jumpers for the day - we're happy with whatever jumper/top your child would like to wear.

**Children's Tech Guide 2023**

The link below is to a useful guide on children's tech, put together by Internet Matters, it includes help with deciding what to buy and how to set up each device to be safe online.

[Tech guide: buyer's guide for parents | Internet Matters](#)

**Health Messages****Cold-Health Alert**

Following the recent yellow cold-weather health alert, please see the UKHSA's 'Keeping warm and well' poster on the next page.

**Caring for children with coughs**

Attached to this newsletter is a helpful leaflet, produced by the University of Bristol, about how to look after a child who has a cough and when to see a doctor.



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# Keeping warm and well: staying safe in cold weather

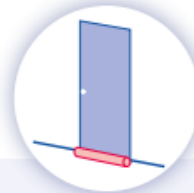
## Plan ahead



Check the weather forecast and the news



Make sure you have sufficient food and medicine



Take simple measures to reduce draughts at home

## Keep yourself warm



Heat rooms you spend most time in to 18°C if you can



Keep bedroom windows closed

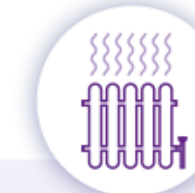


Wear multiple layers of thinner clothing

## Prepare your home



Check what financial support may be available for you



Use energy saving tips to save money on heating



Make sure appliances are safe and working well

## Look after yourself and others



If you're eligible, get vaccinated against flu and COVID-19



Check on others who may be vulnerable



Get help if needed. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to:

[Top tips for keeping warm and well this winter - www.GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)