

Thursday 5th December 2024



Beech Class exploring an exhibit at Bristol Museum

Nativity

The two performances of our nativity will take place in St Thomas à Becket Church on Wednesday 11th 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 will wear school uniform for the daytime performance but can come to the evening performance in party clothes.

The church doors will open at 5:45pm ready for the performance to start at 6pm. It will finish by 6:40pm and children must be collected from the church by an adult. We'll send the KS2 children home first and once the church is less crowded we'll put the Year 1s and 2s back on the stage so parents can take photos before they go home. Please remember 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 10th December at 2pm. The dress rehearsal and performances will take place in St Thomas a Becket church.

Christmas lunch

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

Tuesday 17th December for Ash and Oak

Wednesday 18th 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.

Carol Service

Our annual carol service in church will take place at 10am on Friday 20th December which will consist of readings, congregational carols and the choir singing some of the carols they learnt this term. You are invited to join us for our final Christmas celebration of 2024.



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School Diary Autumn 2024

Term 2

11/12/24 - Nativity performances
2pm & 6pm

17/12/24 - KS1 Christmas dinner

18/12/24 - KS2 Christmas dinner

20/12/24 - last day of term &
Carol Service 10am in the church

Term 3

06/01/25 - SDDay

07/01/25 - first day of term

13/02/25 - KS2 tests meeting for
parents 3:30pm

14/02/25 - last day of term

Term 4

24/02/25 - first day of term

01/04/25 - parents evening

03/04/25 - parents evening

04/04/25 - last day of term

Term 5

22/04/25 - first day of term

19-23/05/25 - Yr6 Jamie's Farm

23/05/25 - last day of term

Term 6

02/06/25 - first day of term

25-27/06/25 - Yr 4 Braeside

23/07/25 Leavers' service 2pm
in the church & last day of term

24/07/25 - SDDay

Admissions consultation

Mosaic Partnership Trust are consulting on the proposed admission arrangements for all twelve of its schools for the academic year 2026/27.

Information about the arrangements and how to respond to the consultation can be found on our [website](http://www.box.wilts.sch.uk). The consultation runs until Monday 16th December 2024.

Mrs Cobb

We are very sorry to say that Mrs Cobb is leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Cobb has been a Teaching Assistant and midday supervisor with us for over 10 years. During her time with us, she has mainly worked with our key stage two children, but does pop into Ash Class once a week for an afternoon and has supported Oak Class with their English lessons this year.

Mrs Cobb is well known to all of the children and over the years has been on many trips with us including swimming at the Springfield Centre, our residential trips to Braeside and Jamie's Farm Monmouth and most recently to the British Museum and the Palace of Westminster this week. We will all miss Mrs Cobb in January and send her our very best wishes.

Attendance

As a school we have a legal duty to promote and support our children to have good attendance. This is set out in our attendance policy and includes how we manage registers. Morning registration starts at 8:55am and lasts for 10 minutes. Children arriving after this time will be marked as having an unauthorised absence, unless it is for an authorised reason. The attendance policy and other information about absences can be found on the [Attendance](#) page of the school website.

Reducing the spread of winter illnesses

The UK Health Security Agency has posted a blog that includes simple steps that can be taken to reduce the spread of stomach bugs and winter illnesses to ensure children stay healthy this winter. You can read it using this link '[A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school year](#)'



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.