



November 2023



OFSTED INSPECTION

You should all have hopefully received a copy of the report from the recent Ofsted inspection, judging us to be a Good school. The report is available on the school website if you have not seen a copy.

BOOK FAIR

We will be having a book fair in the school hall, after school until 4pm, from Thursday 30th November- Wednesday 6th December. All the children will get a chance to visit during one of the days and create a 'wishlist' that they can bring home and you can pay online.



PTFA CHRISTMAS MARKET (Friday 8th December)

The children can choose and wrap gifts from the PTFA's Christmas market - payable on ParentPay.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY (Friday 8th December)

Children can wear their jeans and festive jumpers in exchange for a small donation, which will be split between Douglas Macmillan Hospice and the Westlands PTFA.

KS1 & RECEPTION CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES (12th & 13th December)

The children in Reception and Little Stars will be doing a Christmas performance on Tuesday 12th December at 2:15pm. Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing 'A Christmas Recipe' on Wednesday 13th December at 2:15pm.

Letters have been sent out regarding tickets.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES (KS1 Monday 18th December

KS2 Wednesday 20th December)

Children will have their Christmas parties and can wear non-uniform on these days – no need to bring anything in, everything will be provided.

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CAROL SERVICE AT ST ANDREWS (Tuesday 19th December)

The carol service this year will be for all of Key Stage 2 (Year 3 upwards). Parents are very welcome to attend the service at 9:30am on Tuesday 19th December, at St Andrews church.

CHRISTMAS DINNER (Wednesday 20th December)

Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 20th December – order forms will be sent out shortly as we do require Christmas dinner to be pre-ordered.

SINGING CLUB PERFORMANCE (Thursday 21st December)

Mr Mainwaring's singing club will be at the bottom of the drive at pick up time on the last day of term to sing some songs and send everyone off with festive cheer!

SCHOOL LUNCHES – PAYMENT IN ADVANCE PLEASE!

The cost of school lunches remains at £2.40 a day (£12.00 per week).

Could we please remind parents that school meals should be paid for in advance via ParentPay – if your child requires a school dinner, please ensure their school meal account is in credit. Thank you to the many parents who do keep their accounts topped up.

The Key Stage 2 tuck shop has remained very popular, with toast (20p a slice), cheesy oatcakes (60p each) and teacakes (35p for half) on offer – again, these should be paid for in advance, thank you.

You are able to set up your child's account on ParentPay with an 'auto top-up' which adds money automatically when your child's balance drops below a certain amount. Contact the office if you require any assistance with that.

ACADEMY PHOTOS DEADLINE

Any offline orders for the school photos taken this month need to be in school by tomorrow, the 29th November.

NEW VIC - THE NUTCRACKER

We will be taking all of Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) to see the New Vic's production of the Nutcracker on Thursday 25th January. A letter will be coming home soon with more details.

DATES FOR 2023-24

November

- 23 Year 4 Victorian morning
30 - 6 Dec Book Fair (school hall after school)

December

- 5 Governors meeting (Teaching & Learning Committee)
8 PTFA Christmas Market
Christmas Jumper Day
12 Reception and Little Stars Christmas Performance, 2:15pm
13 Year 1 and Year 2 - A Christmas Recipe, 2:15pm
18 KS1 Christmas Parties
19 KS2 Carol Service, 9:30am, St Andrew's Church
20 KS2 Christmas Parties
Christmas Dinner
21 School closes for Christmas holiday
22 INSET day (school closed to pupils)

January

- 8 Children and staff back in school
23 Robin Hood performance (in school for Reception & Key Stage 1)
25 Key Stage 2 go to the New Vic to see the Nutcracker

February

- 6 Full Governors meeting
12-16 Half Term

March

- 11-15 Year 5 at Standon Bowers all week
19 Governors meeting (Finance Committee)
22 School closes for Easter holiday

April

- 8 Children and staff back in school

May

- 21 Full Governors meeting
27-31 Half Term

June

- 27 Reception and Y6 Class photos, Y6 individual Leavers photos

July

- 2 Governors meeting (Teaching & Learning Committee)
19 School closes for Summer holiday
22 INSET day (staff only)