



NOVEMBER 2024

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils,

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful October half-term break! It's fantastic to see everyone back, refreshed, and ready for the exciting term ahead. As we enter the second half of the autumn term, there is a wonderful buzz of anticipation in the air with plenty of activities and festive events planned!

Exciting New Addition: The Scooter Track!

We're thrilled to announce that our brand-new scooter track is now open! The children have already been enjoying this fantastic addition during their playtimes. It's been designed with both fun and safety in mind, allowing the children to practice their scooter skills while staying active.

Upcoming Christmas Events

The festive season is just around the corner, and we have a delightful line-up of Christmas activities planned to celebrate this special time of year:

Christmas Fair (Monday, December 2nd): Join us for a fun-filled afternoon with stalls, games, and of course, a visit from Santa himself! It's a great opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit and maybe pick up a few early presents.

Nativity Play (9th/10th December): Our Foundation Stage and Year 1 children have been working hard preparing for their annual Nativity play. Parents are welcome to come and watch this heartwarming performance as the children bring the Christmas story to life. Our Year 2 children will be performing at Church on Monday December 16th, singing a few of our favourite carols.

Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas Lunch (Friday, December 13th): Let's spread some festive cheer! Pupils and staff are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumpers, and we will also enjoy our School Christmas Lunch. With festive fun including a traditional Christmas meal, crackers, and lots of laughter. Please ensure any dietary requirements are updated with the school office.

End of Term Christmas Party (Thursday, December 19th): We'll be celebrating the end of term with class parties and music

Sponsored Santa Run (Friday, December 20th): We are excited to end the term with a bang through our Sponsored Santa Run! All pupils (and staff!) will be donning Santa hats and festive attire as we run, jog, or walk around the school field. This is a great way to raise funds for the school while having lots of fun. Parents are warmly invited to join us for this special event—whether you want to run alongside your child or cheer from the sidelines, your support will make

the day even more memorable! Sponsorship forms will be sent out soon, and we appreciate any contributions towards this festive fundraiser. We are looking forward to a joyful and productive end to the year and can't wait to share in the magic of the festive season with all of you.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement. If you have any questions about the upcoming events, please feel free to contact the school office.

Let's make this half-term one to remember! See you at the Santa Run! 🧑🏻‍🎄 🌲

Warm regards,

Jane Marson

Attendance

Important Notice: Changes to Term-Time Holidays and Unauthorised Absence

We would like to take a moment to remind parents and guardians about recent changes to the policy on term-time holidays and how unauthorised absences are handled, as this has caught a few families by surprise.

New Guidelines:

Term-Time Holidays: Taking children out of school for holidays during term time is strongly discouraged. Schools are legally required to keep attendance records and ensure that pupils are present during term dates. Requests for holidays during term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and parents must seek approval from the school in advance by completing an absence request form.

Unauthorised Absence: If a pupil is absent without prior approval, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. This can impact your child's attendance record and may lead to further action. Please be aware that unauthorised absences may result in a penalty notice (fine) issued by the local authority.

We understand that there may be unexpected situations or emergencies that require children to be away from school. In such cases, please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we can discuss and offer support where needed.

Maintaining good attendance is crucial for your child's learning and development, and we appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that all absences are properly communicated and managed. If you have any questions or need further clarification on the updated policy, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Attendance from September 4th until October 25th

Class	%
FS1 Mrs Silverwood	92%

FS2 Mrs Buss/Mrs Kitching	95%
FS2 Mrs Wilkinson	94%
Y1 Miss Carrick	96%
Y1 Miss Habbal	96%
Y2 Miss Stathers/Mrs O'Loughlin	96%
Y2 Miss Dale	95%
Y3 Mrs Smith	96%
Y3 Miss Beales	95%
Y4 Mrs Williams	96%
Y4 Mr Morgan	96%
Y5 Miss Cebe	96%
Y5 Miss Santos	95%
Y6 Mrs Yardley	98%
Y6 Mr Sutton	92%
Y6 Miss Mead	96%

Whole school attendance for the first half of the Autumn Term is 95%

You may remember that we had an attendance challenge running for October. The winners of the Rock up tickets were Krane P and Amelia S. Well done both – we hope you have a fabulous time!



We have been busy...



What a fantastic time Hub 2 had at the Panathlon challenge! Team work earned us enough points to become the gold medal winners!



Year 2 have been using the base 10 in maths to add 2 digit numbers



Year 6 have started their music lessons this half term with Mrs Stallard

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Year 6 Residential

The Year 6 children have just returned from a successful trip to High Adventure. They had a fantastic time and had the opportunity to try lots of new activities, including abseiling, rock climbing, archery and many team building activities. The children were exceptionally well behaved, and they all made the most of every opportunity. Well done Year 6! A huge thank you to the staff that gave their own time to accompany the children on their residential.



Year 5 Edinburgh Trip

Meanwhile the Year 5 children have been to Edinburgh! This overnight experience included visits to the amazing Dynamic Earth, Camera Obscura and The Scottish Museum. The children slept on a church hall floor for the night and they all had an amazing time!



Many thanks to Children's University for supporting this trip!



Dates for your diary

Autumn Term	
4 th November	Back to School
6 th / 7 th / 8 th November	Y6 Residential
11 th November	Remembrance Assembly
W/C 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
12 th November	Odd Socks Day
15 th November	Children In Need
W/C 18 th November	Road Safety Week
25 th November	White Ribbon Day
2 nd December	Christmas Fair
9 th December	Foundation Stage/ Year 1 Nativity Afternoon Performance to parents
10 th December	Foundation Stage/ Year 1 Nativity Afternoon Performance to parents
13 th December	Christmas Jumper/ Lunch Day
16 th December	Year 2 Christmas Performance @ St Nicolas Church (TBC)
17 th December	Christmas Choir Concert

19 th December	Christmas Party Day
20 th December	Sponsored Santa run
20 th December	Break up for Christmas

School Holiday Dates

Date	Open/Close
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	School opens
Friday 25 th October 2024	School closes for Half Term
Monday 4 th November 2024	School opens
Friday 20 th December 2024	School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	School opens
Friday 14 th February 2025	School closes for Half term
Monday 24 th February 2025	School opens
Friday 4 th April 2025	School closes for Easter
Wednesday 23 rd April 2025	School opens
Monday 5 th May 2025	School closed for Bank Holiday
Friday 23 rd May 2025	School closes
Monday 2 nd June 2025	School opens
Friday 18 th July 2025	School closes for Summer