



Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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Foreword

I do believe that this is the busiest time of the year! We've got so much going on in school and so many things to celebrate!

Please take the time to read through the Newsletter so that you're informed about everything that's coming up over the next few weeks.

All the children are busy preparing for their Christmas performances, whilst also working hard in the classrooms.

We're all excited about the new Trim Trail and Playground equipment being installed later this month and all the treats we've got lined up for the children!



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Stars of the week!

Isla Brown, Olivia Collis, Jayden Jones, Shanti Robinson, Ari Woodhouse, Priyala Edmunds, Axel Dingle, Roman Irons, Charlie Hunt, Mia Watts, Regan Haigh, Aria Owen, Dior Cheshire, Georgie Waterhouse, Erin Appleton, Isaac Bacon, Oliver Coles, Dolly Drennan, Oscar Norton, Hartley Shenstone, Oliver Wray, Jesse Watson, Polly Jagielski, Sullivan Hanson, Alexander Marshall, Taylor Douglas, Lola Johnson, Avery King,

Jesse Rose, Maisie Ansell, Harley Upton, The whole of 2P! Paige Ranger, Maddison Taylor, Harvey Harrington, Jett Roberts, Mia Maskell, Samuel Mok, Jack Faircloth, Harmony Powis, Theodore Douglas, Millie Delamont, Harry Startin, Daisy Walters, Evie Gibson-Collins, Kayla Fiddler, Hunor Beck, Annabella Stilgoe, Euan Blower, Jack McGeown, Adam Butler, Evelyn Curry, William Breen, Evie Mae Mullan, Pippa Madeley, Harriet Soetendal,

Harley Jones, Chloe Collis, Ollie Manning, Oliver McGeown, Rex Smale, Chester Castello, Bodhi Dingle, Miah Williams, Evie-Lou Poxon, Charlie, Matty, Esmae, Teddie, Charles, Oliver, Isabelle Jones, Elliot Gibson-Collins, Emilee Hall-Williams, Sophie Dennis, Olivia Odejimi, Callum Murray-Ferris, Katherine Fountain, Emma Collins, Oliver Jarvis, Skyler Cockayne, Zach Jagielski, Thea Bynt, Thomas Heming, Avery Bennett, Harrison Delamont, Jessica Fisher

Love of Learning...

- dream big, have a thirst for learning and achieve your ambitions...

Encouraging...

- to be supportive of yourself and others and value everyone's ideas...

Adaptable...

- being versatile, creative and being prepared to take risks...

Determination...

- being resilient when the going gets tough...

Attendance Heroes!

Firstly, Class 20 won a prize from SCC for their amazing photo, which many of you voted for on Facebook.

Winners in October:

w/c 6th Oct – 2P
w/c 13th Oct – 3FH
w/c 20th Oct – 3FH



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Harvest Hope – A Performance to Remember

At the end of last half term, Year 3 delighted their audiences with a wonderful performance of *Harvest Hope*.

The children told the story of Jack and his friends as they explored the true meaning of harvest. By the end, they discovered that harvest is not just about gathering food, but also about sharing and supporting others -especially through donations to our local food banks.

The pupils performed brilliantly, bringing a warm autumnal feeling to everyone watching. The songs were a particular highlight, with many quickly becoming favourites at home! And of course, *the cheese song* was unforgettable -if you saw the performance, you may still be singing it now!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 3 children for their hard work, enthusiasm and wonderful teamwork. Well done Year 3!

Here are the cheeses:



We're very excited to see all our other year groups perform for their parents throughout the year. Next up – the whole school will be joining in Christmas performances – see the article later in the Newsletter – and we have an exciting Easter production from Year 4 and 5 – more information coming soon!

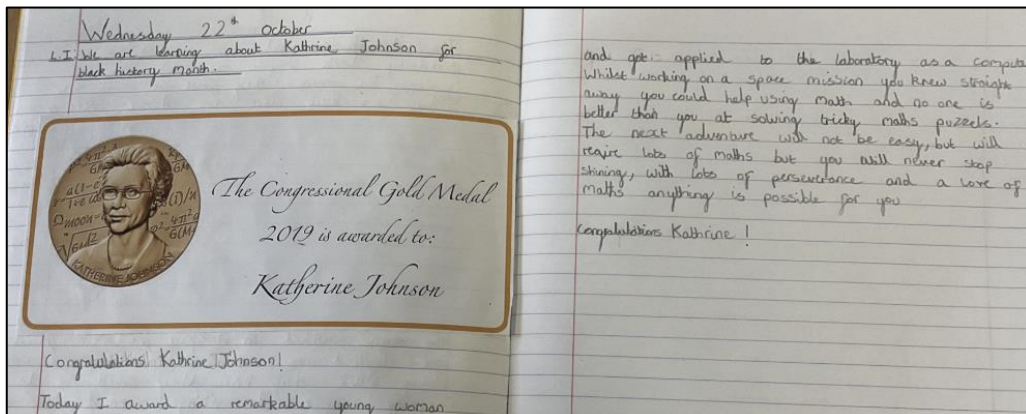


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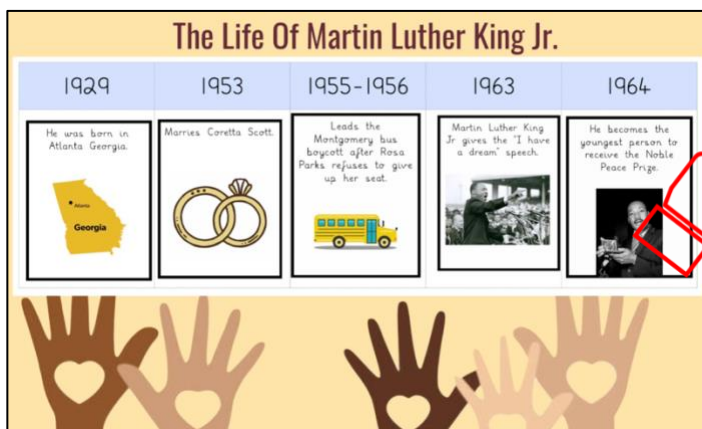
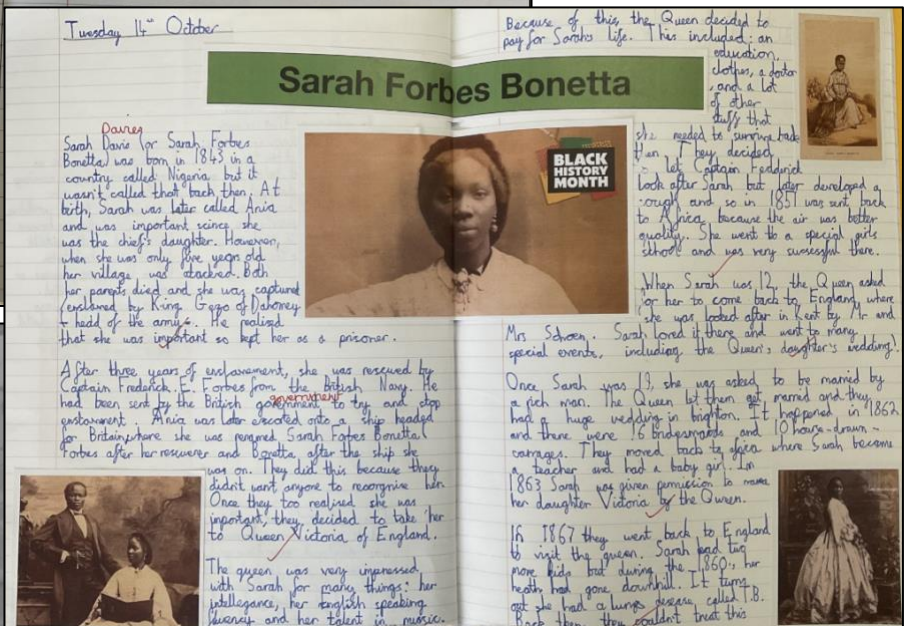
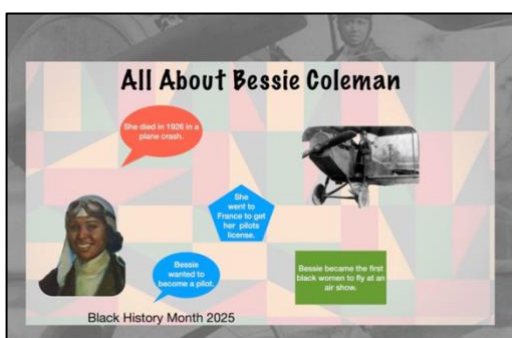
Celebrations - what we've been up to

Black History Week

Fulfen celebrated Black History Week this October. The children always love the opportunity to learn about an inspiring person, who often had to overcome unimaginable prejudice to achieve something truly remarkable. From the first black woman in space - Mae Jemison - to a family friend of Queen Victoria - Sarah Forbes Bonetta - the children have studied men and women from various countries. This is some of the lovely work the children created that week:



Tap on the astronaut image at the bottom of the page to see the full piece of work on Seesaw!



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Garden Update

Our Garden Club have been busy preparing the allotment for the winter:



On the last day of garden club for this season, we carved pumpkins and had hot chocolate and toffee apples with the parents!



Active Travel Day



Our Eco Ambassadors worked alongside Maxine Mallen from Staffs County Council to become Active Travel Inspectors. We had a Be Bright, Be Seen Assembly for the whole school to promote safety during the darker nights.

Max also spoke to Year 2 children about “Air Aware”, which includes thinking about driving to school and leaving car engines idling.

Celebrations - what we've been up to

Walk/Scoot to School Week!

As usual, this was a great success – here are a few photographs from the week:

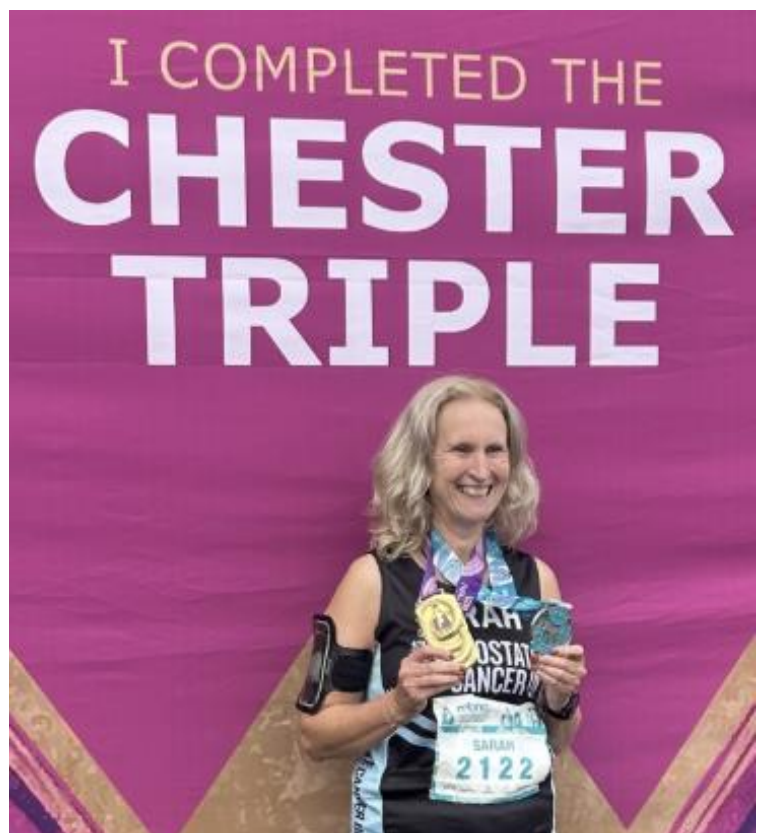


Mrs Shermer did it!

Huge congratulations go to Mrs Shermer for completing the Chester Marathon! Here she is after the race – she makes it look easy!

Thank you to all of the Fulfen Community who backed her – together, we've raised over £700 for Prostate Cancer UK. Mrs Shermer is very grateful for the kind donations and comments from parents, children and staff.

Well done Mrs Shermer!



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Sports News

Autumn 2



A big well done to our Y5/6 boys who took part in a football tournament at EDA on Monday 6th October. Although we had a goal from Zak and two from Arthur, we missed out on getting through to the semi finals.



A huge well done to our Fulfen girls' football team! They played brilliantly in their tournament on Thursday 17th October, winning all three of their matches and securing a place in the final after half term. For some of the girls, it was their first time playing a football match! We're so proud of you!



Celebrations - what we've been up to



We are absolutely thrilled to share the fantastic success of our recent **Great Athletes Event**! The children did an amazing job taking part in the sports circuit, showing great determination, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout the day.

Thanks to your incredible support and generous sponsorship, we raised a **staggering £5,017!** 🎉

Of this total, **60% will go directly to the school** to help us purchase much-needed **new sports equipment**, and **40% will support the Great Athletes organisation**, helping to inspire even more children to stay active and healthy.

We couldn't have achieved this without your encouragement, sponsorship, and community spirit. Thank you for helping to make this event such a tremendous success — our children truly are *great athletes*!



Tap on the article above to play a video from the event!



Useful Information & what's coming up

An 'Easy' way to raise funds for school!

As we're coming up to Christmas, there's no better time than to sign up to easyfundraising for Fulfen Primary School. Every time you shop with thousands of brands, they will make a small 'thank you' donation to our school at absolutely no cost to you!

You just need to

- register here: [Funds for Fulfen](#)
- download the easyfundraising app: [for apple](#) or [for android](#)
- follow the instructions to enable a donation reminder each time you shop online.



NB – Some apps won't work straight from the app. For example, if you have an Amazon account, rather than shopping via the Amazon app, Go to the easyfundraising app, find Amazon and click "shop now" and complete your purchase as normal to get cash back for Fulfen.

Remembrance Day Reminder

Mrs Ashcroft has put out a plea for parents to send in any photos, medals, letters, artefacts or family stories linked to WWI or WWII or current service in the forces to add to her display by the school hall to honour those who have served. This stunning display creates an eye-catching reminder to us all and the artefacts will enhance its meaning.

Please send them in no later than 7th November (tomorrow), labelled with your child's name and class. Artefacts will be handled with care and returned promptly.



Useful Information & what's coming up

Fulfen Club Playground Installation!

At the end of November, we will see the installation of a new playground in Club.

Fulfen Club are having a brand new installation in their playground and can't wait to see the children exploring and enjoying it together.

This new equipment is a special place for Fulfen Club children to make happy memories with their friends.



Booking Forms for December have just been sent out – please complete a booking form by 15th November to secure your child's place next month.

Children had a fabulous time at our half term holiday club – from creative crafts and outdoor games to themed days – the children had the best time enjoying all the activities in our safe and happy environment.

Upcoming Christmas Get-togethers

School is always full of festive excitement in the run-up to Christmas!

- **Reception** will delight parents with singing in the forest at **2:45pm on 11th & 12th December** on their normal Forest School Days.
- **Pre-School** will welcome parents in at **9:30am on 11th December** for a play and stay sing-along.
- **Key Stage 2** will host “Christmas Songs Around the Tree” on the playground straight after school on **9th December**, with festive treats available.
- **Key Stage 1** will perform “*Knock, Knock: The Nativity*”, an energetic and comical performance **at 9:30am on 15th and 2:30pm 16th December**.
- The **Christmas Choir Concert** will take place at **Christ Church on 16th December at 6:30pm**.

Events during the school day will be *ticketed* – so please watch out for the email!

Useful Information & what's coming up

Poppy Merchandise Now Available

We have lots of poppy merchandise, which is on sale in the school office every break time until next Monday. Our pupil ambassadors will also take paper poppies around to classrooms each afternoon so please send in change for this.



Remembrance - Uniforms

We would like to invite children from uniformed organisations (such as Guides, Scouts, St John's Ambulance etc) that take part in remembrance parades on the Sunday to come to school in their uniforms on Tuesday 11th November as a sign of respect.

Snack

As you know, we've gone cashless for snack. Now that it's had time to settle, this new system seems to be working really effectively.

Did you know you can set up a top-up alert in ParentPay to remind you if the balance is getting low? It's simple:

- Log into ParentPay
- Go to "**Communications**"
- Go to "**Alert Settings**"
- Find "**Breaktime Snack Y1-6**" under **Balance Alerts**, set the threshold for when you want a reminder and tick the **email** box (emails are free!)
- Click "Save" at the bottom.



This should ensure that there are funds there for whenever your child orders snack. N.B. You can set up text alerts, but need to add to the text alert balance and each text cost 7p.

Useful Information & what's coming up

SEND Coffee Morning



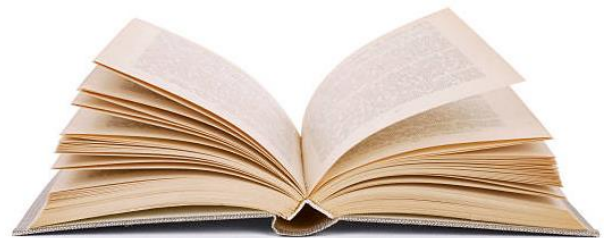
On Monday 19th January, we will be holding a SEND Coffee morning, which will be an informal opportunity for any parents of pupils with SEND to network.

Miss Sturch, our deputy head, will be there as well as our SENCo, Mrs Harris and Lewis Field, our SEND governor.

An email will be sent to all parents of children with SEND nearer the time.

Reading Workshops for Parents

Over the next couple of weeks, we'll be holding **Reading Workshops for parents** for children in KS2.



Reading is at the heart of everything we do and we want every child to develop a love of books as well as the skills and confidence to become fluent, thoughtful readers.

These short, after-school sessions will give you the chance to hear from your child's class teacher about how reading is taught and supported in school and how you can best help at home. Teachers will share practical ideas, recommended authors and texts and strategies to make reading at home more enjoyable and effective.

Whether your child is still developing fluency or already devouring chapter books, these sessions are designed to help every family support reading progress.

Workshops will start at 5:30pm on:

Monday 17th November for Years 3 & 4

Monday 24th November for Year 5 & 6

We'd love to see as many parents as possible as we work together to make sure that reading remains a priority for every child.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Trim Trail Being Installed!

This time last year, our LEAD Ambassadors shared their vision to create a trim trail on our school grounds that could be enjoyed by children across the school. Their aim was to develop an exciting and engaging space for play, teamwork and active fun. This is where our trim trail project first began.

With the guidance of Mrs N. Fierro-Hammond, planning for our new trim trail began. In the Spring term, a whole-school fundraising event raised over £5,000 (with Miss Davies and Miss Sturch showing great spirit as they were covered in custard!).

Our efforts continued and, following a successful grant application led by Mrs Steele and Mrs Fierro-Hammond, we were awarded an additional £4,500 from the Noel Sweeny Fund. After careful planning and design work, we are thrilled to confirm that the installation will take place at the end of this month!

While the all-weather surface remains part of our long-term goal, this will require around £14,000 in further funding. We would love to hear from any parents, local businesses or community groups interested in supporting this next stage.

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated, planned and believed in this exciting project—we can't wait to see our pupils enjoying the new space!



The Trim Trail will be installed at the end of November around our current tyres next to the KS2 playground and includes a balance beam, bridge, log traverse, scramble net, posts and double roll over bars.



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Useful Information & what's coming up



University Hospitals of
Derby and Burton
NHS Foundation Trust

Dear Parent/Guardian

Vision Screening/Eye Tests ARE NOT provided within schools.

We strongly recommend that all children have regular eye tests at an Optician once a year.

NHS Eye tests for ALL children are free at any Opticians.

It is important that even children with apparently normal vision should be tested. As children can often compensate very well for some eye problems which need to be identified and treated early to avoid lifelong visual loss.

The Eye test checks that your child's vision is developing normally. It is performed at this age so that any reduced vision or difference in vision between each eye can be picked up before the visual system is fully developed and any treatment can be started.

You do not need to do anything, if your child:

Is currently under the care of an Eye Specialist (Ophthalmologist / Orthoptist / Optometrist) at a Hospital Eye Clinic.

Or

Is currently under the care of a local Optometrist (Optician) or had a recent sight test.

If none of the above applies, please arrange with your local Opticians for your child to have a free NHS Eye Test.

Yours sincerely,

Orthoptic Department

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have **two vacancies** for **Parent Governors** on our school's governing body. I am writing to inform you of the election arrangements and to invite you to stand for election. Parent Governors are appointed for a period of up to four years, irrespective of whether their children remain at the school during that time.



Parents who are willing and eligible to stand as a candidate should complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/sY6QxwNTjH>

Please include a brief statement outlining what you would bring to the role. This statement will be shared with parents to help inform their vote. You will also need to provide the names of **two parents** who support your nomination.

Parents of all children currently registered at the school are entitled to stand for election or to nominate others. For these purposes, the term 'parent' includes a step-parent, guardian, or any other person with parental responsibility. *Please note: if you are employed at this school for more than 500 hours per year (i.e. more than one third of full-time hours), you are **not eligible** to stand for election. You are, however, still entitled to vote.*

Completed nomination forms must be returned to school **no later than Monday 17th November 2025**.

Following the closing date, all parents will receive a link to a ballot paper via School Spider, which will include details of each candidate. Parents will then be invited to cast their vote. To comply with statutory regulations, the ballot will be confidential.

The results will be shared with parents as soon as the votes have been counted.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be involved in our school!



EYFS Open Days

Extra slots now available on 18th November. Click on the image below to book in:



FULFEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION

OPEN DAYS

**TUES 18TH NOV 2025 &
THURS 8TH JAN 2026
9:15AM - 11:15AM**

Don't miss this year's school registration to open the door to the best educational opportunities for your child.



Our Head Teacher, Deputy Head, or Head of Early Years will be delighted to give you a guided tour of the school, with some of our Pupil Ambassadors on hand to share what school life is really like.

REGISTER NOW

There are two separate, hour-long slots available to book on each day.



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Useful Information & what's coming up

What's on an iPad?

Our children's iPads are invaluable to support them with their learning! Not only do they use it as a tool within lessons to assist with accessing help or lesson content to support with their written work, but they also use them creatively, making digital artefacts to embed or extend their learning. Here is a selection of apps that we use in school:



Seesaw – Our digital journal where children upload and share their learning with parents – a great window into the classroom!



ChatterPix – Children can give any image a mouth, record their voice, and watch their creation speak – a fun way to present ideas or characters.



iMovie – Perfect for budding filmmakers! Children combine video, photos, text and sound to create their own short films or trailers.



Keynote – Like PowerPoint but more creative – used to design posters, presentations, animations and even short videos.



Clips – A fun video app where pupils can film, add text, emojis and music to bring learning to life.



Padlet – A shared online noticeboard where the whole class can post ideas, build vocabulary or collect resources together.



Pic Collage – A quick and colourful way to combine photos, text and backgrounds to present work beautifully.



Number Frames & Number Pieces – Visual maths tools that help children understand addition, subtraction and place value.



Sketchbook – A digital art studio for sketching, shading and experimenting with creative design.



Abacus & Arrow Cards – Interactive maths activities that build number sense and understanding of place value.



Hit the Button – Quick-fire maths games that challenge mental recall of number facts and times tables.



Arrays – Helps children visualise multiplication and division through clear array patterns.



Number Chart – A digital hundred square used for spotting patterns, counting and number investigations.



Geoboard – A hands-on tool for exploring 2D shapes, symmetry and angles through digital elastic bands and pins.

Other apps are added as needed; for example, Arduino to measure sound or light for science experiments.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Dates for your diary

Friday 7th November – Deadline to bring in artefacts linked to WWI, WWII or current service in the forces

Monday 10th November – Y3/4 Football

Tuesday 11th November – Y1 Animal Man Visit

Wednesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day (to support Anti-Bullying Week)

Thursday 13th November – Packington Farm in school (EYFS)

Friday 14th November – Children in Need – Wear Spots or Pyjamas – £1 donation

Monday 17th November – deadline for Parent Governor nominations

Monday 17th November – LKS2 Reading Workshop

Tuesday 18th November – Y3 School Trip

Tuesday 18th November – Reception Open Morning – booking required

Tuesday 18th November and Wednesday 19th November – rearranges parents' evening for PS and 2P

Wednesday 19th November – Y5 School Trip

Friday 21st November – Flu Vaccinations

Monday 24th November – UKS2 Reading Workshop

Tuesday 25th November – Pre-School open afternoon for prospective parents.

Wednesday 3rd December – Y2 School Trip

Tuesday 9th December – Songs around the Christmas Tree, KS2

Wednesday 10th December – School Discos

Thursday 11th December – PS Christmas sing-along 9:30am (ticket required)

Thursday 11th December – R1 Forest Songs 2:45pm (ticket required)

Thursday 12th December – R2 Forest Songs 2:45pm (ticket required)

Friday 12th December – Feel Good Friday & Reward Afternoon (no uniform)

Monday 15th December – KS1 Production 9:30am (ticket required)

Tuesday 16th December – KS1 Production 2:30pm (ticket required)

Tuesday 16th December – Christmas Choir at Christ Church, 6:30pm

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Friday 19th December – Christmas Party Day – last day of term

