



Newsletter November 2025

As the calendar is about to become very crowded indeed, I thought it would be worth just catching up with a few bits and pieces before the madness begins!

Open Classroom - Monday 17th November

Our second Open Classroom event of the year will take place Monday 17th November from the end of the school day until 3:45pm in the Infant Department and 4pm in the Junior Department. Children will, I'm sure, be keen to share their hard work and efforts over the last half term.

Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 10th December

Wednesday 10th December is Christmas Dinner Day, and as usual, children are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper (or something equally festive) for the day. Think of it as an early Christmas present – Wednesday 10th December is a non-uniform day, with a Yuletide twist!

Internet Safety

Thank you for your responses after the recent online safety email. It is worth reminding you that the school website has, in the Information for Parents section, a really comprehensive page about Online Safety, with lots of links and support available to help you navigate the online world. There is a section within the Online Safety page that will help you set up filters and parental controls on your internet ready devices, which is a good way to spend ten minutes on a dark winter's evening.

PTA Events

Thank you for all the kind donations towards the PTA's Christmas Hamper Raffle. Next week (Thursday 20th November) will see the return of the ever popular PTA Wreath Making event, and a week later it's even more exciting as they host a very special Supper with Santa on Friday 28th and Breakfast with Santa on Saturday 29th.

The PTA are amazing in the work they do. The money they have raised supports what we do in school in so many ways – at the moment, equipment for the Key Stage 2 Calm Room is arriving, and the playtime project would be stuck at the start line without the PTA's involvement, so I do hope you will be able to continue to support our hard working volunteers in their endeavours to try and provide wonderful experiences for the school community.

School Site Issues

Strap yourselves in – here's the part where I moan a bit, in the hope that someone, somewhere is going to take notice...

If you are waiting for your child in the Junior Department playground at the end of the school day, please supervise younger children. We know there are lots of exciting things lying around as we continue to prepare for our playtime project, but it is not a free for all. Children have recently been planting saplings on the field as we rewild an area, and have decided to protect the new plants with tyres. The tyres are not part of

an obstacle course, tempting as that may be, and the children would quite like the saplings they have worked hard to plant to not be destroyed or damaged by unsupervised children.

Parents are more than welcome to wait on the Junior playground at the end of the school day, but we do ask that parents/grandparents/adults are not on the Junior playground in the morning. It's also worth reminding parents that we lock the Junior playground entrance gates at 8:55, so adults who have dropped off at the Infants and use the field to cut across are likely to find themselves having to turn around and go all the way back!

I know that turning on Delamere Road is an issue (although it isn't if you walk to school...hint, hint) and I would ask that if you find the need to turn using the school carpark, you are mindful that there may be children around, and that children can sometimes do things we don't expect.

Midday Positions Available

We are looking to appoint two new midday assistants to help support our children at lunchtime. The role is rewarding and new middays would be joining a friendly, experienced team. If you are interested, please contact the school office as soon as possible, and we will be in touch with more details.

A Reminder About Our Christmas Performances

Indoor Events (Infant Department)

All of the following will take place in the Infant Department hall:

Monday 8th December at 9:00am - Reception Sing Song (RH parents)
Tuesday 9th December at 9:00am - Reception Sing Song (RJ parents)
Wednesday 10th December at 9:15am - Year 1 Nativity (1JW parents)
Thursday 11th December at 9:15am - Year 1 Nativity (1M parents)
Tuesday 16th December at 9:15am - Year 2 Nativity (2H parents)
Wednesday 17th December at 9:15am - Year 2 Nativity (2D parents)
Thursday 18th December at 9:00am – Nursery Singalong

Outdoor Event (Junior Department)

You are most welcome to join us on the Junior Site playground for an informal opportunity to spread a little Christmas cheer! Mrs Tatham will supply refreshments and mince pies while our Junior children share a few festive songs that they have been practising.

For those of you with children in our Infant Department, the singing will be over in plenty of time for you to collect from the Infant Site.

Thursday 18th December at 2:45pm Carols on the Playground (All Junior classes)

It's a busy half term, as you can probably tell, and one full of excitement and fun. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to at least one of our events – it will be lovely to see you!