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Primary School

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Diary Dates	
November	19 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> – Reception 2025 open sessions 20 <sup>th</sup> – EIFA Parent meetings 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Staff Training Day (school closed) 27 <sup>th</sup> – No Pens Day
December	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Pre-loved uniform ‘sale’ 5 <sup>th</sup> – Owls Class Assembly 12 <sup>th</sup> – KS2 trip to The Arts Theatre to see Cinderella 17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> – KS1 Nativity performances 17 <sup>th</sup> – KS2 Carol Service @ St Marys Church 19 <sup>th</sup> – Pupil Christmas Lunch 19 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day 19 <sup>th</sup> – Rocksteady Concert 20 <sup>th</sup> – Last Day of term
January	7 <sup>th</sup> – pupils return to school

### Children in need

We had great fun today raising funds for Children in Need. We took part in some ‘RunPudsey2024’ activities during the day. Mr Parker who is the Anglian Learning PE Lead, came along and encouraged the children to work together in teams as they took part in semi-competitive races. The children cheered each other on, and it was wonderful to hear them support each other. Children were awarded a medal, regardless of whether they won their race or not.



Thank you all for your generous donations to this worthy cause – together we raised £120!

### Anti-bullying week

This week has been anti-bullying week in school. Year 6 have spent a lot of time thinking about bullying, why people might become bullies and the impact that this may have on a person. Pietro from Year 6 told us that the class had written letters to make-believe students explaining what bullying is and what the different types of bullying might be. He said it was a very interesting topic that had really made him think!

### FIPS Disco

The school hall was full of laughter, dancing and excitement after school yesterday, as the FIPS team held their first disco of this academic year. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time and there were some wonderful heroes and villains costumes to see.



I am sure that you will join me in thanking the FIPS team for organising this event and for Ronnie, the DJ, for playing some fun and funky music.

### Pantomime trip 12.12.24

We are very much looking to the KS2 trip to see Cinderella at Cambridge Arts Theatre on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Could we remind parents that the second payment towards the costs of this trip is now due. We understand that this can be an expensive time of year but hope that you are able to make the required donation. Please be aware that if insufficient funds are received then the trip may need to be cancelled. Thank you for your support with this exciting trip.

### Staff Training Day

Just a little reminder that Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November is a staff training day meaning that school is closed to pupils. We will re-open on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November as normal.

### Year 1 visit to St Mary's Church



This week Year 1 visited St Mary's Church. The children did very well at working to and from the Church. When they arrived, they sat around the font. The children learnt the importance of the font and how the water becomes holy. Then, they watched a doll being christened and had the opportunity to ask the Vicar questions.



### Premier Holiday camps

The Premier team will be in school over Christmas running some exciting holiday camps. Camps will be open from 08:45 – 4:00pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.

There are various booking options for this venue which can be found online by visiting;

### [Holiday Camps - Premier Education](#)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact the Premier team on (01223) 631310

### Christmas events

December is just a moment away and before we know it, we will all be feeling very festive and exhausted!!

You will see from the diary at the start of the newsletter a list of wonderful traditional Christmas events that we are planning in school. We hope that you will be able to join us for some of these events and share the joy of the Christmas season with one and all. Further information about these events will follow separately, but if you have any questions please email the school office team.

### Road Safety Week

Next week is National Road Safety during which we will be talking to the children about how they can best take care of themselves and others whilst they are out of home and school. Road Safety Week is a nationwide campaign that focuses on raising awareness about road safety issues, including the prevention of accidents, injuries, and fatalities on the road. It emphasizes the importance of responsible driving, pedestrian safety, and the need for improved road infrastructure. Whilst we are teaching the children about how to improve their safety as they come and go from school, can we please remind parents who drive to school to set a positive example by always wearing your seatbelt and refraining from texting or using your phone while driving. Please also remember to drive cautiously when dropping your child off and collecting them at the end of the day as the roads around school are much busier at these times of the day. Thank you.



### Tennis Taster Sessions



The team from 'Over & In' were in school this week running some tennis taster sessions for years 5 and 6. They practised throwing and catching. They learnt how to correctly hit the ball using the forehand and backhand techniques. Finally, they played some games ensuring the ball was going over the net. The children really enjoyed themselves and asked if the 'Over & In' team would return for another session later in the year. Watch this space!

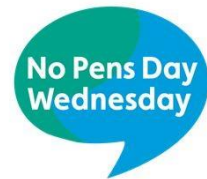


### Gardening Club

Please note that this week will be the last week for The Garden Gnomes. Since the clocks changed, it has become increasingly hard for Gardening Club to do much work in the poly tunnel as it gets so dark so early now. Mrs Seymour plans to restart the club, with the same members, once the clocks change again mid-March. The Gnomes will then have the chance to enjoy the benefits of their hard work this term as the shoots of new plants grow.

### EIFA drop in sessions

Sam Stacey, our Education Inclusion Family Advisor, is visiting school on Wednesday afternoon next week, 20<sup>th</sup> November. Sam will be here between 1:00 – 3:00pm and will be available for 20-minute, private meetings to support parents with any parenting concerns they may be having. Sam can help with ways to deal with sibling rivalry, or perhaps to help understand and manage worried children, or maybe sleep issues. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with Sam, please email the school office so that they can book you in.



### No Pens Day

'No Pens Day' is an exciting event taking place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. It's a chance for children to put their pens down, talk, listen, and take part in lots of pen-free activities, all whilst having fun. There are numerous ways we can communicate with each other that do not involve pens. There will be a range of activities taking place across school including 'Perfect Playdough' workshops, 'Backwards Pictionary' and even some miming!