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Primary School

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**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Diary Dates	
December	20 <sup>th</sup> – Last Day of term
January	7 <sup>th</sup> – Pupils return to school 15 <sup>th</sup> – Y5 Swimming lesson 1 15 <sup>th</sup> – Y3 trip to Whipsnade Zoo 17 <sup>th</sup> – Scooterbility



### Nativity Play

We are sure that Ducklings, Ladybirds and Hedgehog parents thoroughly enjoyed this week's Nativity Performances. The children all performed beautifully and sang loudly and happily. They all joined in with great enthusiasm and joy. Thank you to Miss Waddington, Miss Graves and Miss Walker and all the Key Stage 1 teaching assistants for their hard work and patience over the past few weeks. There have been many rehearsals both in the hall and in classrooms, but it was all worthwhile. Thank you to parents for your costume contributions, and for supporting your children with learning lines and songs! Well done everyone!

### Christmas Carol Service

It was time for Key Stage 2 to sing their Christmas hearts out on Tuesday evening. St Mary's Church was jam packed full of children and their families enjoying our traditional Christmas Carol Concert. I am sure that you will agree with me when I say how proud I was of Key Stage 2 and their acting and singing skills. Again, a huge thank you to Mrs Zarate, Miss Flight, Mrs Liber, Mrs Hodson, Miss Aboujeb and Miss O'Sullivan and all the Key Stage 2 teaching assistants for their support and encouragement in preparing the children for this wonderful and memorable occasion. Another well done from me!

### After School Clubs

After school clubs will restart in the New Year during week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Children will be informed of their new clubs on our return to school after Christmas. Parents are reminded to return their children's new after-school club choice letter by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

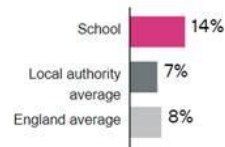
## School Results

We are delighted to inform you of our wonderful Y6 SATS results this year. As you can see from the image below we achieved above average results in all subjects.

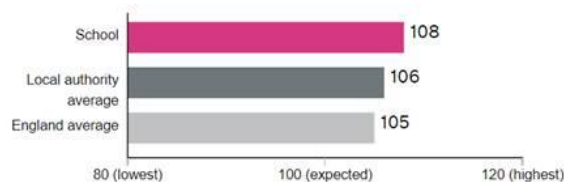
### **Pupils meeting expected standard in reading, writing and maths ?**



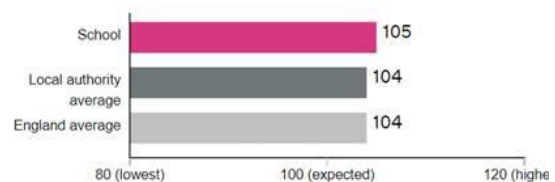
### **Pupils achieving at a higher standard in reading, writing and maths ?**



### **Average score in reading ?**



### **Average score in maths ?**



[The Icknield Primary School - Compare school and college performance data in England - GOV.UK](#)

Well done to everyone for their hard work in achieving these wonderful outcomes!

## Domestic Abuse at Christmas

Christmas can be a dangerous time for families. Financial pressures not helped by the cost of living crisis, makes trying to create the 'perfect' Christmas a worrying time and being cooped up together for long periods of time can be not only stressful but dangerous.

Please use this link <https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/> to find information about domestic abuse including advice leaflets and how to access local services.

Please be aware that any documents you download from this site may save to your computer's history. If this is a risk for you, please remember to delete the document from the computer (this is not the same as deleting internet history).

National Support - National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Local Contacts - Domestic Abuse Support Service (DASS) provides community based outreach support to victims and survivors of domestic abuse of any gender identity and any sexual orientation living in Cambridgeshire or Peterborough.

You can telephone DASS on freephone 0300 373 1073 or email [DASSreferrals@impakt.org.uk](mailto:DASSreferrals@impakt.org.uk)

Cambridge Women's Aid continue to provide a women's refuge and other services, please visit their website at [www.cambridgewa.org.uk](http://www.cambridgewa.org.uk)

Refuge continues to provide women's refuges in Cambridgeshire [www.refuge.org.uk](http://www.refuge.org.uk)




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### PE Timetable

As we approach the next half term, please could you ensure your child has their PE kits ready on the following days:

- **Tuesday:** Our gymnastics sessions continue for Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6.
- **Wednesday:** Year 5 will have swimming.
- **Friday:** We are thrilled to welcome a dance teacher for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Just a reminder of our PE kit:

-  White t-shirt
-  t-shirt
-  Trainers
-  Black
-  shorts
-  or joggers
-  No
-  jewellery
-  (including
-  earrings)
-  Black
-  jumper
-  or tracksuit
-  top

### Return to school

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Merry Christmas and super New Year. 2024 has been full of joy, new experiences and fantastic growth and progress. I hope you will look back on this past year with pleasure and feel as proud as I do of your children's achievements.

Everyone returns to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025. I look forward to hearing all about what a wonderful festive season you have enjoyed together and how you too are looking forward to the new term of more fantastic learning.

### Term dates & New Spring Term Menu

Term dates for the next academic year are now available for parents on the school website. Please click on the 'News and Events' page.

You can also find the new Spring term menus on the website now. They can be found on the Parents/School Menu page.

### Redundant Christmas Trees – Arthur Rank

The Arthur Rank Hospice Charity are operating their annual Christmas Tree Recycling scheme again this year. Their wonderful volunteers will come and collect your tree for you, in return for a donation

to Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. The Arthur Rank Hospice Charity has been operating a Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme for ten years, and in this time over £300,000 has been raised.

Registration is already open and closes on 5th January 2025. Collections will be made between 9-11th January 2025. Click on the QR code below to request a collection.



Volunteers are needed too – can you help? Why not start the year by volunteering a day of your time to help out with this valuable cause! Drivers with vans or crew mates as well as people to help at the various drop off points in and around Cambridge.

If you'd like to find out more please contact us on [christmastrees@arhc.org.uk](mailto:christmastrees@arhc.org.uk) or give them a call on 01223 675888 for a chat.