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**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Diary Dates	
<b>December</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> – FIPS Christmas Fayre 9 <sup>th</sup> – Year 5 visit to Kings College for Carol Service (morning) 9 <sup>th</sup> – KS1 Nativity Performance 2:00pm 9 <sup>th</sup> – Second hand Uniform Grab & Go 10 <sup>th</sup> – KS1 Nativity Performance 2:00pm 10 <sup>th</sup> – Year 3 and 4 to visit to Sawston Village College for a music performance 12 <sup>th</sup> – Rocksteady Concert 2:00pm 16 <sup>th</sup> – Ducklings Fun Festive Afternoon 2:00pm 17 <sup>th</sup> – KS2 Carol Concert @ St Mary's Church 6:00pm 18 <sup>th</sup> – Pupil Christmas lunch 18 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day 19 <sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Term
<b>January</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> – Staff Training Day 6 <sup>th</sup> – Pupils return to school for Spring Term

### Light Up the Christmas Tree Assembly

The magical dust appeared in school this week to light up the wonderful Christmas Tree in the school hall. Mrs Mitchel's hat twitched as the children wished and wished for the tree to light up. Magical dust was sprinkled and all the children screamed in delight when finally, their wishes were granted and the tree burst into light. We must say a huge thank you to FIPS for providing us with such a magnificent tree. The homemade decorations children and staff have created look wonderful, and everyone should be congratulated on their wonderful creations. The tree is a real spectacle.



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## FIPS Christmas Fair

We hope that you are all able to come to the FIPS Christmas Fayre this afternoon. School will be full of fun and festive cheer. Please come along and join in the fun – perhaps you could have a go on the chocolate/bottle tombola or visit Santa? We hope you all have a great afternoon and help raise funds for school at the same time.

The Fair runs from 5 – 7pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. There will be many events and games for the children to enjoy, as well as stalls selling Christmassy items – potential Christmas shopping opportunity!



Santa will obviously be ready to have a chat with children so that they can pass on what is on their Christmas list. There is no charge to see the big man – but there may be a queue as he is the man of the moment!

We must say a massive thank you and hats off to Mrs Wyncoll and Mrs Castang for their efforts in making our school look so festive during such a heavy downpour on Thursday afternoon! Christmas has definitely arrived!!



## KS1 Nativity Play

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are busily rehearsing for their grand performance of 'Simply The Nativity'. Performances take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00pm on both days. There are still tickets available, so if you would like more, please email the school office. We are kindly asking for a donation of £1 per ticket to help towards the cost of putting these performances on. Please understand that there are costs to putting on such a production, and your contributions are greatly appreciated. Payment for the tickets can be made via your MCAS account, or by cash to the school office. If you are able to donate more than this to support this then please do so.

There will be a cash collection for additional contributions to the production after each performance.

We understand that this is a treasured memory for everyone, and that you will want to take photographs of your child. Can we please remind you that some parents may have not given permissions for their child's photograph to be taken. Please be thoughtful of the photos that you take, and we ask that any that include other children are not posted on social media. Thank you for your understanding.

### Christmas Carol Concert

We are holding our annual KS2 Carol Concert at St Mary's church on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Children will be performing songs from 'Children around the World' this year and everyone is busy rehearsing the songs.

Children need to arrive at the church by 5:50pm for a prompt start at 6:00pm. All children are expected to wear school uniform. There will be no admission charge for this event, but a collection may be taken to help raise funds for the school and a chosen charity. Could parents please therefore have a small amount of change in your pockets if you would like to donate. The service should end at 7:15pm.

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner



The kitchen will be serving a delicious Christmas lunch to pupils and staff on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Lunch will be a traditional Roast turkey lunch with all the trimmings or a sage and Onion pastry roll is available as a vegetarian option. Dessert is a festive chocolate log or cookie. Sounds wonderful!

**Please remember that this will need to be pre-ordered as normal, by mid-night on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December so that the kitchen has enough for everyone! Please don't forget to pre-order, as there may not be enough to go round.**

### Christmas Jumper Day



So that we can make the 18<sup>th</sup> an extra special day we are inviting pupils and staff to wear a Christmas Jumper to school. The rest of uniform remains the same, just a different festive jumper! We look forward to seeing school full of Christmas colour and festive cheer!

### School Lunch Ordering

Many of you will be aware of an issue with ordering school lunches on the Innovate ordering system this week. Innovate are working on the problem hope to have it resolved before next week. If we experience the same problems next week, can we please ask you to keep your eyes on your emails or DOJO messages where the school office will contact you to ask you to confirm your lunch orders for the week. If you could please respond as quickly as possible it would be greatly appreciated so that the kitchen can manage the meals as efficiently as usual. Thank you.

### Preloved uniform Grab & Go

We will be holding a pre-loved uniform 'Grab & Go' after school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. This will take place in the school hall. Clean, good quality uniform in a range of sizes will be available for all families to access. The clothing is free of charge, but we will happily accept any donations that you are able to make.

Thank you to those of you who have made contributions of pre-loved uniform, but we have a lot of this now and do not have the capacity currently to take any more.

### Rocksteady Concert

Parents of children who attend Rocksteady are invited to attend their Christmas Concert on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The concert starts at 2:00pm and the 'Savage Snakes', '1234567', 'Chicken Nuggies' and 'Steal a Global Collection' are all ready to perform and show you all their wonderful learning. We hope that you enjoy this fantastic show and will congratulate the children on their achievement afterwards.

### Ducklings Fun Festive Afternoon



Miss Waddington has invited Ducklings parents into school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 2:00-2:30pm for a fun festive afternoon! There will be time to complete some Christmas themed activities with the children and to learn some jobs in the classroom! There is space for only one adult per child to attend please. If you are unable to attend, then there will be another similar for parents to attend at Easter.

### Post-box

Just a little reminder that there is a post-box on the wall outside of the school office to enable parents to drop off reply slips, or payments for trips for example. We hope that this will make life easier for parents as you will not need to join the queue in the foyer to drop things off in the office. If you are making a payment, please put the reply slip and money into a named envelope so that we can ensure payments are allocated correctly. The post-box will be emptied twice daily by the office team.



### Arthur Rank Hospice Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme

The Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme is a community initiative that allows residents to have their Christmas trees collected from their front doors for a small donation. This scheme aims to support hospice care across Cambridgeshire and has been a significant contributor to the charity's funding efforts. Collections will take place over three days, starting on 8<sup>th</sup> January until 10<sup>th</sup>, with a large team of volunteers and the support of

several local businesses. The initiative not only helps in disposing of surplus Christmas trees but also raises vital funds for hospice care.

Registration has already opened and closes on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026. To register please click on the QR code below.



### Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter December

Sam Stacey, our Education Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA) has asked us to distribute her December newsletter. You will find it sent alongside our newsletter. Sam may be able to provide support in a number of areas of family life. Details of issues that she can help with, and how to book onto one of her online sessions can be found at the bottom of her newsletter.

### Premier Holiday camps



The Premier team will be in school over Christmas running some exciting holiday camps. Camps will be open from 08:00 – 4:00pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025. The Premier team have asked us to remind parents of the 15% discount that is currently available. There are just under 3 weeks left before we break up this is a great opportunity for parents to save, on average, £4 per booking.

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

### Cambridge City Football Camps

Our friends at Cambridge City Football club are also running some holiday camps over the Christmas period. The camps take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and run from 10:00am until 2pm.

For more information click on the link below

[Christmas Camp | CCFC](#)

### Bus Stop on Lynton Way

Local residents may be interested in the following petition to bring a bus stop to Lynton Way. More information is available on the link below.

[Petition · Help Bring a Bus Stop to Lynton Way, Sawston – For My Mum and Our Community - Sawston, United Kingdom · Change.org](#)

### Peter Pan & Wendy 'Flying into Christmas'

A new adaptation of the Peter Pan & Wendy story, based on the book by J.M. Barrie, is being performed at the ADC Theatre in Cambridge from 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> December. The show is brought to life by a young cast from National Performing Academy's Young Drama programme. Performances take place at 7:45pm. For more information and to book tickets please call the ADC theatre on (01223) 300085 or visit [www.adctheatre.com](http://www.adctheatre.com)