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Primary School

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Friday 12th December 2025

Diary Dates	
December	16th – Ducklings Fun Festive Afternoon 2:00pm 17th – KS2 Carol Concert @ St Mary's Church 6:00pm 18th – Pupil Christmas lunch 18th – Christmas Jumper Day 19th – Last Day of Term
January	5th – Staff Training Day 6th – Pupils return to school for Spring Term

KS1 Nativity Play

We are sure that parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed watching their children perform 'Simply the Nativity' this week. The children sang beautifully and acted like absolute superstars!
Well done everyone – children and staff included, you have made us all very proud.

Year 5 visit to Kings College Chapel

Badgers Class were very lucky this week to have the opportunity to attend a Carol Service at Kings College Chapel. They had to leave school very early to catch the Citi7 bus to get to the service on time. Well done everyone for arriving on time!

The concert was marvellous, and the class had front row seats. The singing was breathtaking and the chapel was absolutely beautiful. Other local schools also attended the service, and it was simply quite wonderful to be a part of this.

Christmas Carol Concert

Our Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Carol Concert takes place at St Mary's church on Wednesday 17th 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.

Thank you from the FIPS Team

The FIPS Team have asked us to pass on their thanks to everyone's support at the wonderful Christmas Fair last week. As you can see, they raised a wonderful amount of funds for our school.

We must say a special thank you to Coles Accounting (Cambridge) Limited for donating Santa's Grotto books for a fourth year!

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Dinner

The kitchen will be serving a delicious Christmas lunch to pupils and staff on Thursday 18th 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 13th 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 Thursday 18th 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!

Ducklings Fun Festive Afternoon

Miss Waddington has invited Ducklings parents into school on Tuesday 16th December from **2:00-3:20pm** 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.

After School Clubs

Parents are reminded that this week was the last week for all after school clubs. Letters will be coming home next week outlining our offer of clubs for the Spring term.

Headlice

We have been told by a number of parents that their children have head lice. Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Head lice can make your head feel itchy. Can we kindly ask all families to check your child's hair for nits over the weekend and to treat if necessary. There is no need to purchase special chemicals or head washes. Head lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. A special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) can be purchased from the local pharmacy or online. Then wash hair with ordinary shampoo and once rinsed, apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do). Comb the whole head of hair, using the detection comb, from the roots to the tips. This usually takes about 10 minutes for short hair, but will take longer for longer, or curly hair. When you have finished combing the hair, comb through all the hair again for a second time. Do this wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to

catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is lice free on day 17. Thank you all for taking the time to resolve this issue over the weekend.

Message from the school nursing team

Respiratory and flu-like cases are rapidly on the rise. We urge you to ensure your child receives the flu vaccination. You have a choice between the quick and painless nasal spray or the Injection which is porcine & gelatine free. This not only protects your children against being seriously but also protects vulnerable members of your family and community.

We have several community catch-up clinics available this weekend. Please use this link to book an appointment

https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/book

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If you previously declined consent for your child when we visited the school, you CAN CHANGE your consent. Please call our office on 01480 275422, and we will book a clinic appointment for you.

E-Scooters

Police are continuing to advise that the use of non-authorised e-scooters on public roads is not lawful.

E-scooters are classified as motor vehicles and need to be fully compliant, with those riding having a driving licence and insurance. As it is not possible to obtain e-scooter insurance they must not therefore be used on public roads or areas. Official schemes will have insurance in effect and users' driving licences are checked before they are allowed to be loaned out. The only e-scooters that are permitted to be used are the official council schemes that are not available to under 18-year-olds.

Police are seeing an increasing number of collisions involving e-scooters and are asking us to remind you of this information to keep you and your children safe. Private e-scooters are generally black with low level lighting with the rider standing still. This narrow silhouette makes users very difficult to be seen.

Children are often at increased risk as they don't have the understanding of roads, lack ex-perience, susceptible to peer pressure, carrying passengers and unnecessary risk taking. If stopped they could face a fine, penalty points and seizure of the e-scooter.

We are asked to advise parents and carers to consider the risks involved in e-scooter use and protect their children through prohibiting their use. With Christmas in some minds, they are

not suitable presents for use in public spaces. The risk of fire during charging of private e-scooters can also cause serious human and physical harm.

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 22nd and Tuesday 23rd 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 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December and run from 10:00am until 2pm.

For more information click on the link below

Christmas Camp | CCFC