

Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance



Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this, our last parent newsletter of 2025. We have had a super final two weeks with the children, packing lots in. Particular highlights for us have been the Nativity performances (didn't they do so well?) and our Church Service; this is always such a special event, hearing the children speak and sing in church, for some, overcoming nerves to do so, is a proud moment for the whole community. We had some new Christmas carols for the children to learn this year to aid the telling of the Nativity Story; we hope you were able to sing along to them with us. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to support the walk there and back and who attended. We hope you enjoyed it!

As we know the new year often means looking ahead, we therefore take the opportunity to remind parents of the statutory attendance policy around attendance and taking term time holidays. Please note that next year's PD days have been placed to support parents and also been shared with you well in advance.

As we say goodbye to 2025, we also bid farewell to Ms Jo Barley, the Trust Business Manager (Finance). We wish her well in her new post, closer to her home in Colchester. Good luck and best wishes from our school communities!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the reverse advent event, the collection team were very grateful.

We have included some great pictures of the festivities, including our Church Service, Christmas Dinner, Pantomime, Candlelight Service and Nativity Play for you to enjoy at the end of our Newsletter, a super send-off to 2025.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2026.

Warm regards

Bridgette Gough
Headteacher

Admissions Information for September 2026: Final Call

We would like to remind all parents that the application window for school entry in September 2026 closes on Thursday, 15th January. If you are applying for a Church-based place, please ensure your minister aids your application with a completed SIF form. For full details of our admissions policy and the order of space allocation, kindly visit our website.

We are here to support you through this process should you need us.

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Collective Worship and Reflection themes

Last week we shared different versions of the Christmas story, inclusive of "On Angel Wings," read so beautifully by our Year 6 pupils in church this week.

This week we have focused on Christmas traditions and the use of decorations. With the support of No Outsiders resources, we have explored some current events across the globe linked to the theme. Please ask the children about the gift of a Norwegian Spruce for Trafalgar Square, which the mayor has gratefully received on behalf of the nation since 1947. They will be glad to share how this tradition started from an act of hospitality.



Christmas Book Appeal

We are putting out a request that if you are having to make room on bookshelves for new books that have been delivered for Christmas presents, can we ask that you think of donating lightly read books to our school supplies. We have recently added to our book stocks but at the same time found that some old favourites were past their best. We are particularly looking for books for Key Stage 2. These can be fiction or non-fiction choices, and we know our children hold a wide range of reading preferences and this will support us in promoting reading for pleasure across the junior age range.

Foodbank Vouchers

Just a reminder that we are a partner to the local foodbank service and are able to apply for vouchers on your behalf. We realise that this is a very expensive time of year for families and should you wish to contact us about this, please do.

Headteacher's Cup

Joey Class: W1- Whole Class

W2- Freddie

Aardvark Class: W1- Whole Class

W2- Archie

Giraffe Class: W1- Whole Class

W2- Kodi

Capybara Class: W1- Emily

W2- Mabel

Koala Class: W1- Joseph

W2- Thea

Jellyfish Class: W1- Parker

W2- Phoebe

Falcon Class: W1- Eva

W2- Max



Birthdays in December

Robyn	Ivy
Raven	Buddy
Mabel	Isabella
Axel	Liliana
Aubrey	Olivia
Oliver	Ruby
Ariella	Jacob
Daniel	Betty
Darcey	Zara
Isla	Logan
Carter	



Going For Green

Malachi & Betty

Sports Cup

Kit & Ava G

Pantomime 'Aladdin'

Thank you to SASHA, the school's PTA for treating the school to our annual pantomime held this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed Aladdin, and the hall was a mass of giggles and laughter, with a very willing audience.

We have captured a couple of scenes here for you to see.



Church Carol Service



Candlelight Service & Final Celebration Service & Visit from Father Christmas



Christmas Lunch



Nativity 2026



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