



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

***"Learning Together for Life"***

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many families for parent appointments this week. We hope you enjoyed having the opportunity to see your child's work and talk about their progress. We are very proud of all the children's achievements so far this term and will continue to share these via our school Instagram account. In the last two weeks, the children have represented the school brilliantly in a girls' football tournament, a remembrance service and outdoor learning sessions with Head into the Wild. We have also enjoyed more musical performances in our assemblies.

Just before the half term break, many of the children came along to the FOHM Monster Mash Disco. Everyone had a fantastic time, wearing some really creative costumes and throwing equally creative shapes on the dance floor! Thanks to the FOHM for organising another great fundraising event for the children.

The next few weeks of term are some of the busiest of the school year. Please see the information boxes below for important reminders and dates.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Diamond

**Head of School**

<b><u>School Dinners</u></b>	Next week we will be on menu 2. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.
<b><u>Applying for school places: Key dates</u></b>	<b><u>Reception Places</u></b> The closing date for Reception 2025 applications is the <b>15th January 2025</b> . Please click the following link to apply: <a href="#">Apply for a Reception 2025</a> .
<b><u>School Photographs</u></b>	Tempest photography will be in school on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November to take individual and school sibling photographs of the children. Please ensure that all children are wearing their school uniform (no P.E kits).
<b><u>Pantomime Visits</u></b>	This year, a theatre company will be visiting school with their production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. These visits are funded by FOHM and will take place on Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November for Years 1-3 and Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December for Years 4-6. A separate communication will be sent outlining plans for Early Years.
<b><u>Brunner Treat</u></b>	Last half term, the winning house with the most team points was Brunner. The house captains have chosen for the team to have a 'wheels' afternoon on Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November. Children in team Brunner are invited to bring bikes, scooters, rollerblades or skateboards (plus any safety gear!)
<b><u>School start time</u></b>	We would like to clarify that the school gate opens at 8.40am. The teachers have morning/Early Bird Maths activities set up ready for the children to begin on arrival between 8.40-8.55am. The school gate and registers close at 8.55am.

### Diary Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	Tempest School Photographs (individuals and siblings). Full school uniform to be worn.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Years 1-3 Pantomime visit 'Jack and the Beanstalk' (school hall)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Early Years Christmas Performance 9am (school hall)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Reception day trip.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December & Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas performance (school hall) 2pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	11:00am Year 3 & Carol Service (St John's Church) 2:00pm Year 5/6 Carol Service (St John's Church)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Dinner Day (Children may wear a Christmas Jumper if they wish)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Years 4-6 Pantomime visit 'Jack and the Beanstalk' (school hall)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	School Closes at 3:20pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School opens

## HOLIDAY DATES 2024 - 25

HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
CHRISTMAS 2024	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
SPRING HALF TERM 2025	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
SPRING BREAK 2025	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025
SUMMER HALF TERM 2025	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025
SUMMER 2025	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	

### INSET DAYS

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
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