



#### Last Week of School Until the Christmas Holidays... yippee!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Performances this week. We hope you enjoyed them as much as we did. The children (and staff) have worked so hard these past few weeks and they were all amazing. We are so proud of them all.

Next week is our final week until we break up for the Christmas Holidays. I know the children and staff are ready for a well deserved break.

Next week our Children will be having their Christmas Parties on the following dates/times:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – FS1 and FS2 'Polar Express' Christmas Party (AM) Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Class 5 and 6 Christmas Party (PM) Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Classes 1 and 2 Christmas Party (PM) Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Classes 3 and 4 Christmas Party (PM)



Our Kitchen staff will be offering a variety of party food for the Christmas Parties - sandwiches, sausage / cheese rolls and pizza free of charge to all children (vegan and vegetarian options will be available too). If parents/guardians would like to send their child with extra snacks of crisps, popcorn, biscuits, cakes, buns etc, this would be greatly appreciated.

Children may come to school in their party clothes on the day of their parties. FS1/2 Children Are asked to come in PJ's for their Polar Express themed party.

The last day of term (Friday 20th December) is TOY DAY.... Children may fetch a toy in from home but please do not allow your child to fetch in expensive items, electricals or phones. Thank you.







#### <u>Visit to St Thomas' Church – Friday 20th December 2024</u>

Pupils will be visiting St Thomas' Church on the last day of school – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 for a Christmas service. All children (except FS1) will be walking down to church after morning registration. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend also. The service starts at 9.30am.



#### **Weekly Class Attendance**

FS1 – 77% FS2 – 91.6% Year 1 – 97.2% Year 2 – 98% Year 3 – 99.3% Year 4 – 100% Year 5 – 96.5% Year 6 – 96%

Congratulations to **Class 4** who are this week's attendance winners with 100% attendance. The whole school attendance this week was **95.7%** - above our target of 95%. Well done!



To promote 'Good' attendance in school. Pupils who achieve 100% attendance; and are in school on time each day will have their name put into a prize draw each week at Monday's assembly. The child who has their name drawn will get to choose a prize from Mrs Sherwood dip box.

#### **Reading Awards**

The following children have achieved their **Bronze** Reading Awards. Each of them has been given their reading badges. Well done to you all.

#### Class 4

Esmai

#### **Christmas Cards**

Our Christmas card post box is located in the school reception for the children to send cards to each other. Our Year 6 pupils will empty and distribute the cards daily.







# School Menu – Week Commencing 9th December 2024 (week 3)

WEEK THREE	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Small Tomato Pasta Salad	Beef Lasagne with Garlic & Tomato Bread	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Beef & Potato Pie With Mash	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Option	Beany Shepherd's Pie	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic & Tomato Bread	Quorn Grill with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Cheese, Onion & Potato Pie with Mash	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll
Vegetables	Broccoli/Cauliflower, Carrots & Sweetcorn	Sweetcorn & Carrots	Broccoli/Cauliflower & Carrots	Baked Beans or Garden Peas	Baked Beans, or Garden Peas
Sandwiches	Freshly Made Sandwich with Cheddar, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham				
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Lemon Cupcake with Fruit Slices	Chocolate Cookie & Orange Wedges	Chocolate Crunch 'Concrete' & Chocolate Sauce or Pink Custard	Lemon Drizzle Cake With Custard	Strawberry Mousse

Please note only party food will be offered on the day of your child's Christmas Party. However, if you would prefer you may send your child with a packed lunch.





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