

"I am able to do all things by  
the one who strengthens me"

Philippians 4:13  
Lexham English Bible



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Newsletter

12th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **YMCA Just Giving Tree**

Thank you to everyone who has taken a bauble off the tree. We have now filled 5 'Moving on boxes' for the YMCA. Please could everyone return donations by 15<sup>th</sup> December so that we can collate all boxes before Christmas

### **Christmas Dinner**

Our Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 17th December. If your child typically brings a packed lunch, they have the option to join us for a school dinner on this day. To assist our kitchen staff in planning and ordering the necessary food, please email the school office if you would like your child to participate in the Christmas dinner by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no charge for this meal for children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2, or for children entitled to free school meals. The cost for pupils in Year 3 – 6 will be £3.25 and applied to your Parent Pay account. We will automatically order a school meal for pupils who are normally school dinners.

### **Nativity Costumes**

We are asking any parents if they would like to donate their child's nativity costume so that we can have a school set of costumes for future years. I hope you will be able to support us with this.

### **Festive Events**

We still have festive events coming up:

- **Santa Mile- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December (PE bottoms, Christmas jumper, Christmas hat and wellies)**
- **Whole School Christmas Party – Afternoon of 16th December (Children can come in sensible party clothes)**
- **Christmas Church Service – 2:15pm on 18th December at St. Wilfrid's Church ( school uniform to be worn)**

### **Spring Term**

The Spring Term will commence on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Keeping Warm in Cold Weather**

Please ensure that your child comes to school suitably dressed for the weather. Children will continue to spend time outdoors during playtimes and lunchtimes, so it is important that they are well prepared for the cold. Legs should be covered with tights or trousers, and children should wear warm coats, along with hats, gloves and scarves when needed. Staying warm helps children stay comfortable, focused and ready to learn throughout the day. Please refer to the school's uniform guidance to ensure all clothing meets our uniform expectations while still providing warmth.

### **Term Dates 2026/2027**

The term dates for the 2026/2027 academic year, including INSET days, are now available on our school website. Please note that one INSET day in February is still to be confirmed, as we are awaiting final approval from our Academy Trust. We will update the website as soon as this date is confirmed.

### **Attendance**

We know that being in school every day and on time gives children the best chance to succeed. We are proud that most of our pupils maintain excellent attendance, and we would like to thank parents for supporting this positive habit and helping to build resilience in their children. We also understand that children can become unwell from time to time. This is why our whole-school attendance target is set at 96%, allowing for those occasional, unavoidable absences. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, this is classified as persistent absence under government guidelines, and we are required to take appropriate action. Should this occur by the end of the term, we will contact you to discuss how we can work together to support you and your child in improving attendance. Our aim is always to ensure every pupil can fully access their learning and feel confident and settled in school.

### **Reporting Absence and Lateness**

Please call the school to report your child's absence before 9.20 on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence, and advise when they are expected to return. Children will be recorded as late if they are not in their classroom for 8:50am. If your child arrives after registration closes at 9.20am this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

### **Breakfast and After School Clubs**

We continue to offer a Free Breakfast Club with drop off between 8:00 and 8:15am. J&J Sports is our provider for the After School Club, which runs Monday to Friday. The club offers two flexible sessions to suit your needs: Session 1: 3:30pm – 4:30pm, Session 2: 3:30pm – 5:30pm. J&J Sports are experienced providers known for their engaging, active sessions that support children's physical and social development in a fun and safe environment.