



Dear Parents and Carers

## Many Christmas events for your diary!

Thank you once again to the generosity of the Brewer family who have kindly donated the beautiful Christmas tree standing in the school hall and to one of our Year 1 mums for kindly naming all of the baubles!

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 football team who played last week and finished second, without giving away a single goal!



Thank you to our children in Blue and Yellow classes who walked to the Memorial Hall last week and sang so beautifully to the members of the luncheon club.

This week in worship we have been thinking about Advent which is a time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus. We have been discussing the many events and preparations we have at this time of year.

### PRIZE DRAW

A reminder, that we have our school fayre on Saturday 3:00 – 5:00pm. Please can you send in money from sold prize draw tickets, and ask at the school office for more tickets if you think you are able to sell some more. Please could you return any unsold tickets.

### This week

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| Monday 4 December    | <b>Xmas post box</b> open for cards. Please remember to put the child's surname and class on the envelop.   |
| Monday 4 December    | Start to bring in donations for our Reverse Advent collection boxes. Items will be taken to the Hedge End Food Centre at the end of term.             |
| Wednesday 6 December | <b>Non uniform</b> day in exchange for sweets for the sweet tombola.  |
| Wednesday 6 December | 4:15pm short end of term KS1 <b>dance club</b> performance. Parents welcome.  |
| Friday 8 December    | <b>Final swimming</b> lesson for Years 3 and 4  |
| Friday 8 December    | Please bring in <b>cakes</b> for the cake stall – every cake will be given a number on the Hungry Snowman and entered into a prize draw.              |
| Friday 8 December    | 1:15pm KS2 walking to the church for a <b>carol service rehearsal</b> . Please can you ensure your child has a raincoat and sensible shoes in school. |
| Friday 8 December    | 4:15pm short end of term KS2 <b>dance club</b> performance. Parents welcome.  |

Saturday 9 December

**School Christmas Fayre** 3:00-5:00pm  
Carol singing at 4:30pm

## **Next week**

Tuesday 11 December

Afternoon **Christmas parties** in all classes. Please send in a small afternoon snack on a paper plate and covered or boxed. Nothing that needs refrigeration please. Children can bring in a change of clothes in a named carrier bag for the afternoon of games and fun.

Wednesday 13 December

**Christmas lunch** Please send in garden foliage for the children to make Christmas candle table decorations.

**Christmas jumper day.** Please send in £1:00+ for the Save the Children charity in exchange for your child wearing a Christmas jumper **with** their school uniform.

Friday 15 December

1:30 **Carol Service Holy Cross Church.** Please let us know if you will be joining us for the service and are able to help us with walking the children up to the church, leaving school at 1:00pm. Seating in our small but beautiful village church is limited, which is why we need to know how many will be attending. The service is followed by tea and mince pies in the school hall after the service.

Friday 15 December

3:30pm school closed for the Christmas break. **No after school childcare club**

A reminder that the only after **school sports club** next week will be netball on Tuesday 12 December. All other activity clubs will finish this week. **Music lessons** will all be running next week. All sports clubs will begin in the New Year in the week beginning **Monday 8 January 2024.** New registration forms will be sent out this week.

### **Durley Church Christmas Tree Festival**

The children have very much enjoyed making decorations in school over the past week in preparation for the Holy Cross Church, Durley Star festival. Please do pop into the church to see our display which will be over the weekend of Friday 15 (7:30-9:00pm) Saturday 16 December (10am-4:00pm) and Sunday 17 December (10:00am-3:30pm). The church carol service will be on Sunday 17 December at 3:30am.

Kind Regards

*Kirstie Baines*

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Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

### IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS (School Closures) for academic year 2023-2024

Monday 3 June 2024

Monday 22 July 2024

Tuesday 23 July 2024

**Diary Dates for the 2023-2024 school year – all dates can be subject to changes. All changes and new dates in the diary will appear in red.**

### Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4 December	School Christmas Post Box open
Wednesday 6 December	9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity
Wednesday 6 December	Non uniform Day in exchange for sweets for children's tombola
<b>Wednesday 6 December</b>	<b>4:15pm Durley KS1 Minis dance performance to parents</b>
Thursday 7 December	9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity
Thursday 7 December	2:00pm Year 1 and 2 Listen2me concert
Friday 8 December	Final Year 3 and 4 swimming lesson
Friday 8 December	Hungry snowman competition – bring in a cake
Friday 8 December	KS2 church rehearsal
<b>Friday 8 December</b>	<b>4:15pm Durley KS2 Crew dance performance to parents</b>
Saturday 9 December	3:00-5:00pm DSA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 12 December	Whole School Flu immunisation
Tuesday 12 December	pm Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14 December	DSA Christmas Gift Store
Friday 15 December	1:30pm Carol Service in Holy Cross Church School ends at 3:30pm. <b>No after school child care or clubs.</b>

### SPRING TERM 2024

Tuesday 2 January	8:50 school opens for the Spring Term
Thursday 18 January	Y3, 4 and 5 music concert in Southampton County Hall
Friday 2 February	2:45pm Christingle service in Holy Cross Church– all welcome
<b>12-16 February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Tuesday 20 February	3:00-6:00pm Parents Meetings
Thursday 22 February	4:00-7:00pm Parents Meetings
<b>Thursday 14 March</b>	<b>Y5 and Y6 vocal festival in Thornden Hall (15 places only)</b>
Sunday 25 February	10:00am Church in School
18-22 March	Year 5 and 6 Residential visit to Isle of Wight
Sunday 24 March	10:00am Palm Sunday church in school.
Thursday 28 March	1:30pm School Easter service Holy Cross Church. All welcome 3:30pm school closes for Easter break. No after school club.

### SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15 April	8:50am School re-opens for the summer term
13-16 May	Year 6 National SATs week
Monday 20 May	School photographer –class and whole school photos
<b>27-31 May</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Thursday 13 June	7:30-8:30 new parents meeting
Saturday 15 June	Church Fete

Wednesday 19 June	1:30pm SPORTS DAY all welcome
Saturday 29 June	School Summer Fayre
Tuesday 2 July	Year 6 Wyvern Induction day
Tuesday 9 July	1:30pm KS2 school play
Wednesday 10 July	6:00pm KS2 school play
Thursday 11 July	6:00pm KS2 school play
<b>Friday 12 July</b>	<b>1:00pm Y6 Leaver's service Portsmouth Cathedral (children only)</b>
Friday 19 July	1:30pm Leavers service Holy Cross Church

School ends for the summer break. No after school club.