

November and December Newsletter (Autumn 2)

Welcome back to the second term of the year! I hope you all enjoyed your autumn break and had fun, whether it was being out and about in the autumn sunshine or having a spooky time enjoying Halloween!

This is a busy term with assessment weeks, Year 6 Residential, Parents' Evenings and the fun and varied Christmas activities including performances, parties and the Year 3 trip to the pantomime. Please check the calendar at the end of the newsletter for key dates and events. We will send out reminders but, these are limited, and so please be organised and make a note of them in your phone or on your family calendar as it is a very busy few weeks.



After School Club

Due to the dark nights, and for safeguarding all pupils, please now collect children from After School Club via the main door into school. We have a ring doorbell that staff will be using and they will come out to you as soon as they can. Please be patient as they get used to this new system.

Also, if you are having a clear out of any toys and games at home before they are swapped for new ones at Christmas, we would be very grateful for any donations for the children to enjoy playing with at After School Club. Please drop in any older games, jigsaws, dolls and construction type toys at the office. Thank you.



Behaviour

I have been able to put lots of children on my 'Proud as a Peacock' board so far this year and children will enjoy a small treat as soon as possible this half term.

A new behaviour initiative has been to introduce toilet passes due to some disappointing behaviour in the toilets with tissue thrown at the ceilings, deliberately wasting the toilet paper and blocking toilets and sinks. This behaviour and destruction of property is unacceptable, is costing school money in replacing wasted resources and taking a disproportionate amount of cleaning and caretaking time. Please speak to your children at home to help them understand the severity of this problem. If caught repeating this behaviour, I will be looking at significant consequences which could result in lunchtime or daily suspensions.

There are also a minority of children that are being unkind to others, sometimes by very cruel and hurtful comments and, on occasion, using aggressive actions. Again, this is not how we expect the children to behave and I will take issues seriously and introduce consequences such as suspensions and isolations from peers where necessary.

Our focus value this term is Respect. We will be focusing on pupils being polite and using their manners towards each other and adults in school.



Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are being held on the 25th and 27th November, 4.00 p.m until 7.00 p.m. There will be the opportunity to discuss recent assessment data, look through some books and see how your child has settled into their new class. Appointments are for 10 minutes and we do need to stick to this time slot please due to the number of appointments each evening and to support parents who have multiple teachers to see. Details around booking appointments will be sent out soon.



Attendance

We are entering that period of time where we see an increase in coughs and colds in school. Please send your child to school where possible as we will contact you should we feel that they are too unwell to remain in school. We can give doses of Calpol if you think that will help your child make it through the day, though you will need to be patient with us on the time you would like it to be administered. You will need to complete a consent form for the medication: these are available on the school website. Any medicines must be brought to school in the original container and should be clearly labelled.



Dates for your diaries

Events this term

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| 3 rd November | INSET DAY - school closed to children |
| 4 th November | Autumn 2 term begins - children back in school |
| 4 th November | EYFS Bonfire WOW |
| 6 th November | Outdoor Learning Day |
| w/b 10 th November | Assessment Week |
| w/b 10 th November | Anti-Bullying Week |
| 10 th November | Year 1 Canal Walk |
| 10 th November | Odd sock day |
| 12 th - 14 th November | Year 6 Residential |
| 13 th November | Year 5 Mayans WOW |
| 14 th November | Children in Need |
| w/b 17 th November | Phonics drop in sessions for FS2 |
| 17 th November | FS1 Diwali WOW |
| 20 th November | Individual and sibling photos |
| 25 th November | 4.00 - 7.00 p.m - Parents Evening |
| 25 th November | Year 4 Ancient Greeks WOW |
| 27 th November | 4.00 - 7.00 p.m - Parents Evening |
| 8 th December | KS1 Afternoon and Evening performance of Christmas Play |
| 9 th December | Year Christmas activities at St Johns Church |
| 10 th December | EYFS Morning Performance of Christmas Play |
| 11 th December | Flu jabs |
| 11 th December | Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day |
| 12 th December | Carol Concert at St Johns |
| w/b 15 th December | Christmas Parties |
| 15 th December | Year 1 Christmas Crafts with parents |
| 17 th December | Year 3 visit to the pantomime |
| 19 th December | Last day of term |
| 5 th January, 2026 | Spring term begins - children back in school |

Proposed / Planned dates for 2026, to give you plenty of notice.

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| w/b 11 th May | KS2 SATs week |
| w/b 1 st June | Year 4 Multiplication Check |
| w/b 8 th June | Year 1 Phonics Check |
| 23 rd / 24 th / 25 th June | Transition days for Long Eaton School |
| 24 th / 25 th June | Transition days for Friesland and Wilsthorpe |

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| 3 rd July | Sports Day |
| 8 th - 10 th July | Year 4 Residential |
| 16 th July | Year 6 afternoon and evening performance of end of year play |
| 22 nd July | Year 6 party |
| 23 rd July | Last day of term |

INSET Days

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| 27 th March, 2026 |
| 1 st June, 2026 |

Thank you for your continued support. *Mrs Dainty*