

**Executive Head Teacher**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

20/12/2024



The children have worked really hard this term and enjoyed some great fantastic experiences including author visits for Appledore Book Festival, swimming for Y3/5, Harvest Festival, Mini Police for Y4, school council elections, multiskills, athletics and netball events, remembrance assembly with Major Ruth, fundraising for Children in Need, advent assemblies with Reverend Warren, snowman making with the PTA, the Christingle, delicious Christmas Dinner and the wonderful Christmas performances. We would like to thank the staff, PTA and all of you for your support and wish you a peaceful and merry Christmas break.

Please see below important dates and information that you may find useful.

[Home Learning can be found every week on our School website or here.](#)

Please note that from this week until Christmas, there will no longer be weekly spellings and home learning being issued. The home learning tasks as detailed on the previous weekly homework will remain the same for these final few weeks up until Christmas. Please see the class blog page for further information or consult the previous week's homework tasks.

20th December	Last day of the Autumn Term
6th January	First day of the Spring Term
3rd – 4th April	Y5 Residential to London
22nd – 25th April	Y6 residential to St Georges House

[Please see the new Autumn-Winter 2024/25 menu on the school website or here.](#)

Outstanding fees

Please ensure you pay any outstanding fees on your child's Eduspot/SchoolMoney account. We request that payments are settled at the end of each half term. If you are facing any financial difficulties or are having any technical difficulties using the app, please come and have a conversation with us at school at your earliest convenience.



PE Days for the Spring Term

From January, PE days will be as follows:

Class 1 - Wednesday

Class 2 - Friday

Class 3 - Tuesday

Clubs and School Dinner bookings

Thank you to all the parents and carers that have booked your child/ren school dinners and wrap around care via the SchoolMoney app. It has made an enormous difference and reduced school staff having to follow this up - thank you!



Music Club starting in January

From Monday 13th January, there will be an after school music club from 3.30 - 4.20pm.

This will be for children from Y2 - Y6 and run by Miss Rushworth.

It will involve some singing as well as learning instruments including recorders, hand bells and glockenspiels. We will learn how to read music and how to play different parts together. It will end with a performance before the Easter holiday!

Look out for the sign up on school money. Places are limited to 16.

Lost property

We have jumpers, cardigans, lunch boxes and plastic tubs. Lost property is in the hallway in the main building. If your child has lost any items, please come in **after school** to have a look. Thank you





Christingle

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christingle on Thursday evening. The Year 6 children who spoke about the Christingle were brilliant at their job; everyone could hear them and they spoke with confidence. The singing was lovely and many of us enjoyed having a go at bellringing afterwards as well as having drinks and mince pies supplied by the PTA. Thank you to all of the staff, parents, PTA, clergy and bellringers for a lovely evening.



Thank you to the PTA

The PTA are amazing, and we would like to say a huge **THANK YOU!**

The money they have raised has paid for -

The Santa Socks are wonderful. The PTA volunteers not only bought the supplies, but they also came into school and supported the children with their making. Christmas Crackers! The children had lots of fun with telling the jokes and wearing the hats Popcorn & ice poles for the Christmas movie afternoon! Class F & Class 1- The PTA have donated money to buy essential classroom resources to help with the learning.

Sporting News

Class One headed to GTS to take part in a Multi skills sports event. The children took part in a range of activity stations and mini games led by the GTS leaders. They practiced using a range of equipment when taking part in the games. Well Done Class one!

We would also like to thank the volunteers who gave up their time to help on the day!



Have a great Christmas break!