



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who made and bought cakes last week for the cake sale. It raised an incredible **£155** for the purchase of bulbs and soil.

We would like to have a big planting session this **Thursday 28 November** from 2:15pm. If you think you will be able to join us to help plant the bulbs please could you inform your child's class teacher or one of the office staff.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to Children in Need. The combination of coins and notes from the line of coins and film night raised an incredible **£415.70**.

Well done to everyone who entered the church Christmas card competition and especially to our winning picture which was drawn by one of our year 5 pupils. Congratulations also to all the runners up. Please look out for the Parish Christmas card which will be emailed to you this week.

We have a lot happening in school over the next week, so I have put together a few reminders.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK

- **Friday 29 November** – Non uniform day in exchange for sweets for the sweet tombola
- **Monday 2 December** – School Post Box Open. Please make sure Christmas cards have the child's full name (including surname) and class.
- **Wednesday 4 December** – Non uniform day in exchange for bottles for the bottle tombola
- **Friday 6 December** – Please send in cakes for the cake stall. Cakes to be brought into the school hall from 8:45am.
- **Saturday 7 December** - 3:00-5:00pm School Christmas Fayre



DSA

You should all now have received **Prize Draw tickets** for you to purchase. There are many wonderful prizes for you, your friends and relatives to win. If you require any additional tickets, please just email the school office, and if you are unable to sell them, please return the tickets to the school office.

On **Friday 6 December**, we are asking you to bring in a cake/cakes for our cake stall. All cakes will be entered into a draw. Please could cakes be brought directly to the school hall, where your child may choose a number for your cake.



I hope you will all come along to the school Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 7 December 3:00-5:00pm**. This year we have intentionally made the event a little later to be able to end it with carol singing to get you all into the festive spirit.

REVERSE ADVENT

Next week will be the start of the school's countdown to Christmas, as always in school we are using this as an opportunity to think of others. We would like every class to try to collect 24 items of dried or tinned food for the Hedge End Food Centre this Christmas. Please could items be sent in from **Monday 2 December until Tuesday 17 December** to help support families in our local community who are struggling this Christmas.

Kind Regards

Kirstie Baines

Kirstie Baines – Headteacher

IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS (School Closures) for academic year 2024-2025

Friday 20 December 2024
Monday 2 June 2025
Monday 21 July 2025
Tuesday 22 July 2025

Diary Dates for the 2024-2025 school year – all dates can be subject to change. All changes and new dates in the diary will appear in red.

Autumn Term 2024

Thursday 28 November	Planting Bulbs from 2:15pm Please come along and help your child's class.
Friday 29 November	Non uniform day for sweet tombola for DSA Christmas Fayre
Monday 2 December	School Christmas Post Box open
Wednesday 4 December	Non uniform day – bottle tombola
Saturday 7 December	3:00pm-5:00pm DSA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 11 December	9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity
Thursday 12 December	9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity
Thursday 12 December	3:00pm Year 1 and 2 Ukulele Music concert – parents/carers invited
Friday 13 December	am KS2 church rehearsal
Monday 16 December	Blue & Yellow class mobile planetarium in the school hall
16-19 December	NO after school activity clubs this week.
13-15 December	Church Crib Festival – all invited to visit the church over the weekend
Tuesday 17 December	pm Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day for a charitable donation to Save the Children UK
Thursday 19 December	1:30pm Carol Service in Holy Cross Church School ends at 3:30pm. No after school child care club.

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January	8:45am start of the Spring Term
Thursday 9 January	3:35pm SAT's meeting for Year 6 parents and their children in Green class.
Monday 13 January	pm NSPCC workshops for children in Years 2, 5 and 6

Monday 20 January	Visit from Fire Brigade for children in Years 1 and 5
Thursday 30 January	pm Red and Green class visit to children's concert in Central Hall, Southampton
Friday 31 January	1:30pm Whole school Christingle Service in Durley Church. Parents welcome to join us.
Tuesday 11 February	Safer Internet Day

17-21 February

Spring HALF TERM

Tuesday 25 February	3:00pm-6:00pm Parent's Evening
Thursday 27 February	4:00pm-7:00pm Parent's Evening
Thursday 6 March	World Book Day
Thursday 6 March	5:30-6:30 Family Reading Night
Thursday 13 March	Y5/6 vocal festival in Thornden Hall
Friday 14 March	6:30-8:00pm KS2 outside disco
Thursday 20 March	5:00pm-6:15pm EYFS/KS1 Disco
Monday 24 March	2:30pm Music concert for KS2 pupils who have peripatetic music lessons
Friday 4 April	1:30pm Easter service in Holy Cross Church School ends at 3:30pm. No after school child care or clubs

7 April – 21 April

Easter Holiday

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April	8:45am start of the Summer Term
22nd April - 9th May	Please complete the form to let us know you want to enter a bear into the Bear Hunt
Monday 5 May	School closed for Bank Holiday
12-15 May	Y6 SAT's testing week
Thursday 15 May	Y6 end of SAT's picnic and rounders
Monday 19 May	Whole school class photos
Friday 23 May	School Grounds morning
24th May - 21st June	The Bear Hunt is open! Best of luck finding all of the bears.

26-30 May

Summer HALF TERM

Monday 2 June	In-Service training day for staff. SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 12 June	7:30-8:30 New Parents meeting
Wednesday 18 June	1:30pm Whole School Sports Day (parents and carers welcome)
Saturday 22 June	Holy Cross Church Summer Fete
Friday 27 June	Non uniform day – sweets for sweet tombola
Monday 30 June	2:30pm - Music concert for KS2 pupils who have peripatetic music lessons
Tuesday 1 July	Wyvern Transition Day for new intake – Children make their own way to Wyvern.
Wednesday 2 July	Non Uniform day – bottles for bottle stall
Thursday 3 July	Family Reading Night

Saturday 5 July	3:00-5:00pm School Summer Fayre
Tuesday 8 July	1:30pm KS2 School Play
9 and 10 July	6:00pm KS2 School Play
Thursday 10 July	Annual Reports to parents
Friday 11 July	Y6 to Portsmouth cathedral for morning workshops and afternoon leavers service.
Friday 18 July	Final day of term. 1:30pm Leavers' service in Holy Cross Church (no after school childcare club)

Monday 21 July and Tuesday 22 July School closed for staff training