



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for the Blue and Yellow Class nativity this week. It was an absolute joy seeing so many confident, smiling children performing on the stage. Our thanks for your generous donations after each performance which has raised over £400 to be spent on the children.



A huge thank you to the DSA for all their hard work putting together a fantastic Christmas Fayre this year, for the volunteers before and after the event and to all of you who came along to support us despite the terrible weather. The team raised an incredible **£2,342.34!**

I think we have now managed to get all of the prizes from the prize draw out to you if you were not available to collect on Saturday. The first three winners were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize £150 Mrs Knight

2<sup>nd</sup> prize £100 dining voucher – Mrs Heywood-Waddington

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £50 – Mrs Carkeet

The winner of the cake competition was one of our Year 4 pupils.

The DSA are a small team of just 5 parents – Chloe Collins (Chair), Lise Sellers (Vice Chair), Emily Acton, Agnes Swiech and Cheryl Boella (Treasurer) who give an enormous amount of their time and energy into helping to raise money for much needed resources in the school. Our thanks to the team of people who popped in yesterday afternoon to help with wrapping up the items the children had chosen from the Christmas present stall making the event run quickly and smoothly. The DSA team would like to put together a group of volunteers who could be called upon in the run up, during and after our big fund raising events. If you would be interested in being on the list, please let any of the committee know.

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 Hannah Porter who has kindly named all of the baubles!

## Many Christmas events for your diary!

Friday 13 December

9:10am **KS2 only** walking to the church for a **carol service rehearsal**. Please can you ensure your child has a raincoat and sensible shoes in school. Children in Red and Green classes will be completing their Geography survey of land use in Durley as they walk to the church.

Friday 13 December

4:15pm short end of term performance by **KS2 dance club**. Parents welcome.

This weekend Durley Church will be decorated with many items from crib scenes made by all of the different communities within the village. Every child in the school has made a decoration, please visit over the weekend if you can.

## Reminders for next week

- Monday 16 December                      Blue and Yellow Class mobile planetarium.  
Breakfast Club will be in Yellow class, please enter via the front door.
- Tuesday 17 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 or heating please. Children can bring in a change of clothes in a named carrier bag for the afternoon of games and fun.
- Wednesday 18 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.
- Thursday 19 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, we will be 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.
- Thursday 19 December                   3:30pm school closes for the Christmas break. **No after school childcare club**

A reminder that there will be **NO after school activity clubs** next week. **Music lessons** will however all be running as usual. All activity clubs will begin again in the New Year in the week beginning **Monday 6 January 2025**. There are still places available in some of next terms clubs so please sign up as soon as possible.

### Staffing

Some of you may be aware that Mrs Crowley was due to leave us at the end of this term to spend more time with her family, however I have been struggling to find a suitable replacement, so she has very kindly agreed to stay on until the end of next term giving me a chance to re-advertise. Miss Goddard will be starting her maternity leave on 7 January 2025. We wish her and the baby well.

### Durley Church Crib Festival

The children have very much enjoyed making decorations in school over the past week in preparation for the Holy Cross Church, Crib festival. Please do pop into the church this weekend to see our display and others Friday 15 (7:30-9:00pm) Saturday 14 December (10am-4:00pm) and Sunday 15 December (10:00am-3:30pm). The church carol service will be on Sunday 15 December at 3:30pm.

Kind Regards  
*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

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**