



Dear Parents/Carers

Christingle

Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to join us for the walk up to the Church. The children enjoyed making their Christingles and sharing this special occasion with you. Pre-school and Reception children also enjoyed making their Christingles in Class 1. Thank you also to Tesco Cinderford and Adam's Mum in Class 3 for the usual donation of oranges.



Carol Service

Thank you to those who were able to attend our annual Carol Service today. The children very much enjoyed singing the songs they have been practicing for you.



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to those that donated to Christmas Jumper Day, we raised £52 which donated to Save the Children.



Term Dates 2026/27

For your information, attached to this newsletter are the Term Dates, including Inset Days for the next school year.

Drop & Go – January 2026

The Drop and Go will be switching to the main road layby when we return to school in January. We hope this will only be for 1 or 2 weeks whilst the Pre-school is being demolished with no access to the track.

Rags2Riches Collection – 27th January 2026

Our next collection for Rags2Riches is on Wednesday 27th January. If you are having a sort out during the holidays, please keep this in mind. The school receives so much per kilo and this money is always gratefully received by FoSM. You can find details of what is collected here: <https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/>
Thank you.



Diary Dates



Autumn Term 2025

1st Sept-19th December

Spring Term 2026

5th January-27th March

Summer Term 2026

13th April-20th July

Half Terms

16th February-20th February

25th May-29th May

INSET days: 5th January, 22nd May & 20th July

Diary Dates (incl. Federation events)

December

19th Last Day of Term 2

Christmas Carol Service–1:30pm
(no Prostars or ASC)

January

5th Start of Term 3 - Inset Training Day

Pre-school Building Project Start

6th Children in for 1st day of term

C4 Start Swimming Lessons (pm)

27th Rags2Riches Collection
Reading Café

February

2nd National Grid to start work on
Electricity Cables around the
school

Bikeability Free Bike Checks

9th Y5's Bikeability Training

11th Federation Mental Health
Afternoon Y5/6

13th FoSM Non-school Uniform £1
donation

Last day of Term 3

23rd Start of Term 4

24th C2 start Gymnastics

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Regular booking for Breakfast Club and After School Club will be rolled over to next term. Please let Miss Agg know if you need to make any changes to your regular bookings.

Attendance

You should have received your child's short report this week and some information about attendance. We do understand that this term comes with lots of germs and some pupils have been poorly. Not to worry, over the whole year **good attendance** equates to approximately **10 days** off, hopefully in the Spring term we will avoid viruses and bugs as the better weather arrives. If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, please visit this webpage:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) Thank you for your continued support and have a Merry Christmas.



Swimming, Prostars Club and Cookery Club in January

Letters were sent recently to inform Class 4 that they will be starting swimming lessons on Tuesday 6th January (**first afternoon back**). Prostars Clubs will be starting again, the first sessions being on Friday 9th January and Monday 12th January for the girl's club. Also Cooking Club will start on Tuesday 13th January, the next 6 children were selected from the waiting list and have been given letters.

Class Snippets - (Article 28- children have the right to an Education. Article 29- Education should develop a child's talents, personalities and beliefs)

Pre-school – Preschool have had a lovely week settling in to our new temporary home! The children have used chairs to create a bus and engaged in lots of 'going on holiday' role-play. We have played Christmas bingo, decorated Christmas trees with lots of stickers and made marks on plain presents to create beautiful wrapping paper! And somewhere we have also fitted in our Nativity, Christmas Dinner Day and Party!

Class 1 – very busy last week for Class 1. The children did brilliantly in their Christmas nativity, lots of clear singing and smiley faces. Wednesday, the children enjoyed their whole school Christmas dinner and Christingle making, whether for the church service or in class. We had lots of fun for our Christmas parties, the children looked lovely in their party clothes.

Class 2 had a lovely, Christmassy week. They did fantastically in the Christmas play- their singing was amazing and they remembered and projected their lines very well. A big well done, Class 2! Thank you to parents for helping with learning lines and providing costumes. We have enjoyed making Christingles and learning all about the different parts of them. The children had a busy day on Wednesday making cards, calendars and completing lots of Christmas themed activities. We watched the short film Robin Robin, following on from reading and story mapping the book and they also enjoyed watching Shaun the Sheep, The Flight Before Christmas.



Class 3 - what a final week it has been! Class 3 has been full of festive cheer, with the children thoroughly enjoying our recent reading unit on *A Christmas Carol*. We finished our work this week by watching *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, which sparked some great discussions about how original stories can be adapted and developed. In Geography, we rounded off the term with 'Quizmas!', giving children the chance to showcase their learning from across the term. We also loved making Christingles on Wednesday, learning about their meaning and taking part in the Christingle service at the church. Alongside this, we squeezed in some Christmas crafts, including cards and calendars, and had a fantastic time at our class party, dancing and playing games. Thank you very much for the kind cards and gifts – they were greatly appreciated. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Class 4 have had a week of activities linked to their learning topics along-side festive fun! At the start of this week we completed some of our topics for this term such as 'en France' in French where the children practiced their conversational skills based on vocabulary learnt over the term. The children have also enjoyed having parents in for their show and share. They worked hard on their English pieces for this which explained what their own Mars rover would be like and why. Along-side this, they have enjoyed the festivities of making Christingles, Christmas cards and calendars for the new year - the annual Christmas party games with Class 3 were also great fun for all. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.



Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

As always, please do let us know if you have any questions or queries. We do also encourage parents/carers to let us know if they have any suggestions of events or activities that you would like to see in school.

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