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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, may I extend my thanks to everybody who has attended our Christmas events over the past two weeks – I have just got back to school following our Carol and Christingle Service and it was a wonderful way to end this hectic term.

As I mentioned in church, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils, families and staff for making this term so successful. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, a happy new year and we look forward to seeing you in 2026!

Just in case you get a new diary for Christmas, here are our dates for next half term:

### January

5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - School reopens

8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Year 5 swimming lessons commence for the term

12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Year 6 SATs booster sessions commence, 3:20pm – 4:15pm

14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Year 1 Celebration of the Word, 2:50pm in school, all welcome

15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Year 4 FHC Session 4, 3:20pm – 4:00pm

16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - World Faith Day (18.1.2026)

16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Year 6 Class Mass, 10:00am, church, all welcome

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 - Year 5 Class Mass, 10:00am, church, all welcome

30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Year 4 Class Mass, 10:00am, church, all welcome

### February

4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Year 2 Celebration of the Word, 2:50pm in school, all welcome

6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - NSPCC Number Day, information to follow

6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Year 3 Class Mass, 10:00am, church, all welcome

11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Safer Internet Day 2026

12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Year 4 First Holy Communion session 5, 3:20pm – 4:00pm

18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)

20<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - INSET day, school closed to pupils

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Half term

\*dates may be subject to change, we will communicate any changes in advance\*



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### **Mrs Butler**

We are delighted that Mrs Butler has been appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher and will also continue to teach our Year 6 class. Mrs Butler has been a fantastic addition to the team since she joined us in a temporary capacity in September, and we are really pleased that she has now joined our staff team on a permanent basis.

### **After School Clubs**

January after school clubs will start week commencing Monday 12th January and run until week ending Friday 27th March.

All clubs are available to book on Arbor now.

Monday – Years 1, 2 and 3 Dodgeball

Monday – Year 6 SATs Booster

Wednesday – Years 4, 5 and 6 Fencing/Archery/Axe throwing

Thursday – Year 1 to Year 6 Gymnastics

Thursday – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Choir

Friday – Year 1 to Year 6 Dance

### **Music Tuition**

Music tuition for Key Stage 2 children will automatically renew and payable on Arbor by 30th January.

### **Wraparound**

Wraparound is available to book (within the 48 hour cut off) every morning and every evening. Please send a message, call or email for any last minute bookings or cancellations.

### **Parking**

Please continue to take care and have consideration for our local residents by parking safely and appropriately at pick up and drop off. Please ensure to use the Church car park when using our wraparound as our staff car park is used throughout the day for staff and deliveries.

Best wishes, and have a wonderful holiday!

Mr Morris



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