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Friday 20th December 2024

Headteacher's Thoughts

Our Christmas Festivities started on Tuesday in church with first our KS1 Nativity, followed by Nursery's Christingle Service and completing the day the KS2 Carol Service. On Wednesday, the Reception children presented their nativity in the school hall as well as selling their Enterprise goodies. The children all did brilliantly with their performing, reading, and singing. Thank you to the staff for preparing the children and to everyone that was able to join us for these events – it was great to see you all.

Thursday was a very busy day with Christmas jumpers, Christmas lunch and the making of our Christmas hats. As always it was great to see the sea of colour within all the festive jumpers and the smiles on the children's faces and of course the eagerly awaited turkey hat made its annual appearance.

At the end of this newsletter, you will find the term dates for the 2025 – 2026 academic year, I know many will have started to plan holidays or trips throughout the year and this will give the overview to help with this planning.

Also, here are a few additional dates for next term for your diary.

- **7th March** (note it is Friday) – World Book Day
- **w/b 10th March** – Y6 Pioneer Residential visit
- **26th March** – 2:30pm - Parents Sharing Afternoon
- **1st April** – Years 3 and 4 Easter Performance
- **1st April/2nd April** – Parents Evenings

A gentle reminder about taking care whilst driving in the village car park as there have been a couple of near misses over the last few weeks – Thank you

I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - please keep yourselves safe and those around you. I look forward to seeing you again on Monday 6th January from 8:30am

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Co-operation

We will be thinking this term about the secret of good cooperation and how we can work together.

"Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts."

1 Corinthians 12 12

Future Diary Dates.

Friday 20th December – 1:30pm – School closes for Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January – Spring Term starts
Monday 6th January – 2:30pm SEN Coffee Catch up
Thursday 16th January – Governors – Finance Cttee
Monday 20th January – Full Governors Meeting
Monday 3rd February – Y3 Art Morning at Cokethorpe
Wednesday 12th February – Y4 Corinthian Drama Day

Achievements Assembly

Well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly over the last few weeks.

Ducklings	Isaac Molloy, Theo Lourenco
	Whole class for their amazing Nativity
Owls:	Arthur Bosworth, Georgia Clements
	Whole class for their amazing hat making skills
Mandarins	Ernie Lloyd, Emily Cassettari
	Jack Tollett, Ethan Rogers, Poppy Neville
Eagles:	Jamie Goodchild, Bell Pells
	Whole class for a great term
Robins:	Dinis Mendes Pinto, Freya Wootton
	William Lloyd
Kingfishers:	Mia Castle, Harrison Rogers,
	Leo Newman, Nancy Gibbons
Red Kites:	Ryan Mitchell
	Corin Wright, Ollie Spolander

SEN news

I am sorry that coffee was cancelled last week but I was needed to support teaching and learning. We will have a tea, coffee and catch up session at the start of next term **2.30pm Monday 6th January**

This week we have worked alongside the Purple Advisory Care group. They run a family drop in play session at Carterton alternative Saturday mornings. All families with SEND children are welcome. [HOME | Purple Advisory Care]

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School Terms and Holiday Dates 2025-2026

Autumn term	Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 24th October 2025 *(INSETs 1st September, 2nd September)*
Half term Holiday	*Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025*
Autumn term	Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December 2025, 1.30pm finish
Christmas Holiday	*Monday 22nd December – Monday 5th January 2026*
Spring term	Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February 2026 *(INSET 5th January)*
Half term Holiday	*Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026*
Spring term	Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March 2026
Easter Holiday	*Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026*
Summer term	Monday 13th April – Thursday 21st May 2026 *(Bank Holiday 4th May and INSET 22nd May)*
Half term Holiday	*Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026*
Summer term	Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2026, 1.30pm finish *(INSET 20th July)*