



29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we move into December below is a table of events occurring over the next three weeks in school. There will be limits on numbers for some of these events so please support the school by adhering to these. For the out of school events, we ask that all the children involved attend events whether it be the Year 1/2 play or singing in the School Choir at the Christmas Fayre. These are special events, and the children have worked hard in school towards them. We would ask also that, if possible, no preschool children or babies are to attend the EYFS/Year 6 performance and also the Year 1/ 2 evening performance.

For Christmas dinner, a separate letter will be sent out in due course with instructions on how you can book your child's Christmas dinner on the 'Ideal' website.

Date	Time	Event	Year Groups	Number of places available to attend
1 <sup>st</sup> December	5.30 p.m.	Duke of Wellington Christmas Market	Choir Children	N/A
8 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30p.m	Christmas Fayre-School Hall	Choir Children	N/A
8 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	Burghley House	Years 5	N/A
11 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	Rand Farm	EYFS	N/A
12 <sup>th</sup> December	2 p.m.	Year 1/2 Play	Years 1 & 2	All Welcome
12 <sup>th</sup> December	6 p.m.	Year 1/2 Play	Years 1 & 2	2 Adults per family School Creche available for school-aged children
15 <sup>th</sup> December	2 p.m.	EYFS/Year 6 Play	EYFS/Years 6	3 Adult tickets per family
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Recorded	School Christmas Service	Years 3,4 & 5	Published on the school YouTube Channel/TEAMS
19 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	Infant Xmas Party and Christmas Lunch	EYFS/Year 1 & 2	
20 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	Junior Christmas Party and Christmas Lunch	Year 3,4,5 & 6	

Due to flood damage at church, we are unable to have a space big enough to hold a whole school community service therefore we will hold one in school, but this will be recorded and shared on TEAMS and the school YouTube channel.

On the relevant Christmas Party days, the children will wear basic school uniform with the option of a Christmas top or jumper for the day.



Instead of sending Christmas cards in school to and from children and adults, we will be doing a collection of donations for the food larder. These will be collected on 18<sup>th</sup> December with a trolley outside school. Usual food donations such as pasta, rice, tinned food, and any Christmas-themed foods such as selection boxes etc. will be most welcome.

This week we say goodbye to Miss Clarke a Year 5 Teaching Assistant and Mrs O'Brien. We wish them both all the best in their new jobs. They have both made a very positive impact on the school in the time they have been here. Mr Baker has visited the school a number of times and the transition to the new headteacher is going smoothly. Next week Mr Baker will be involved in the interviews for a new Pastoral Lead to replace Mrs O'Brien. We will keep you informed of the outcome. He will also attend a governor's meeting.

Please note that this week is the end of all after-school clubs until the new year and I thank all the staff who have given their time to support these.

There will be further details regarding some of these events outlined at the top nearer the time. I look forward to a busy but special December at St Andrew's.

Yours sincerely

Mr D W Hodgson