



For your calendar:

Wednesday 6.12.23 – Tuesday 12.12.23

Children's Christmas cards to each other can be posted in the Christmas post box.



Friday 15.12.23

School closes early for the Christmas holiday.

East Gate	West Gate
YN: 12.40pm	YN: 12.40pm
YR: 12.40pm	YR: 12.45pm
Y1/Y2: 12.45pm	Y1/Y2: 12.50pm
Y3/Y6: 12.50pm	Y3/Y6: 12.55pm
Y4/Y5: 12.55pm	Y4/Y5: 1.00pm
Sunset Collection:	
2.30pm or 3.30pm - 4.00pm	

Coming up soon:

December		
w/b 4.12.23	-	Last week for Internal clubs
Monday 4.12.23	9.00am – 10.30am	Come and Play – Community toddler group. Entry via South Gate only.
Tuesday 5.12.23	9.00am – 9.45am	Y1 Nativity for Parents/Carers in the Hall – Two seats per child
Wednesday 6.12.23 – Tuesday 12.12.23	-	Children's Christmas cards to each other can be posted in the Christmas post box
Wednesday 6.12.23	9.00am – 9.30am	YN Nativity Tableaux for families in the Hall Children taking part will be those attending Nursery that morning
Thursday 7.12.23	-	Save the Children charity event – Wear a Christmas jumper and muffin day - £1 donation
Thursday 7.12.23	9.00am – 9.30am	YN Nativity Tableaux for families in the Hall Children taking part will be those attending Nursery that day
Thursday 7.12.23	2.15pm	Y4 Carols by Candlelight for Parents/Carers in the Hall – Two seats per child
Friday 8.12.23	9.00am – 9.45am	Y2 Christmas Show for Parents/Carers in the Hall – Two seats per child
Friday 8.12.23	Afternoon	YR to Y6 Class Christmas parties for children only
Monday 11.12.23	9.00am – 9.45am	Y3 Nativity for Parents/Carers in the Hall – Two seats per child
Tuesday 12.12.23	9.00am – 9.30am	RB's First Christmas Songs for families in the Hall
Wednesday 13.12.23	9.00am – 9.30am	RM's First Christmas Songs for families in the Hall
Wednesday 13.12.23	1.45pm	Y5 and Y6 Carol Service at Christ Church – Doors open for families at 1.40pm
Thursday 14.12.23	All day	Y1 Bright lights, big cities day
Thursday 14.12.23	9.00am – 9.30am	RP's First Christmas Songs for families in the Hall
Thursday 14.12.23	-	Children's Christmas cards they have posted in the school Christmas post box are given out

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	Sunset Collection: 2.30pm or 3.30pm - 4.00pm		

Reminders for you:

Letters to Father Christmas



The last day for posting letters to Father Christmas is Tuesday 5.12.23.

Save the Children charity event Thursday 7.12.23

Wear a Christmas jumper and muffin day.



£1 donation on the Gate.

Friday 8.12.23

YR to Y6 Class Christmas parties for children only.



Please check the sticker in Learning Journals for more information on what to bring in.

Christmas Performances in School (Y1 – Y4)

There will only be two seats per child, due to limited space in the hall. If you are bringing a younger child with you, they will need to sit on your lap. Please be aware that if you are attending a performance, you will not be able to leave during the show.

Community News- Cake Sale

Our fantastic Year 6 Community Prefects will be running a cake sale for the Save the Children charity on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 December so come enjoy some yummy baked goods and help a good cause at the same time!

Cash donations only so please bring change. We hope to see you there. For more information about Save The Children or to make a donation please go to

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>

No matter how big or small the donation, all is appreciated.

Nursery Applications

The Nursery Application Form for September 2024 is now available on the school website under Nursery [Admissions](#). Please note the deadline of Monday 15 January 2024.



Year 1 Weekly Information w/b 4.12.23

Class Christmas parties

We have our Class Christmas parties on Friday 8 December. Your child will have received a sticker to bring in a small food donation enough for six children.

Thank you for your contribution.

Thank You

We would like to say thank you very much for all the amazing costumes that have come in for the Christmas Nativity.

The children are very excited to perform for everyone.

Year 1 spelling words

Can you write these words in a sentence?



In maths this week, we will be continuing to identify 2D and 3D shapes to see what we can find in the environment. We will also be recapping our knowledge on place value.

In PSHE, we will be thinking about how we are unique and how we are different to those around us. Some of us have the same qualities and some not but being unique makes us special.

In science we will be asking ourselves 'What are the essentials for plant growth?' and looking at how our class seeds are growing.

In computing, we will be continuing to log in to Purple Mash independently and accessing our 'to do' tasks.

In art, we will be looking at the work of Sonia Boyce to help inspire us to create our own self-portraits.

1B Class Teacher News

Mrs Blackler will be starting her maternity leave after the Christmas holidays. Unfortunately, Mrs Fahey is not very well and has not yet returned after her maternity leave. We have therefore appointed Miss Hunnable as 1B's class teacher and she will be in school getting to know the children between now and the end of term. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing Mrs Blackler and Mrs Fahey well and welcoming Miss Hunnable.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Blackler, Mrs Herman and Mrs Smith



Year 2 Weekly Information w/b 4.12.23

Christmas Class Parties

Please see the sticker in your child's Learning Journal this week which explains which items your child will need to bring.

Please bring them in on Friday 8 December.

Thank you.

Y2 Book recommendations: Toto the Ninja Cat by Dermot O'Leary

Toto is no ordinary cat, Toto is almost totally blind she learned to trust her senses from a ninja cat-master who taught her back in Italy. By day Toto and her brother Silver are ordinary cats, but by night, they love to have adventures! There are five adventures to enjoy.

Definitely one for the Christmas list!

Christmas Performance

We are very much looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas performance on Friday 8 December.

9.00am – 9.45am

There will be two seats per child available for adults.

In English this week, we will be learning some alternative adjectives which will add interesting vocabulary to our written work. We will use this to write some sentences using a range of adjectives and adverbs trying to use as many different ones as we can. This will help us when editing our stories so we can change some of the vocabulary if we need to which will make it more interesting for the reader.

In reading, we will be starting a new book 'Dasher' by Matt Taveres. We will start by reading part of the story and then we will predict what is going to happen and give reasons why we think this. We will then read the remainder of the story and see if we were right. We will also discuss the role of the main character of the story and discuss how the character feels.

In Spelling Shed this week the children will be learning to spell words where 'es' is added to words ending in 'y' e.g. tries, replies, cries, spies, supplies etc.

The spelling quiz will take place on Friday and will be completed in the children's Learning Journals.

For review:	said once
Might be new:	past, both, child
Can you do?	really, minute, difficult

* indicates new learning

w/b 4.12.23	* Subtract tens from 2-digit numbers Know 2x and 10x tables at speed Add 1-digits to 2-digits at speed Know number bonds to 20 at speed Add 1 to any 2-digit number Know 10 less than a 2-digit number
w/b 11.12.23	Add tens to 2-digit numbers at speed Know 10x and 2x tables at speed Add and subtract units from 2-digit numbers

In maths we will be continuing to look at 2d shapes. This week we will be looking at which shapes are symmetrical, investigating lines of symmetry and looking at how we can draw symmetrical pictures using shapes.

Have a great week,

Mrs Jayasuriya, Mrs Price and Mrs Williams



Year 3 Weekly Information w/b 4.12.23

Y3 Nativity

Our Nativity is on Monday 11 December. Your child should have had a sticker in their Learning Journal if they are required to bring in some clothes from home. Please could all clothes be in for Wednesday 6 December. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Parties

Our Christmas party will be on Friday 8 December
Thank you for your contributions.
(Your child should have had a sticker in their Learning Journal)

Homework

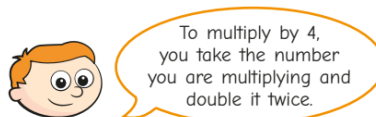
A Spelling homework task will be set this week and is due in on Tuesday next week (12.12.23).

In English this week, we will be continuing with information writing. We will be researching how Christmas is celebrated in different countries around the world and practising our note taking skills. We will then use this information to create a fact file about the country of our choice.

These are the spelling words for our quiz this week. We would appreciate it if you could please help your child to practise them at home.

For review:	again, many
Might be new:	quarter, island, group
Can you do?	consider, grammar, straight

In maths this week, we are focusing on multiplying by 4 and dividing by 3 and 4. Why not try the problem below:



Do you agree with Ron? _____

Explain your answer.

Coming up soon in speedy maths (*indicates new learning):

w/b 4.12.23	* Subtract two tens at speed. Know mixed 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 10x tables at speed. Add two tens at speed Know division facts for 2x, 5x, 10x tables.
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In science this week, we will be exploring different types of soil and their properties. In art, we will be using our knowledge on proportion to design our own character either in the style of Quentin Blake or Walt Disney. In RE, we will be consolidating our work on Judaism. We will review our learning over this half term and use our knowledge to answer the enquiry question,

'What are important times for Jewish people?'. In computing, we will continue our topic of spreadsheets. In history, we will be looking at how society changed during the Iron Age.

Thank you for your support in helping your children learn lines and lyrics for our nativity performance on Monday 11 December. We look forward to seeing you there.

Enjoy your week,

Ms James, Miss Jenkins, Mrs Spooner and Miss Verlander



Year 4 Weekly Information w/b 4.12.23

Spelling quiz words

Every Friday, the children are quizzed on the spelling words included in the weekly information. The children should be practising these each day for a short amount of time.

Learning something little and often is the best way for the children to see success when learning something new!

Times Tables

By the end of Year 4, it is expected that children will know all times tables up to 12x12.

You can help support your child with this by:

- making sure they are doing daily TTRS sessions for at least 5 minutes.
- looking at what's coming up in speedy maths to familiarise the children in advance.
- practising particularly stubborn facts to learn at any opportunity e.g. in the car, in the bath, as you are leaving the house etc.

Class parties

We will be having our class parties on Friday afternoon – please see the sticker in your child's Learning Journal highlighting the food they would like to bring in. Thank you so much for your support.

In English this week, we will be completing a range of fun Christmas based activities. We will be thinking about using cursive handwriting throughout a piece of writing, making sure our letters are all the same height. We will also be using our knowledge of descriptive devices to describe a range of Christmas scenes. We will be thinking about how we can use our senses to add to the detail of our writing.

This week's spelling quiz words (taken from the Y4 Autumn term list) will be:

For review:	guide, important, position,
Might be new:	interest, question, breath
Can you do:	system, neighbour

In maths this week, we will be refreshing our understanding of how to divide a number by 1 and itself. We will also be challenging ourselves to multiply three numbers together. Towards the end of the week, we will be completing a consolidation quiz focusing on everything we have learnt this term.

Coming up in speedy maths (*indicates new learning):

w/b 4.12.23	Give change from £1 at speed Know pairs of numbers to 90.
w/b 11.12.23	Add and subtract pairs of 2-digit numbers at speed. Know pairs of numbers to 100.

Unfortunately, Mrs Glaister is still unwell and 4MG will be taught by the following teachers this week:

Monday 4 – Wednesday 6 - Mrs McClelland

Thursday 7 – Supply teacher

Friday 8 – Supply teacher

Have a great week!

Mrs Glaister, Mr Vidal, Miss Croucher and Mr Gordon



Year 5 Weekly Information w/b 4.12.23

Christmas Jumpers

Remember your festive jumpers and mufti this **Thursday**.

Please bring in a £1 donation for Save the Children.

Star Gazing - New Date

Thank you for your understanding in having to postpone our Star Gazing evening. It has been confirmed that the event will now be held on Thursday 11.1.24 6.30pm – 8.00pm.

We look forward to seeing the children there!

Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties will be on Friday this week.

The children have information in their Learning Journals about what they should bring.

Please bring your **party food** on **Friday** as we have limited storage in school.

In English this week, we will be thinking about how performing a poem can help us be better poets. We will be reading free verse poems by Grace Nichol and drafting our own astronomically inspired verse. In reading, we will use our inference skills to finish our reading of *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan. This week in class and on Spelling Shed we will look at irregular spelling patterns, as we finish this term with challenge words.

The children will be having a spelling quiz on Friday on these words:

For review:	possess, forward, decide
Might be new:	definite, twelfth, immediate
Can you do?	symbol, available

In maths, we will be continuing with our fractions work. We will be learning to add fractions to a mixed number and add two mixed numbers. We will also be subtracting fractions with the same and differing denominators and subtracting from mixed number.

Our speedy maths will be:

w/b 4.12.23	Add and subtract pairs of 2-digit numbers at speed. Convert L to ml and vice versa
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Add three tens at speed.
 Know pairs of numbers to 90
 Know pairs of hundreds to 1000.
 Use tables to work out related \times and \div at speed.

In science we will be measuring shadows at different points throughout the day to see how they change and think about how the sun's position in the sky may impact this. We will then gather our results and create a graph to show our findings. In PSHE we will be thinking about stereotypes of cultures and communities and looking at our own cultures within our community compared to those in other continents.

Have a wonderful week,

Mrs Beadle, Miss Ozyakup and Mrs Temlett



Year 6 Weekly Information w/b 4.12.23

HoP/Tate Trip

A big well done to 6L and 6DA. All the staff involved have loved taking you on the recent trip to London. 6B, you will have a great time in January!

Christmas Party

We're having our end of term party on Friday (8.12.23). Your child should have made a note in their Learning Journal of a food item they have volunteered to bring.

Felt Decorations

If your child missed out on buying their felt decoration at the Christmas Market, feel free to send in £2.50 with them and they can purchase theirs this week.

In English this week, we will continue to develop our biography writing. We will use the research we completed last week to create a biography for Martin Luther King Jr. We are also starting to listen to the audio version of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, discussing some of the language used and how it differs from the way we communicate today.

This week's spelling quiz words for Friday's quiz:

For review:	according, communicate, desperate
Might be new:	amateur, controversy, embarrass
Can you do?	accommodate, exceed

In maths, we are continuing our work on fractions. We will be adding and subtracting mixed numbers (a mix of integers and fractions). We will be using the knowledge we have accumulated over the last few weeks to solve word problems that involve fractions, too. Later in the week, we will start working on multiplying fractions.

Coming up soon in speedy maths:

w/b 4.12.23:	Give change from £1 at speed Know all tables to 12x12 including division facts at speed. Know common equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. Add and subtract 2-digit and 3-digit numbers at speed. Continue simple number patterns Know square roots to $\sqrt{144}$ (ie for tables) Use tables to work out related \times and \div at speed.
w/b 11.12.23:	Review our learning from previous weeks.

In the wider curriculum, we will be using some of our time to rehearse our Christmas performance. We will be rounding up our work on energy in the UK by considering our overall enquiry question, where does the UK get its power from? We will also be enjoying some orienteering in our PE lessons.

Calling all bakers!

The Year 6 Community Prefects will be running a cake sale for parents and children after school on 11 and 12 December in order to help raise some money for Save the Children. We would love Year 6 to get involved by baking or buying some delicious cakes or cookies to make this event a success. Please bring in any cakes or cookies to school on Monday 11 December and if possible, a list of ingredients used. No nuts please, as we are a nut free school. Many thanks in advance

Have a great week,

Mrs Bowe, Mr Deane-Armstrong and Mr Loughlin