

Date: 12/12/2025

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Good afternoon,

Wow, what a Christmassy week we have had in school. Thank you to all the parents that were able to make it to see the Christmas performances! They were all fantastic and it was lovely to see how well the children performed. We definitely have some actors in the making... watch this space! We can't believe next week is our last week in school.

Mr Woodward and Mr Ford

### Notices

#### Reception and Nursery places

Just a reminder for those parents in Nursery whose children will be starting in Reception in September 2026 (if you're not sure please call the office), you need to complete the online Derbyshire Admissions form to guarantee your place <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/primary-admissions/primary-infant-and-junior-school-admissions.aspx> as you have to apply for a Reception place even if you're in our Nursery!

We also have some Nursery places from January if you know someone whose child is over 3 years old! Get them to come and have a look and pick up a new starter form.

#### Swimming Gala

We took a team to the Swimming Gala at Glossop Pool on Tuesday. Our swimmers did a fantastic job—winning some races, finishing second and third in others, and placing 3rd overall. The team represented our school brilliantly. A big thank you to Mr. Hannan for organising and supporting the team.

#### Christmas Service

Our annual Christmas service will be held at St James' Church at 2pm on Wednesday 17th December. It is also Christmas dinner day, so if children would like to wear a Christmas jumper, they are very welcome to do so!

#### School Plays

We have had such a great week watching all of the Christmas performances, we are sure you can agree that they were brilliant! Thank you to the team behind the scenes that have put all of these shows together.

#### Social Media

Did you know we're on social media? You can follow us on **Facebook (Whitfield St James' CE Primary School)**, **Instagram (wsjprimary)** and **X (schoolwsj)** to keep up to date with news, events and celebrations from across our school and local community. We use our social media platform as a 'window' into school life and not

as a communication method (please continue to use Class Dojo) We'd love for you to **follow, like and share our posts** to help spread the word. More updates coming soon!

## Upcoming dates for the diary

15.12.25-19.12.25	Christmas Party Week (Please see Class Dojo class stories for more information about days and clothing)
15.12.25	Winter music concert at St James' Church 6:30pm start
17.12.25	Christmas Service at St James' Church Christmas dinner day <b>Christmas jumpers optional!</b>
19.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day and last day
05.01.26	Children's first day back at school

## UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Please be aware that these dates may change. We will keep you updated via text or Class Dojo if they do change.**

Date	Event
15.12.25-19.12.25	Christmas Party Week (Please see class dojo for more information)
15.12.25	Winter music concert
17.12.25	Christmas Service Christmas dinner day
19.12.25	Christmas jumper day and last day
20.12.25-04.01.26	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
05.01.26	Children's first day back at school
03.02.26	PTA Movie Night
09.02.26-12.02.26	Children's mental health week
10.02.26	Safer Internet Day
13.02.26	INSET
14.02.26-22.02.26	HALF TERM
23.02.26	Children's first day back
02.03.26-06.03.26	Book Week – 06.03.26 World Book Day
06.03.26	PTA Wonka Bar
17.03.26	Parents' Evening 1
19.03.26	Parents' Evening 2
20.03.26	Red Nose Day

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25.03.26	Easter Service
27.03.26	INSET Day
28.03.26-12.04.26	EASTER HOLIDAYS
13.04.26	Children's first day back
22.04.26	Spring music concert in church (provisional date)
01.05.25	PTA non-uniform day – children's tombola/gifts
04.05.26	Bank Holiday
11.05.26-14.05.26	SATs week
19.05.26	PTA Disco
22.05.26	INSET Day
23.05.26-31.05.26	HALF TERM
01.06.26	Children's first day back
09.06.26	PTA Scoot and Skate KS2
12.06.26	PTA non-uniform day – TBC
16.06.25	PTA Scoot and Skate EYFS/KS1
17.06.26-19.06.26	Y6 Residential
22.06.26	Sports Day Nursery 9:15/R-Y2 10:30/KS2 1pm
26.06.26	PTA non-uniform day - Bottles PTA summer fair
03.07.26	Transition day
08.07.26	Summer music concert in school (provisional date)
14.07.26	Y6 Leavers' play 2pm/6pm
16.07.26	Y6 Leavers' party
23.07.26	Y6 Leavers' assembly to parents 2:30pm Last day