

Date: 28/11/2025

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Good afternoon,

Wow - what a fantastic week in school. The children have continued to impress us with their attitude to learning! It was lovely to see so many of you at Snowdrop class 'Stay and Play' this week .

Long may this dry weather continue!

Mr Woodward and Mr Ford

Notices

PTA Donation Day

A huge thank you to everyone who donated bottles for our Winter Fair—we are extremely grateful for your generosity.

Winter Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended our Winter Fair. It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying the festivities! We have raised a significant amount of money, and once the final total has been confirmed, we will let you know how much we have raised.

Parliament Week

We were delighted to welcome the Deputy Mayor and Councillor for Whitfield, Barbara Hastings-Asatourian, into school on Monday. Our school parliament asked her thoughtful questions about local and regional plans, as well as how she supports the people of Whitfield. Our head and deputy pupils also had the pleasure of giving her a tour of the school.

Girls Football

Thank you to Mr Hannan for taking the girls' football team to their second fixtures of the year. The team finished 2nd in the Europa League—well done to everyone involved!

School Plays

We're delighted to let you know that our Christmas performances will be taking place during the school day this year. We have chosen to only have performances during the school day as we understand that evening events can make for late nights for children, mean changes to routines, and have potential clashes with clubs or other commitments, and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

With around a month's notice, we hope this allows everyone time to make arrangements to attend and enjoy these special performances. Due to hall capacity, each child will be allocated **two tickets** for the shows.

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We also plan to record the performances and, where possible, share them securely via the school website. However, please note that on occasion, technical issues mean this may not be possible – We will try our best though!

Thank you for your understanding and continued support—we can't wait to share the festive fun with you!

Tickets will be sent out next week.

Performance dates and times:

Snowdrops – Tuesday 9th December 2:00pm

Daffodils and Buttercups class – Wednesday 10th December 2:00pm

Daisy and Honeysuckle class – Thursday 11th December 2:00pm

Upcoming dates for the diary

05.12.25	Non-uniform day for Silver Cord donations
06.12.25	PTA Story with Santa and Breakfast event
07.12.25	School Choir performing at Distant Hills Brewery at 2pm
09.12.25	Nursery performance 2pm
10.12.25	Daffodil/Buttercups performance 2pm
11.12.25	Daisy/Honeysuckle performance 2pm

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.

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10.12.25	Daffodil/Buttercups performance 2pm
11.12.25	Daisy/Honeysuckle performance 2pm
15.12.25-19.12.25	Christmas Party Week
15.12.25	Winter music concert (provisional date)
17.12.25	Christmas Service
18.12.25	Christmas dinner day
19.12.25	Christmas jumper day and last day

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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
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