

'Striving for Excellence'
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy and exciting November at school. We are now getting ready for the festive season, starting with today's, Decoration Day. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the online Parents Consultations and 'Book Looks' this week. The children really enjoyed sharing their classroom and work with you.

Mrs Dack

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

With your kind support the school raised money for the Royal British Legion. The children were very respectful, observing a 2 minute silence in the playground and at the ceremonies they attended to represent our school.



YEAR 3 CHRISTINGLE

Our Year 3 pupils will be performing their Christingle on Friday 6th December at 2.30pm. This will be outside, weather permitting. Please come and watch.



FUN SWIMS

It is Fun Swim week commencing 9th December. Your child will have received their invitation already. If you have not yet paid your child's swimming contribution, there is still time to pay on School Gateway. Contributions are vital to ensure we can keep the pool open.



YEAR 2—A Magical Christmas Journey

Our Year 2 pupils will be performing 'A Magical Christmas Journey' in the Millennium Hall.

2WR only - 2pm on Monday 9th December

2HL only - 9.30am on Wednesday 11th December

2S only - 2pm on Wednesday 11th December

2 adult tickets per family can be allocated. Siblings are allowed at performances. Please book on School Gateway.



CHRISTMAS DINNERS 18th DECEMBER 2024

We have moved the date for Christmas Dinners due to a broken oven being replaced in the school kitchen! Christmas dinner will now be served on **Wednesday 18th December**: roast turkey with all the trimmings! Please note, there will be no jacket potato option on this day. Christmas dinner is free for Foundation, Year 1 and 2. For Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 the Christmas dinner is the normal price of £2.70. Please wear either school uniform or PE kit as usual for a Wednesday.



ECO LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

Congratulations to our winner Alisdair from Year 3. His winning design will be used throughout the school. Well done to our runners up: Keeley from Year 6 and Thea from Year 1.

Thank you to everyone who participated—you were all very creative!



CHILDREN IN NEED

The children enjoyed their spotty non-uniform day for Children in Need. Thanks to your generosity we raised £425.47 for the charity.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Parents and carers are invited to come and see your child's work at their class assembly. These assemblies will start at 2.40pm. KS1 - Millennium Hall and KS2 - Viking Hall. Please put the date in your diary.

4SK— 16th January

4N— 23rd January

3A— 30th January

3F—6th February

2HL—27th February

2WR—6th March

2S—13th March

1Q—20th March

1W—27th March

F1—1st May

F2—8th May

JOIN US FOR A

Christmas MOVIE NIGHT



Movie - Klaus

Date - 05 DECEMBER
Time - FROM SCHOOL -
4.45pm
Snacks - Gingerbread
Cookies and Fruit

£4.50 - 1st child
£4 - second child
£1 - third or more
children

**KINDLY BUY TICKETS
ON PTA EVENTS**

**Klaus has a PG rating.
Booking provides your
consent.**



SANTA DAY - LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 20th December is our last day of term. This will be a non-uniform day and we ask the children to wear something Christmassy (Christmas jumpers, anything red or green or come along dressed as an elf, a Christmas fairy, Santa, reindeer or a snowman). Do not forget to still provide your child with a coat on the day and suitable footwear for playtimes. We will have some special visitors that day!



SCHOOL CALENDAR AUTUMN TERM 2024-2025

2nd, 3rd, 4th Dec 24	Book Fair - Mill Hall 3.15pm - come and buy a book!
4th December 2024	5PA Assembly, 2.40pm Viking Hall (please attend)
5th December 2024	PTA Christmas Film Night—3.15-4.45pm (no after school clubs)
6th December 2024	Year 6 History talk - Viking Hall
6th December 2024	Year 3 Christingle - 2.30pm on playground (parents/carers welcome)
9th December 2024	2WR only Performance - 2pm, Mill Hall
11th December 2024	Foundation Stage & Year 1 Nativity Day—pupils come dressed in costume
11th December 2024	Year 2 Performances - 2HL only at 9.30am and 2S only at 2pm , Mill Hall
13th December 2024	PTA Christmas Fun Day - non-uniform
17th Dec 2024	PTA Christmas Elf Stalls - Children can buy gifts for parents/carers
17th December 2024	iRock end of term concert—2.15pm Viking Hall (please attend if your child attends this club)
18th December 2024	Christmas Dinners KS1 - KS2 £2.70—book on School Gateway
20th December 2024	Santa Day, staff and pupils come dressed in something Christmassy - last day of term
23rd Dec 24 - 3rd Jan 25	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
6th January 2025	Inset day
7th January 2025	Pupils return to school
13th January 2025	Essex Police visiting Year 6—Viking Hall
16th January 2025	4SK Assembly 2.40pm Viking Hall (please attend)
23rd January 2025	4N Assembly 2.40pm Viking Hall (please attend)
30th January 2025	3A Assembly 2.40pm Viking Hall (please attend)
31st January 2025	Year 4 Stone Age Workshop (details to follow)
6th February	3F Assembly 2.40pm Viking Hall (please attend)
13th February	PTA film night 3.15-4.45pm
17th—21st February	HALF TERM
24th February	Pupils return 8.40am