

# **Diary Dates**

# New/Changed INSET Days

<del>20.12.24</del> 24.02.25 <mark>23.05.24</mark> 23.07.25

#### Holidays 2024 - 2025

OpenCloseAutumn 2024Fri 25.10.24Thu 05.09.24Fri 25.10.24Mon 04.11.24Fri 20.12.24Spring 2025Fri 14.02.25Tue 25.02.25Fri 04.04.25Summer 2025Thu 22.05.24Mon 02.06.25Tue 22.07.25

#### OCT

#### Tue 15.10.24

3.30 – 5.30pm

Wed 16.10.24 Parent Teacher

Consultation 3.30 – 7pm

Fri 18.10.24 School photos

Fri 25.10.24 School finishes for half term at 3.15pm

Parent Teacher Consultation

#### NOV

Mon 04.11.24 School opens Fri 08.11.24 Mufti Day in exchange for bottle for tombola Wed 13.11.24 No Swimming Fri 15.11.24 Autumn Fair at 3.15pm

#### DEC

Tue 10.12.25 KS1 Nativity 2.30 – 3.15pm for parents and young children
Wed 11.12.24 KS1 Nativity 2.30 – 3.15pm for adults only
Wed 11.12.24 Last swimming session for KS2
Fri 20.12.24 Xmas service in school hall 12.45pm
Fri 20.12.24 School finishes at

#### 1.30pm JAN

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# Words from the Woods! Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

'From small beginnings come great things'
The parable of The Mustard Seed. Matthew 13: 31-32

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. We have a few important updates and reminders to share with you as we continue through the term. Please take a moment to read through the following:

### Parents' Evening - Next Week

A quick reminder that our Parents' Evening will take place next week. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Please ensure you have booked your time slot. If you haven't done so yet, kindly contact the school office to secure an appointment.

#### **INSET Day Change**

Please note that we have made a change to one of our INSET days. The INSET day originally scheduled for **Friday 20**<sup>th</sup> **December** will now be moved to **Friday 23**<sup>rd</sup> **May**. This means that school will now be open all day on **Thursday 19**<sup>th</sup> **December**, and close on **Friday 20**<sup>th</sup> **December at 1.30pm**.

### Advertising in Our Newsletter

We are offering parents and carers the opportunity to advertise their businesses in our newsletter. For just £5 per newsletter, you can promote your business to our school community. If you're interested, please contact the school office for more information. It's a great way to reach local families while supporting the school.

## Autumn Fair

We are excited to announce that our **Autumn Fair** will be held on **Friday 15th November at 3:15pm**. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon with activities for the whole family, including a tombola, delicious s'mores, hot chocolate, and a range of exciting autumn-themed games. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the season, and we look forward to seeing you all there!

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#### Mufti Day

We will be holding a Mufti Day on **Friday 8th November** in exchange for a bottle donation for our tombola stall at the Autumn Fair.

#### **School Photos**

The school photographer will be visiting on Friday 18th October to take individual and family group photos. If you would like to include younger siblings and/or family members in the photos with your child, please arrive at 9:45am for these group sessions.

For families with more than one child at the school, your children will be photographed both together and individually.

If you plan to bring a younger sibling or another family member for the group photo, please respond to this email, letting us know how many additional family members will be attending.

Please note that we won't be able to accommodate group photos on the day unless you have informed us in advance.

#### Swimming for Classes 3 & 4

Unfortunately, Wednesday's swimming lesson was cancelled due to staffing issues at the pool. However, we've arranged for the children to receive an extra 10 minutes of swim time over the next three weeks to make up for the missed session.

Additionally, please be aware that the pool will be closed for maintenance on Wednesday 13th November, and there will be no swimming that day. We have scheduled a makeup lesson for Wednesday 11th December and will send a reminder as the date approaches.

# Thank You for Supporting Macmillan Charity

We are delighted to announce that, with your generous help, we have raised **£60** for the Macmillan charity. Your donations will go a long way in supporting those affected by cancer. A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our fundraising efforts!



# The Importance of Reading to Your Child

Reading with your child is one of the most effective ways to support their learning and overall development. Regular reading time helps improve vocabulary, comprehension, and creativity. It also strengthens your bond with your child and encourages a lifelong love for books. We recommend setting aside at least 10-15 minutes each day for reading. Whether it's a storybook before bed or a quiet time after school, it makes a world of difference.



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# Keeping Your Child Safe Online

With the increasing use of technology in our children's lives, ensuring their safety online is more crucial than ever. Please remind your child about the importance of responsible internet use, such as not sharing personal information and recognising inappropriate content. We encourage you to use parental controls and to have ongoing conversations about online safety. Let's work together to keep our children safe in this digital age.



Thank you all for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at Parents Evening next week!

Best regards Mrs Groom Headteacher

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