

Friday News 06.12.2024

We are well and truly into our calendar of festive events in school. Antarctica had their first full dress rehearsal today and are ready to perform to the school on Monday before we welcome parents in on Tuesday and Thursday. Europe have been busy with their D.T. This week and have made some torches. They really enjoyed the design element of this as well as the science behind the circuit element. Christmas dinner was a huge success and the children loved being waited on by school staff. We all enjoyed the 'log fire' and Christmas music in the background as we ate. A huge thank you to the kitchen staff for all of their hard work in preparing the meal.

Christmas events in school

Just a reminder of the Christmas activities that are happening in school over the final 2 weeks.

- Antarctica nativity to parents - Tuesday 10th December 2:15pm
- Antarctica nativity to parents - Thursday 12th December 2:15pm
- KS2 Christmas Concert at the Church - Tuesday 17th December 2pm
- KS1 Christmas Concert at the Church - Wednesday 18th December 2pm

Great Waldingfield Lights Switch On

This event is still happening but the choir will not be singing at this event due to the predicted weather conditions. If you would like to hear our wonderful choir perform, they are singing with the Sudbury Choral Society. Details are below.

Christmas concerts

We welcome as many parents, grandparents and carers as we can fit into the church for our Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5, and 6) Christmas concerts. The children will walk down to the church with adults from school. If you/ a family member are able to attend, you are welcome to take your children directly from the church at the end of the concert. We will endeavour to make sure that the concerts finish in time to collect any siblings from school. If you are unable to attend, we will walk your child(ren) back to school as normal.

Christmas Jumpers

Please can children wear their Christmas jumpers or brightly coloured top for their Christmas concerts at the church.

This means that Africa and Oceania are to wear their jumpers on **Wednesday**

18th December and

South America, Europe, North America and Asia are to wear their jumpers on **Tuesday**

17th December.

Antarctica can wear theirs on **Wednesday 18th December.**

Attendance

We achieved **94.5%** attendance this week which is an increase on last week. Year R are our attendance champions this week with **98.2%**, well done Year R! They were followed closely by Year 3 with 97.1% and Year 4 with 97%.

We have been receiving evidence for absences of more than 3 days from parents. Thank you very much for this! If your child is absent for more than 3 days, we do require evidence to be sent in line with our attendance policy. This can be a photograph of medicine, a thermometer or a screenshot of a Doctors appointment text etc. #MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Lost Property

We have plenty of lost property. Please look in the drawers by the office. We will be putting it out the front of school at the end of the week. Any unclaimed items will be recycled at the end of term.

Sudbury Choral Society

Our Christmas choir are singing at the Community Christmas Concert on Sunday 15th December at Sudbury Arts Centre. They will be singing alongside the choir as well as performing some songs on their own. It will be a brilliant way to start the festive season. Tickets are free and can be booked here: <https://sudburyartscentre.com/event/community-christmas-concert-by-donation/> If your child is part of the choir, your tickets have already been reserved for you.

Key dates

Tuesday 10th December - Antarctica nativity to parents – 2.15pm
Thursday 12th December - Antarctica nativity to parents – 2.15pm
Sunday 15th December - 3pm Choir singing with the Sudbury Choral Society at St Peter's Church Sudbury
Tuesday 17th December - KS2 Christmas concert for parents at the church pm
Wednesday 18th December - KS1 Christmas concert for parents at the church pm
Friday 20th December - Last day of term
Monday 6th January - PD Day
Tuesday 7th January - Children back to school

Happy weekend everyone!



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“Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them”

MATTHEW 19:14