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Dear Families

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ...

This week our Key Stage 1 and Reception children have been busy rehearsing for the Nativity play next week. I have heard lots of lovely singing from my office and the children have done really well learning their lines.

The PTA kindly purchased a new Christmas tree for our school hall which is now up and lit ready for all of our Christmas events that are taking place. Please see the newsletter to ensure that you do not miss anything.

Our school entry for the Christmas Tree Festival has now been finalised and will be in place at St John the Baptist Church from tomorrow. It would be great if you could visit the church over the weekend and see all of the entries. The tree that receives the most tokens will win a £50 prize. Please support us with this. I would also like to say a big thank you to Tracey Jude for organising this.

This week in Worship, we have talked about Advent and the meaning around lighting the first candle – Hope and how this is a time of waiting and waiting for the coming of Jesus.

Best wishes

Jane Sharrock

FINDON VILLAGE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

We are looking forward to Sunday when our children will be singing at the annual Christmas Lights Switch On! Please can the choir arrive at 5.15pm at Pond Green to meet Mrs Wellby. Remember to wrap up warmly (no school uniform)! You are all welcome to come along.



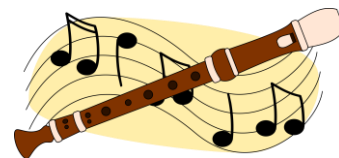
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This weekend, Findon Church is holding their 10th Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday, 6th, 10am – 5pm and Sunday, 7th December, 11am – 4pm. You can vote for your favourite tree, enjoy refreshments and enter the raffle. Look out for our school tree which will be covered in decorations made by the children and, of course, you can vote for our tree too!



RECORDER CLUB

Recorder Club has now finished for this term.



CHOIR AND BOYS' VOCAL CLUBS

Next week, Choir and Boys' Vocal will be taking place but they will be the last sessions for this term.

CONSTRUCTION CLUB & SING AND SIGN

Just a reminder that Construction Club finishes tomorrow afternoon and Sing and Sign Club ended last Monday.

WANNADO STREET DANCE

The last date for Street Dance Club is Monday, 8th December. The club restarts on Monday, 12th January. Please click on link for more information. <https://wannado-streetdance.classforkids.io>

MAKERS CLUB

Makers Club finishes on Wednesday, 17th December.

CHELSEA FOOTBALL CLUB

Chelsea FC after school club finishes on Friday, 12th December.

WALKING NATIVITY

Findon Village Walking Nativity is from Findon Village Hall to The Gun Inn on Tuesday 9th December at 5.45pm. Children should arrive for 5:45pm, then we will set off from the village hall at 6pm. On arrival at the Gun Inn, the children will sing a selection of carols.



REMINDER - CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND CHARTWELLS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas Jumper Day coincides with Chartwells Christmas lunch next Wednesday, 10th December, so children can come to school in a Christmas jumper or a jumper that has 'Christmassy' colours. Full uniform is as normal, apart from not wearing a school sweatshirt or cardigan.

This is optional and there is no need to go out and buy something new. Donations are not being collected. Children will have the opportunity to dress up in their party clothes on Friday, 19th December.

REMINDER - YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Redwood parents – there will be a meeting on Tuesday, 13th January at 2.30pm, to hear more about next year's residential trip to Blacklands Farm (w/c 23rd March).

PTA ELFRIDGES CHRISTMAS SHOP

This year, children must prepay for Elfridges tokens (1 token = £1). Please return your slips with details of who the children are buying presents for, along with the necessary cash (or make payment online) by TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER.

Tokens can be bought online here: <https://st-john-the-baptist-pta.sumupstore.com/>

Please also remember to bring in a named shopping bag on the day (Thursday 11 December) to transport gifts safely home. Thank you.



PARENT FORUM

The next meeting is on Friday, 12th December at 2pm.

ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT – SATURDAY, 13TH DECEMBER

There will be a 1pm rehearsal in the afternoon which will finish at 2:30pm, with the Arundel Choral Society joining us at 2pm to rehearse the joint carol and the congregational carols. The children have been asked to arrive at the Cathedral **by 12:45pm** to ensure a prompt start. The children should then arrive back at the Cathedral by 4:45pm dressed in their school uniform. The Service will then start at 5pm and will finish at 6pm. **Please note that children are not required to wear their school uniform during the rehearsal.**

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

We would love you to join us in celebrating this special time of year at our school Christmas Service on Tuesday, 16th December at 9am. Rowan and Redwood be leading the service.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be having the children's Christmas Party on Friday 19th December, which is the last day of our Autumn term. Children can wear their own clothes to school all day. Children will be expected to go outside to play as normal so they should wear appropriate clothing that will keep them warm, and appropriate footwear that enables them to run around.

On the day, you will not need to provide your child with a packed lunch or order a school meal. Instead, please send in a £2.50 donation by Friday 12th December, so we can buy the party food, which will be shared with everyone. We are aware of identified children who have a Health Care Plan for dietary needs and we will facilitate this accordingly.

Ash and Willow classes will play party games in the morning. Rowan and Redwood will have their party games in the afternoon. We will join together for a Christmas party lunch. If you have any concerns about what your child can and cannot eat, please talk to the office.

The PTA have kindly agreed to providing our paper plates, table cloths and crackers.

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE – Please speak to the office if you require copies of recent correspondence.

- **PTA Elfridges Christmas Shop**
- **PTA Christmas Newsletter**
- **PTA Christmas disco**
- **School Christmas party lunch donation**

DIARY DATES FOR 2025-2026

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

DECEMBER

Fri 5 December

Sat 6 December

Sun 7 December

Mon 8 December

Tues 9 December

Wed 10 December

Thurs 11 December

Fri 12 December

Sat 13 December

Tues 16 December

Wed 17 December

Thurs 18 December

Fri 19 December

Last Construction Club

Findon Church Christmas Tree Festival (10am-5pm)

Findon Christmas Lights Switch On! – school choir (5.30pm)

Findon Church Christmas Tree Festival (11am-4pm)

No Sing and Sign Club

Last Wannado Street Dance

LAST CHOIR CLUB

Ash and Willow Nativity (2pm)

Findon Village Walking Nativity (5.45pm)

Chartwell Christmas lunch – order via ParentPay

Christmas Jumper Day

Ash and Willow Nativity (2pm)

PTA Elfridges event

RECORDER CLUB HAS FINISHED – NO CLUB

Nasal flu vaccinations (pm)

PTA Christmas Disco

Last Chelsea FC Club

Christmas Carol Concert Arundel Cathedral

School Carol Service (9am) – all welcome

Rowan and Redwood Christmas Concert (9.15am) – tickets available

Last Makers Club

Rowan and Redwood Christmas Concert (2.15pm) – tickets available

Whole school Christmas party lunch – Chartwells meals cancelled

Last day of term

JANUARY 2026

Mon 5 January

Tues 6 January

Fri 9 January

Mon 12 January

Tues 13 January

Wed 14 January

INSET day

Back to school

Chelsea FC Club starts

Wannado Streetdance Club restarts

Residential meeting for Redwood parents (2.30pm)

Rowan and Redwood Stone Age day

FEBRUARY

Mon 9 February

Fri 13 February

w/c 16 February

Sun 22 February

Mon 23 February

Y1 & Y2 Rainbow Theatre (pm) – details to follow

End of half term

Half-term holiday

World Thinking Day

Back to school

MARCH

Tues 3 March	Parent consultations (3.30 – 6.30pm)
Wed 4 March	Parent consultations (3.30 – 5.30pm)
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day
Thurs 19 March	Easter Service – Rowan leading (9am)
Fri 20 March	Easter Bonnet Parade (9am) – details to follow
w/c 23 March	Y5 & Y6 Residential Trip
Fri 27 March	End of term

APRIL

Mon 13 April	INSET day
Tues 14 April	Back to school
Wed 29 April	Redwood class assembly (2.45pm)

MAY

Mon 4 May	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed
Tues 5 May	Back to school
Thurs 7 May	Reception assembly – families welcome (2.45pm)
Sat 16 May	
Fri 22 May	End of half-term
w/c 25 May	Half-term holiday

JUNE

Mon 1 June	INSET day
Tues 2 June	Back to school
Wed 17 June	Y1 & Y2 assembly – families welcome (2.45pm)
Wed 24 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.30pm) – details to follow
Fri 26 June	Astracolour class photos

JULY

Tues 21 July	Last day of summer term
Wed 22 July	INSET day