

Dates for your diary

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Fri 8th	Class 6 Winter Market
Sat 9th	Choir at Village Singers concert
Wed 13th	Nativity at St James's, 2.15pm
Thu 14th	Nativity at St James's, 9.45am
Fri 15th	Federation disco at GE
Mon 18th	FOGES Secret Shopping Book at Bedtime, 5-6.30pm
Tue 19th	Christmas jumper day Christmas lunch
Wed 20th	Carol service at St James's, 9.30am School closes for Christmas
Sun 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE
Mon 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY
JAN	
Mon 1st	HAPPY NEW YEAR
Wed 3rd	INSET DAY
Thu 4th	School reopens for spring term
Wed 17th	Old Buckenham Panto (details to follow)



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Head's Headlines

As the days shorten and the weather begins to turn colder, our thoughts turn towards winter and Christmas.

We held a very successful open afternoon in October, where prospective new parents came to view our school 'in action'. The Year 5 and 6 children eagerly showed our guests around the school, giving them the 'gold standard' tour! All the visitors commented on the fact that the children were articulate, confident and polite. They also commented on how enthusiastic the children were about their learning and how proud they were of their school. However, we are even more proud of our children. They were amazing ambassadors and helped to show the new parents what it means to grow up within our school community.

In this newsletter we have a few updates for you from each class, sharing a range of the learning opportunities the children have engaged in, both in school and extra-curricular.

We have lots of lovely things in the diary in the run up to Christmas and we look forward to seeing you at the Carol Service on the last day. Letters will be sent out in due course for each event.

All the best,

Mrs D



Class 1

This term Class 1 have been using all of their senses to explore the world around us on a senses walk and they even felt raindrops! They have also learnt about positional language through their Talk for Writing text, Rosie's Walk, and created obstacle courses for their friends to follow.

They have been having so much fun at Forest School. Mrs Dekker bought them a beautiful birch tree to plant that they named "Loveheart" because of the shape of its leaves. They learnt what their tree would need to grow and helped to water it. All the children made a wish as they added handfuls of soil to Loveheart's new home, which led us onto learning about autumn and exploring all the beautiful colours.

They have learnt why we celebrate 5th November with fireworks by retelling the Gun Powder Plot, read Bonfire Night poems and created beautiful firework art using a stamping technique!

They have also been learning about the festival of Diwali! The children enjoyed retelling the story of Rama and Sita, creating Rangoli patterns and dancing with finger lights to celebrate the Festival of Lights! We made clay diya lamps and shared Indian samosas, bhajis and pakoras by diya light! What a wonderful celebration!

They explored their local environment and the work of the Royal Mail on their walk to the Post Office to post our letters to Santa!



Class 2

Class 2 enjoyed a wonderful (if chilly!) trip to Banham Zoo to talk about the animals, read their names and learn lots of interesting information, finding out all about them, their habitats and what they like eat.



Class 3

This half term Class 3 have really enjoyed getting to know each other and have been working hard to do the very best learning that they can do.

They have completed a quest story and a diary entry in English.

In phonics they have been learning more about how different sounds can be spelt in alternative ways.

In maths, most of the class have been practising their 10 times tables. The Year 2s have been working on place value up to 100 and now they are doing addition and subtraction.

In Science their learning has involved thinking all about the differences between a material and its properties and then considering how different materials are suitable for certain purposes. They have completed lots of fun investigations to test out how suitable a material is for a purpose. For example, they have made an umbrella out of paper and a knife out of wool.

In humanities they have focused on history, learning lots about the Wright brothers and how aeroplanes have developed since 1903. They really enjoyed their trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum and were able to see the aeroplanes up close!

They have also enjoyed learning about Diwali in RE, jumping and balancing skills in PE, and lots more.

For our Harvest Festival this year, the children have again brought in a wealth of items for the foodbank. At school, we feel that it is very important that our children think about and support those families less fortunate than themselves. Our families have been extremely generous and a car full of food was delivered to the local foodbank. Thank you, everyone☺.

Class 4

In Class 4 we raised a whopping £274 in our bake sale to go towards our class budget, so thank you so much to everyone who contributed!



We have also been developing our artistic talents and have all made posters to enter a Remembrance Day competition, we'll wait to hear if any of us have won

On 16th November, we were excited to join Class 2 from Rocklands for a day trip to Norwich Castle, exploring Ancient Egypt and participating in interesting workshops.

Class 5

Class 5 enjoyed their day trip out to the Sedgewick and Whipple museums in Cambridge on Wednesday 15th November. This visit enhanced their learning and they experienced a journey through time, from the meteoritic building blocks of planets to the thousands of fossils of animals and plants

Reminder about booking Extended Schools

We are very pleased to be able to offer before and after-school provision for all pupils every day of the week. However, it can get quite busy so if you would like to book your child/ren in please provide a weeks' notice when doing so. This will allow us to plan in advance how many adults we need and have an up to date register of which children are expected.

Booking forms are available on the website (under the Parents and Carers section) or from the school office.

Thank you.

Class 6

Class 6 once again hosted a very successful Scholastic Book Fair at the beginning of October. Due to your continued support at these events we have been able to claim a further £225 worth of free books for our school! Thank you very much!



They also had an exciting trip to Lynford Water and Arboretum to continue their learning about water, streams and lakes. They investigated how fast the water travelled and created some wonderful artwork of the landscape.