



Be kind. Be ambitious. Be the best you can be!

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Our last week has been a lovely but very fast week in school with lots of fun activities taking place. All year groups have taken part in their Christmas parties which involved games, treats and dancing! It has been fantastic seeing everyone getting involved and enjoying themselves. What a lovely way to end Autumn term.

On Tuesday, our Year 3 and 4 children performed their Christmas singing. They have worked very hard this term with Mrs Fildes and their teachers. It has been lovely hearing their tuneful voices every Tuesday; they never fail to make me smile. I do hope you enjoyed listening to them singing.

On Wednesday, some of our Y4 children popped over to Winton Court to sing for the residents; it was lovely to spread some festive cheer around. The residents thoroughly enjoyed listening to them.

On Thursday, our Year 5 and 6 children visited St Paul's church to take part in our carol service. They were exceptionally well behaved and their singing was beautiful. Thanks to all at St Paul's for welcoming us into church and thanks to everyone who came along to join us.

There was much excitement across school when we drew our winter raffle. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets for the raffle. We made a staggering £566 which will go towards treats for the children.

Today, we had our usual termly certificate Friday, where we announced winners for various categories for the term. Please see below to find out who was selected by their teachers and myself.

Thank you for supporting your children and ourselves this term. I look forward to welcoming you all back in January.

Have a lovely Christmas holiday.

Mrs Chard



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2026:

5th Jan – back to school

Thurs 19th Feb – last day of term

Fri 20th Feb – training day **school closed**

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Feb – half term **school closed**

Mon 2nd Mar - back to school

w/c Mon 16th Mar – parent's evenings

Thurs 2nd Apr – last day of term

Fri 3rd Apr – bank holiday **school closed**

Mon 6th – Fri 17th Apr – Easter holidays **school closed**

Mon 20th Apr – back to school

Mon 4th May – Bank holiday **school closed**

Mon 11th – Thurs 14th May 2026 KS2 SATS – YEAR 6

Fri 22nd May – last day of term

Mon 25 - Fri 29 May – half term **school closed**

Mon 1st June – occasional day **school closed**

Tues 2nd June – back to school

Tues 2nd June – 2 weeks Y4 Multiplication checks

Mon 8 June – Fri 12th June Y1 Phonic screening checks

Fri 17th Jul – last day of term

Please note we will continue to send all other dates in a separate email to parents/carers only. These will include dates of trips and events in school.

STAFFING:

As you all know, it was Miss Crabtree's last day today, before she sets off on her new adventure. We wish her lots of luck in her new role. Miss Young, who is taking over from Miss Crabtree, has been into school again this week to spend more time with her new class. Miss Young can't wait to join us in January.

**RESIDENTIAL:**

If your child is in Year 5, you should now have a letter about their Year 6 residential to Robinwood. As always, if you have any concerns or want to chat through anything about this, please do come and see the class teacher, myself or Mrs Leach who will be more than happy to talk over any concerns that you have. Residentials are a great experience for all children so I do hope that they will all sign up as I know they will have a great time!

WINTER RUNDERLAND:

Our Winter RUNDERLAND challenge came to an end this week. This was a Christmas themed, physical activity challenge set by the Gateshead School Sports Partnership for schools in Gateshead. The aim was for children to take part in as much physical activity as possible to earn carrots to feed the reindeers, to give them enough energy to travel around the world. The winning class was Seedlings. They enjoyed their winning treat of hot chocolate and biscuits.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM:**

A gentle reminder for when we return in the New Year that our uniform is as follows:

- Grey or black skirt, trousers or pinafore (no leggings)
- Red school sweatshirt or cardigan with/without logo
- Red polo shirt
- Red and white checked summer dress
- Flat black shoes with closed toes and straps (no trainers)



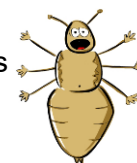
Daily uniform for children in Early Years is as follows. This is also the PE kit for children in years 1 to 6:

- Plain black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts.
- Red school t-shirt with logo
- Red school hoodie with/without logo (specifically only for PE) **or** school jumper
- Trainers

Trampoline socks for boogie bounce sessions for KS1 and KS2 (this will not be every term). Hair should always be tied back once it approaches shoulder length and no jewellery should not be worn.

HEADLICE:

We have had a reported case of headlice in Early Years. Please can you check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary to avoid further spread.

**SPRING TERM CLUBS:**

As always, we have a range of clubs on offer for Spring term 1. If you have applied for a space for your child in one of these, you should now have received an email confirming if they have a place. Please contact the office if you have not yet received this.



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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL:

Today we celebrated our own Reading Plus Word Wizards!
Stephen and Tyler have managed to read 50,000 words!

Amazing!

FunClub

Well done



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End of Term Awards



Most Improved Reader	Number Facts Champion
Oliver	Louie
Calvin	Thomas
Ruby	Paddy
Evie-Rose	Leah
Bella	Ezzy
Hallie	Imogen
Brodie	Jamie
Marnie	Layton
Sana	Gabriel
Jack	Lacie



Handwriting champion	Supporter of Class
Adeeb	Hunter
George	Joseph
Will	Payton
Imogen	Noah
Kyran	Olly
Layla-Ann	Charlie
Zach	Evie
Aryan	Boux
Yaqub	Kuba
Lilly	Seleana



Mrs Chards Award for having a FANTASTIC Autumn Term
Casey-Mae
Elina
Margaret
Brody
Hayden
Laura
Hunter
Amy
Leon
Nelin
Dylan
Lily-Mae
Olivia

