



Dates for your Diary:

Mon 15th Dec

Reception Height &
Weight

Mon 15th Dec 2.00

YR 1 / 2 Performance

Tues 16th Dec 9.30

Donaldson Performance

Tues 16th Dec 6.00

YR 1 / 2 Performance

Thurs 18th Dec 9.30

Christmas Service Holy
Trinity – all welcome –
teas/coffees from 9.00

Fri 19th Dec 1.30

**END OF AUTUMN
TERM**

Mon 5th Jan

INSET DAY

Tues 6th Jan

**START OF SPRING
TERM**

Weds 7th Jan 9.30

Reception/Nursery Tour
for prospective parents

Tues 13th Jan 3.20

Yr 6 parent SATS
meeting

Mon 26th Jan 3.30

Football match v Our
Lady @ home – selected
team

Thurs 29th Jan 9.30

Reception/Nursery Tour
for prospective parents

News from Mr Holmes

Church School Inspection

Last month we welcomed our latest Church School (SIAMS) Inspection, and I am delighted to let you know that it went very well. Earlier this week, we sent the full report to all parents, and I hope you have had a chance to read it.

The report confirms that our school is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling both pupils and adults to flourish. SIAMS inspections no longer give grades; instead, they simply state whether a school is meeting its statutory requirements. I am pleased to say that we are!

Some of the strengths highlighted include our strong, positive relationships and purposeful learning environment; the way pupils are supported to grow in confidence and develop new skills; and our carefully planned Religious Education curriculum, which builds pupils' knowledge of Christianity, other faiths and non-religious worldviews. The report also acknowledges the strong sense of community that pupils and adults appreciate in our small village school.

I would like to thank all pupils, staff, parents and Governors who contributed to this successful outcome, whether by meeting the Inspector or by sharing their experiences of life at our school.

This good church school inspection outcome follows on from two Good Ofsted inspections in recent years, the most recent in 2023. We know we have a good school here in Weston, but it is always reassuring to have that confirmed by an external inspection.

Christmas Events

We have a wonderfully busy run-up to Christmas ahead, with a number of events that we hope you will enjoy.

Our Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church will take place on Thursday 18th December at 9.30 am. This is always a lovely community occasion, with beautiful singing from the children and prayers written and read by pupils from across the school.

Carle Class will be performing *Prickly Hay* on Monday 15th December at 2.00 pm (doors open at 1.30 pm) and again on Tuesday 16th December at 6.00 pm (doors open at 5.30 pm). Parents in Carle Class have already received details on ordering tickets, and rehearsals suggest it will be a delightful performance.

Dates for your Diary:

Mon 2nd Feb 5.00-7.30
Parent Evening

Weds 4th Feb 3.30-6.30
Parent Evening

Mon 9th Feb 3.30-4.30
Football match v St.
Andrews @ home
selected team

Mon 16th – Fri 20th Feb
HALF TERM

Tues 3rd Mar 3.30-4.30
Year 5 Maths Challenge
– selected team

Thurs 5th Mar
World Book Day

Fri 6th Mar
Yr 6 On-line health
questionnaire with school
nursing team

Thurs 26th Mar 9.30
Easter Service Holy
Trinity – all welcome –
teas/coffees from 9.00

Fri 27th Mar 1.30pm
END OF TERM

Donaldson Class will present their Christmas performance of *Christmas Counts* on Tuesday 16th December at 9.30 am (doors open at 9.05 am). Once again, parents in this class have had the letter about tickets, and the children have been working hard in rehearsals.

Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday 17th December. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper on this day if they wish, along with their normal school uniform.

A big thank you to FoWS for funding the pantomime enjoyed by the children in the hall yesterday. It was certainly lively and very much appreciated by all.

Attendance News

Well done to Morris Class, who won this week's Attendance Trophy with an impressive 98.3 per cent attendance. Congratulations also to Tan, who won last week with 98.2 per cent. Thank you for helping your children arrive on time and ready to learn each day.

Start of Spring Term

A reminder that Monday 5 January is a Staff Training (INSET) Day. Children return to school on Tuesday 6 January. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break.

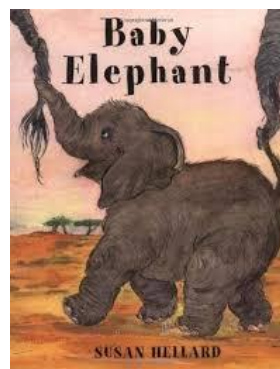
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Merry Christmas to you and your families, and a very Happy New Year when it comes. Thank you for everything you do to support your children in their education and for your continued partnership with the school.

Mr Holmes

Teachers' Book Recommendations

As part of our mission to promote **Reading for Pleasure**, our teachers have shared some more fantastic book recommendations for different age groups. We hope you and your children enjoy them!



Mrs Bull recommends:
Baby Elephant by Susan Hellard

A book about a baby elephant that never listens and has to be rescued from a crocodile trap!

Stars of the Week



DONALDSON

Felix Cherry & Suleiman Asif

CARLE

Lily Lewis & Frankie Hawkes

MORRIS

James Towersey & Delia Connor

TAN

Daisy Manning-Catto, Matilda Patmore, Malachy Fulton-Bout, Joel Potts, Jack Chamberlain & Oliver Anderson

Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Indigo Pellett in Tan Class who came 2nd in the County Acro Championships & placed 3rd in the HoriZen Acro Invitational Competition in Luton, to Elizabeth Rich in Carle Class for achieving Marriotts Gymnastics Prenovice Level 4, 5 & 6, to Jessica Langridge in Tan Class for achieving Best New Guide at 1st Letchworth Guide Company & to Mia Buckle in Tan Class for representing her pony club (Puckeridge Western) at the Winter Area Qualifiers, she was first in her Section. She also won the best run and best swim medals. Well done.

