

Friday News - 20.12.2024

What a busy final week! I was very fortunate to be able to welcome so many of you to our Christmas concerts at the church. Thank you to all parents, grandparents and family members who were able to attend. It was wonderful to see the church so full. The children performed exceptionally well and made all the staff very proud. A huge thank you as well to the Archdeacon of Sudbury (The Venerable Dr David Jenkins) who joined us for a prayer and blessing at the end of the KS1 performance in Reverend Faith's absence. Finally, I would just like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Text Messages

After the Christmas holidays, we will no longer be sending text messages out unless in an emergency situation. This means that head bump notifications will also be coming by email. Up until now, we have had unlimited texts but Arbor are no longer providing this service. To maintain the number of texts we are currently using, it would cost the school £2,500. Therefore, we will be moving to **ONLY** emailing you after Christmas. Please make sure we have an up-to-date email address for you on Arbor.

Attendance

We achieved **92.2%** attendance this week which is an increase on last week.

Year 2 are our attendance champions this week with **96.3%**, well done Year 2! They were followed by Year 1 with 94.5%.

After the holidays, we will be emailing an attendance certificate for each child so you can keep up to date with your child's attendance.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Safeguarding

The school office will be closed for the Christmas holidays and emails will not be picked up. If you have any concerns about the safety of a child, please do not wait until school is open there are 2 options available for members of the public.

- 1) - If the child is in immediate danger of harm call 999 for the police.
- 2) - If you are concerned about the welfare of a child contact Customer First on **0808 800 4005**.

Rainbow Readers

We had a record 130 children achieve their Orange Rainbow Readers this half term. Amazing! Special mentions to EYFS for 26 out of 31 pupils, Y2 for 25 out of 27 pupils and Y4 for 24 out of 30 pupils. Well done everyone!

Key dates

Monday 6th January - PD Day

Tuesday 7th January - Children back to school

Thursday 30th January - Year 1 Class Assembly.

Thursday 6th February - Year 3 Class Assembly.

Thursday 13th February - Thursday 27th February - Year 5 Bikeability.

17th - 21st February - Half Term

Thursday 27th February - Year 2 Class Assembly.

Thursday 6th March - Year 4 Class Assembly.

Thursday 13th March - Year 5 Class Assembly.

Thursday 20th March - EYFS Class Assembly.

Tuesday 25th March - Parents Evening **YR-Y5 only**

Wednesday 26th March to Friday 28th March - Year 6 residential to Thorpe Woodlands

Tuesday 1st April - **Year 6** Parents Evening 3:30 - 5:00

Thursday 3rd April - Year 6 Class Assembly.

Thursday 3rd April - Parents Evening

Friday 4th April - Last Day of term

Happy weekend and a very happy Christmas everyone!
See you in 2025.



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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