



We have had such a fantastic couple of weeks in the lower school. The children have been getting into the festive spirit with lots of winter performances to celebrate and share with our families and community. As we head into our last week of the term, the children have been ensuring they are shining bright with Emerald power by showing lots of resilience in their learning and bouncebackability when things might not always go the right way. The children continue to show our core values 'work hard' and 'be kind', which we are all so proud of.

Miss Montgomery

## Reception and Year 1 Notice

To enable a smooth transition into school in the morning, can we please ensure parents do not enter the garden rooms of Reception and year 1. We are trying to promote and increase independence within the year groups.

## Timings of the School Day

See below a table of timings for the school day for Lower, Middle and Upper School. Please can I remind you that children are welcomed into classes in the morning for a prompt start at 08:25am and collection at the end of the day is 15:00pm.

## Community Dress Rehearsal

The children had a very exciting visit from the residents at Avon Care Home who came to watch our Winter performances.



The children in years 1 and 2 did their first full run through of the Nativity performance 'Christmas with the aliens' and our year 3 and 4 children sang some brilliant songs that connected to their curriculum learning. Later in the week, the children performed to their



families and our parent community which was a great success for all the hard work and efforts the children have put in over the last few weeks rehearsing.

## Last Day of Term Reminder

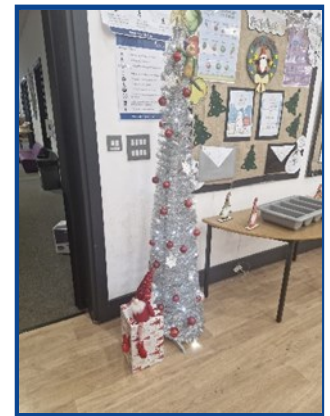
The last day of term is Friday 20 December. Children will have lunch from 11:30am and gates will open at 12:30pm for children to go home and close at 12:40pm. Please ensure your child is picked up on time.

School	School Day Starts	School Day Ends
Lower School <i>Reception to Year 4</i>	Gates Open: 8.20am Classrooms Open: 8.25am Gates Close: 8.30am	Gates Open: 2.50pm Classroom Doors Open: 3.00pm
Middle School <i>Year 5 to Year 8</i>	Gates Open: 8.25am Classrooms Open: 8.35am Gates Close: 8.35am	Gates Open: 3.05pm Classroom Doors Open: 3.10pm
Upper School <i>Year 9 to Year 11</i>	Gates Open: 8.25am Gates Close: 8.35am Tutor Time Starts: 8.40am	Gates Open: 3.10pm

## Christmas Dinner Day

Our fantastic staff in the lower school kitchen went above and beyond to put on a wonderful festive meal for the children as part of Community Day. The children had a delicious meal that was served by teaching staff across the lower school site. They listened to Christmas songs, coloured in their own place mats and hats to wear and use during their meal.

A huge thank you to Amy, Chelsea and Katie from ASPENS and also Ms Pimm, Ms Saw, Mrs Lamb, Mrs Halas and Miss Gill, our wonderful SMSAs who worked tirelessly to ensure every child had a lovely Christmas Dinner.



Important Dates	
Monday 16 December	Reception Christmas Performance at 14:20
Tuesday 17 December	Reception Christmas Performance at 08:50
Friday 20 December	Last Day of Term 2—Gates Open at 12:30
Monday 6 January	INSET Day
Tuesday 7 January	First Day of Term 3
Thursday 9 January	Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 16 January	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 17 January	Open Door Day

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