



News this week...

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

The Christmas trees have started to appear, nativity rehearsals are going well and staff and children alike are full of excitement and anticipation for the all the Christmas activities ahead.



Festive Diary Dates

DECEMBER 2025	
Saturday 6 th	FROGS PTA: Christmas Fair 1.30-4.00pm – all welcome to come along and join the festive family fun!
Thursday 11 th	Year 1&2: Nativity Performance of 'It's a Baby!' – 2.00pm in Gold Hall
Friday 12 th	Year 1&2: Nativity Performance of 'It's a Baby!' – 2.00pm in Gold Hall
Monday 15 th	Years 1-6: Carol Concert at St Michael and St Mary Magdelene Church, Easthampstead
Tuesday 16 th	Reception: Performance of 'Our First Nativity' – 2.15pm in Gold Hall, details to follow
Wednesday 17 th	Years R-6: Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch
	Nursery: Singalong and Craft afternoon – 2.00-3.00pm
Friday 19 th	Last Day of Autumn Term



Caterpillars and the Christmas Tree!

Our Nursery children visited Gold Hall this morning and took some time to help hang some decorations on our Christmas tree – they walked through the school very quietly and really enjoyed seeing the tree with its pretty multi-coloured lights.





School Christmas Lunch Menu – Order now on ParentPay!

We have updated ParentPay this week to include the option for our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 17th December.

Please note that all previous orders for this day have been cancelled – you will need to go online to re-book a meal for that day.

There are only two lunch choices on this day as it is a very busy day for our school kitchen! The options are:

1. Roast Turkey with pigs in blanket, stuffing and Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, carrots, sprouts/peas and gravy
2. (V) Quorn Fillet with pigs in blanket, stuffing and Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, carrots, sprouts/peas and gravy.



The dessert option for the day will be Festive Chocolate Crisp Pudding.



Year 6 Become Website Designers!

This week, Year 6 have been busy designing and developing their very own websites using Google Sites. They explored how to structure pages, add images and text, and create clear, user-friendly layouts. The children showed fantastic creativity and problem-solving as they personalised their sites. It's been a brilliant introduction to real-world digital skills!



Year 6 Visit the Garth Hill College Careers Fair

A group of Year 6 pupils recently attended the Careers Fair at Garth Hill College, where they listened to inspiring talks and explored a range of future career pathways. They also had the chance to interact with students from other schools, asking thoughtful questions and taking part in engaging activities. The children represented our school brilliantly and returned full of enthusiasm for the possibilities ahead!



Hedgehog Photographers

In Hedgehogs the children have been learning about digital photography. They have been exploring taking photographs in both portrait and landscape formats and exploring the reasons why a photographer may favour one over the other.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025

We've heard today that our school managed to raise a fantastic £323.84 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal this year – well done everybody!

FROGS Christmas Fair Tomorrow!

We are really looking forward to all the fun of our fabulous FROGS Christmas Fair tomorrow and hope you can come along and join us!

We'd love you to come along and enter the raffle for a chance at winning a Nintendo Switch or to try your luck on our tombola. Santa will also be there in his grotto, so why not pay him a visit! It's going to be a GREAT day!

Thank you for your continued support and have a relaxing weekend!

Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Foxes (98.9%)
- 2nd Place – Panthers (97.0%)
- 3rd Place – Tigers (96.5)



Diary Dates

JANUARY 2026	
Monday 5 th	Whole School: Start of Spring Term
Thursday 8 th	Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2026 – 9.15am, click here for information
Wednesday 14 th	Reception: Family Learning Maths ‘Magic Pebbles’ – 1.45-3.10pm
Thursday 20 th	Year 5: Trip to Ufton Court – cost £20, parent letter coming soon
Friday 23 rd	Year 1: Trip to Windsor Castle – cost £17, parent letter coming soon
Wednesday 28 th	Year 2: Trip to Brooklands Museum – cost £25, parent letter coming soon
FEBRUARY 2026	
Wednesday 4 th	Nursery: Family Learning Maths ‘Washing Lines’ – 9.00-10.30am
	Year 6: Trip to Didcot Railway Centre – cost £23.50, parent letter coming soon
Thursday 5 th	Year 3: Family Learning English ‘SPaG 1’ – 9.00-10.30am
Friday 6 th	Year 4: Family Learning English ‘SPaG 2’ – 9.00-10.30am
Monday 16th to Friday 20th	HALF TERM BREAK
Friday 27 th	TRUST WIDE INSET DAY – pupils not in school
MARCH 2026	
Wednesday 18 th	Reception: NCMP Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing Screening – letter to follow
Friday 27th	Last Day of Spring Term

These dates are subject to change, we will try to give as much notice as possible!



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PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
FAIR**

**SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025
1.30PM - 4PM**

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