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4th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable (albeit short) half term. We are very excited to get back into our routines and continue with our learning in the Enhanced Pathway.

We get to learn and explore lots of exciting things in the Enhanced Pathway and will begin our year with the topic: 'Celebrations' and learning about:

Firework/Bonfire Night
Remembrance Day
Divali
Christmas

Please see the Enhanced Pathway Topic Web for details of all curriculum areas this term. It also contains vocabulary that we will be using in class. We will use core word boards to encourage and develop children's vocabulary and communication.

Miss Van den Broek will teach in the Enhanced Pathway on a Thursday and Friday afternoon. Our Teaching Assistants, Miss Van den Broek and Miss Greenhill (AM) and James Ball (PM) will be supporting the class every day. We would like to welcome Uma who helps us over the lunchtime period.

P.E. and Outdoor Learning

Our P.E. day is Tuesday when the children will have Smart Moves and Multi Skills. We will not need a P.E kit.

Please could you send in waterproofs and wellies for use during outdoor learning sessions and playtime. If you can't do this, can you please ensure that your child has at least one change of clothing. Any wet clothes will be sent home on the day.

Punctuality and Attendance

Doors open at 8.45 am and you can access the Enhanced Pathway through the quiet area playground. Children put away their things and settle in with a book, ready for the day. The register is taken at 8.50 am. If you arrive in school after the register has been taken, you will need to take your child to the school office to register them. At 3:15 please do not come and open or wave at the door as this can be unsettling.

Dates

Date	Event
Friday 13th November	Individual school photos
Thursday 19th November	Visit from Fire Service
Friday 20th November	Children in Need day for St Andrew's (to avoid clash with photos!)
Friday 27th November	INSET day, school closed to children
Friday 4th December	SASA Christmas Fair (3.20 – 5.30pm)
Friday 11th Dec	Reception /class Nativity – pm – time tbc
Wednesday 16th December	Years R, 1 & 2 Christmas dinner day (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 bring packed lunch)
Thursday 17th December	Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas dinner day (Years R, 1 & 2 bring packed lunch)
Friday 18th December	End of term - School finishes at 1.15 for The Enhanced Pathway

Communication

If you have an urgent message regarding your child, please phone the school office as we cannot always check our messages during the school day. If you have a non-urgent message, please feel free to use ClassDojo and we will endeavour to reply as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on ClassDojo for any upcoming dates or events. It is easier for us to chat or answer questions after school than in the morning when we are trying to ensure all children have a settled start to the day and feel welcomed by us.

How you can get involved

As part of 'curiosity programme' and explore & learn we are always on the lookout for 'pretty tins' of various sizes. We would be very grateful of them if you have one (or two) and no longer require them.

Best wishes,

Miss Holden