

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Christmas-train continues to rumble on, and it has been wonderful to see the Christmas activities underway in earnest this week. The children are so full of excitement it is palpable and as we head into the last week of the term, I know there is more to come.

### Christmas Festivities

Our last week is a busy one, so to help in the mornings, here is the dress code for the rest of term!

No PE kits to be worn on any day next week please – but the children will need to have a pair of trainers in their bags in case.

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Choir at Tesco – school uniform with Christmas hats/headgear
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	KS2 Carol Concert – School Uniform
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Lunch – Smart/ Party clothes (Sunday best!)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Mufti Day (Wear What You Like day) (£1 contribution) – last day of term

### Christmas Festivities



This week we have seen the start of our Lanscore Christmas festivities and I have loved seeing the traditions and celebrations that take place here. It is always exciting seeing how a new school shows their Christmas spirit and I have enjoyed this week with the same wide-eyed enthusiasm as our EYFS children.



Our KS1 performance of 'Simply the Nativity' was outstanding and the children were all so confident with their lines and songs. The children all worked so hard to put on such a performance and I know they had an amazing time doing so. A huge thank you to all the children for working so hard, remembering lines and singing so well, and thank you to everyone who came and supported the children – I know you will have enjoyed the performance as much as I did. Finally, a huge thank you to the staff who diligently support the children and make the Christmas magic happen.

As well as our KS1 performance, our youngest children in Early Years – with a supporting choir of year 5 and 6 – put on an amazing Christmas show with some wonderful songs and even a few ad-hoc dances! Well done to all of the children who showed such joy in sharing their Christmas songs. Thank you to Miss Brown, Mrs Doyle and all the EYFS team who helped the children learn the songs and perform them so well.



Finally, this afternoon the school choir visited our friends at 'Age Concern' and Kenwyn Care Home' to share with them the carols and Christmas songs they have been learning. The children all sang with gusto, and it was a truly excellent

time with members of our local community. I was so proud of them and grateful as always to Mrs Turagabeci for her skill and passion in bringing out the best in our young singers.

### Tesco Carol Singing

Any of the choir who are singing at Tesco on Tuesday morning can meet myself and Mrs T inside the main entrance at 9:00am. We will then be ready to return to school around 9:45am

### Games and Wear What You Like Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Next Friday is our last day of term and the children are invited to bring in non-electrical, toys and games for the morning. It is also a Mufti day and the children are welcome to wear what they like – the more festive, the better – so why not dig out those Christmas jumpers?

Finally, a reminder that the **school will close at 2:30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** and gates will open at 2:25pm in the usual way.

### Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, the children and staff will be sharing their Christmas lunch in school and as in previous years, it is a great opportunity to put on their 'Sunday Best' for the day. Children are invited to come into school in their finery in the morning and we look forward to seeing everyone looking fabulous!



### KS2 Carol Service

We will be holding our KS2 Carol service in the Crediton Parish Church on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, at 2:00pm. Parents and carers are invited to come along and enjoy a range of Christmas carols sung by the children. We are limiting numbers to two adults per child so we don't get too overcrowded, but there are no tickets required.

The children will walk down to the church from school after lunch. You are welcome to take your child home from the church following the service, but please bear in mind that they won't have any school bags or packed lunches with them. We look forward to seeing you all there.

### Primary Sports Holiday Camps - Christmas

Primary Sports will be running their holiday camp at Landscore on selected dates during the Christmas. There are both HAF funded spaces available if your child is eligible for and receiving benefit related free school meals, and parents are also able to book paid for spaces as well. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

### Thank you to our Parent Helpers

We have a great team of very dedicated parent helpers and volunteers who come into school to hear children read and help out around the school. I would like to thank all of you for your continued help and support. It has been great to see so many of you around and we really appreciate the extra support you all provide.

### Oh, Christmas Tree...

You can't help but have noticed the wonderful Christmas tree we have in the school office this year, kindly donated by the PTA. At the end of term, this tree will be looking for a new home and we would love someone to adopt the tree for the final weeks of the festive season. The tree is free and anyone interested in a good-sized tree should contact the office.

### Fundraising

Year 6, who are busy fundraising for their Leaver's Hoodies, are holding a sweet cone and hot chocolate sale on Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup>) after school. If they have stock left, they will also be selling on Thursday after school. So bring your pennies and help them reach their target.

After the cancellation of the Christmas Fair at the weekend, the Y3/4 craft club have some Christmas stock they would like to sell. Handmade decorations will be available after school on Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup>), and they also have a tombola. As a group they decided to raise money for the Air Ambulance so would appreciate your support.

## Term Dates 2025-26

Please find below the planned term time dates for this academic year. All green dates are school holidays or INSET (non-pupil) days. Days marked with an asterisk \* are Bank Holidays.

	Sep-2025					Oct-2025					Nov-2025				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Wednesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Thursday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Friday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Saturday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
	Dec-2025					Jan-2026					Feb-2026				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Thursday	4	11	18	25*		1*	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Friday	5	12	19	26*		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Saturday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Sunday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	
	Mar-2026					Apr-2026					May-2026				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		6*	13	20	27		4*	11	18	25*
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26
Wednesday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
Thursday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Friday	6	13	20	27		3*	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
	Jun-2026					Jul-2026					Aug-2026				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Wednesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Thursday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Friday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Saturday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30

## Awesome @Landscape

Our congratulations this week go to Mia as she completes her time at Brownies and earns her Brownie's Gold Award, before joining Guides in the new year. She explained how she had helped to plan and lead a Remembrance wreath activity with the Brownies as part of her award and was so enthusiastic about her time in the group.

Venice Rose has also been working very hard with her Level 2 Acro Dance Exam and achieved an Excellent grade. She is very excited to be working on her Level 3 and we look forward to seeing her success in the coming months.

Finally, Elouise is the proud new owner of a STANley 5 certificate and she has been working very hard.

It is always great to hear about the children's determination and they continue to make us proud.



Since next Friday is the last day of the term this will be the last newsletter before Christmas. I look forward to seeing you next week, whether on the gate or at one of our final Christmas activities - and wishing you a very merry Christmas.

But just in case I don't see you, may I wish you all a peace-filled and joyous Christmas and a happy New Year! We will see you all in 2025 when term begins on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January!

Yours sincerely

*Tim Williams*

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Headteacher

## Diary Dates 2024 – 2025

These are the dates we have at the moment for the year ahead. Please look out for more events and activities being added over the coming weeks and months.

Autumn Term	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Carol Service at Crediton Parish Church 2pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Assembly for children End of Term 2:30pm
Spring Term	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring 1
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening 3:30pm – 7pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Spring 1
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Spring 2
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Spring 2
Summer Term	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Start of Summer 1
w/c Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS week Y5 Bikeability
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	End of Summer 1
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Start of Summer 2
w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Grenville Residential
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June tbc	Sports Day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June tbc	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Move-up Morning
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Presentations
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of Summer 2