

Newsletter

December 2025

Hi all,

What a busy term! I can't quite believe we've reached the end of our first term of the year... it feels like only yesterday that I was welcoming everyone back after the summer break. It has been lovely to see the children flourish across the term.

On Monday we had a visit from Rebekah and John, our Trust's CEOs, who were blown away by our school, describing it as 'a centre of excellence'. They were so impressed with the passion and commitment of our Teachers, LSAs and support staff and by the incredible outcomes the children were producing. I'm sure parents will share and celebrate this amazing feedback and take confidence from it.

Thankyou to all of you for your support with our Christmas events over the past few weeks; it has been amazing to see so many of you support your children at these events. Our children performed amazingly at the Christmas Light Switch-on at the village hall, St. Andrews was packed for our KS2 concert and our incredible Nativity performances were very well attended. We can only hold these events with your support, so thankyou to you. An especial thankyou to Mrs. Locke who has given up so much of her time to lead the choir this term.

On a personal note, thankyou for your generosity in the gifts you have given me. These are very much appreciated. I hope all of you enjoy the holidays and I wish all of you a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Mr. Arding.

School Tours

We have one remaining tour for children joining our Reception intake in September 2026. If you or anyone you know is interested we would look forward to seeing you on:

Friday 9th January at 9.30am and 10.30am.

Please speak to the school office to book a place on one of these tours. The tours have proved to be very popular this year, so booking a place will be essential.

Future projects

I'm very pleased to share with parents that I have secured funding to develop our school premises in the new year. The outside access to the school will be further developed, ensuring that our premises is even safer than ever. The demountable classroom (Chestnut Class) will have its lights replaced and the external cladding and access developed to refurbish the building. The front of the school will also be developed to ensure it is as attractive as the rest of our school to our neighbours.

These are some very exciting projects which will be lovely to see developed. As you can imagine, the scheduling and supervision of this work will need to be tightly organised to have no impact on the children, so it might take a little bit of time for everything to become established, but I'm sure you all will be delighted with the results.

School Council



This term, the school council have been hard at work developing ideas to support the children in our school. One idea that they have recently developed is that children in Y6 can sit on benches during assembly. Here they are proposing this idea to Mr. Arding and explaining the responsibility that comes with it. I was very impressed with their presentation and their professionalism. They have also implemented a suggestion board in the hall so children can always contribute their thoughts and feedback. A big thankyou to Mrs. Locke for her leadership with School Council this academic year.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast Club is available from 7.30 every morning. Parents can choose to send their children for the whole hour or from 8.00am. Please speak to the school office for more details.

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE IN ALL CLUBS FOR ALL AGES - YOU DO NOT NEED TO WAIT UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF A HALF TERM TO BOOK

Monday	Lego and Fun Club: run by school staff (small snack and drink included). £4.75 per session (book and pay on MCAS APP)
Tuesday	Lego and Fun Club: run by school staff (small snack and drink included). £4.75 per session (book and pay on MCAS APP)
Wednesday	Multi-sports club: Run by FPG Coaching. Details available from the school office.

Thursday	Lego and Fun Club: run by school staff (small snack and drink included). £4.75 per session (book and pay on MCAS APP) Choir: Please speak to the school office for further details.
Friday	Football training: Run by FPG Coaching. Details available from the school office.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Below I've tried to include every date that has been confirmed for the rest of the year. A few more dates will be confirmed over the next few weeks. Please speak to me if you have any questions about any of these events.

5th January – INSET day – school closed to children

6th January – Children return to school

30th January – Chestnut Class assembly 9.00am

13th February – Beech Class assembly 9.00am

4th March – Parents' Evening from 3.30pm

5th March – Parents' Evening from 3.30pm

6th March – World Book Day (children to come dressed as their favourite character from a book + Book Swap session. More details to follow)

13th March – Ash Class assembly 9.00am

20th March – Comic Relief Day – Pyjama Day (£1 fundraising donation) + Shalford's Got Talent.

27th March – Elm Class assembly 9.00am



(The school choir performing at the Christmas Light Switch-On at the Village Hall)