

06.12.2024



# Knaphill Junior School Monthly Update



To empower all children to have a bright future.

## This Month's Focus Value: Resilience

A note from Mrs Harrison:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

November has been an extremely busy month for our whole school community; with so many enrichment opportunities enjoyed by all. Our children wrote and recited their poems and participated in the Knaphill Village Act of Remembrance, joining our local community. Our sports teams have represented the school in a variety of local football competitions. It was reported that our teams showed our values of resilience, pride, respect and kindness. I could not be any more proud of them.

Over 20 children across the school were selected to participate in the National Primary Maths Challenge, which celebrates and enables our talented mathematicians to shine. I have been really lucky to be getting a sneak preview of the upcoming Christmas productions. They really do sound amazing. I look forward to seeing the final productions, which begin next Thursday 12th December for Years 4 and 5 at 1.30pm and then again at 6pm, which take place in Woodhill Church (formerly Holy Trinity). Years 3 & 6 performances take place on Thursday 19th December at the same time and venue.

Some of our children have written a very important letter, which will feature in our next and final newsletter of the year. Watch this space...

See you at the BBQ later tonight or on the gate on Monday!

Have a great weekend.

### Value of the month: Respect

**Resilience:** means the ability to be happy and successful again when something difficult or bad has happened.

#### What it looks like:

Trying to take a positive view on situations.

Viewing challenges as opportunities.

Regulating emotions and expressing feelings in appropriate ways.

Focusing on the things you can control instead of dwelling on what you cannot change.

### House Points

A staggering number of house points have already been earned so far this term.

Our weekly winners:

08/11 - Farah

15/11 - Farah

22/11 - Farah

29/11 - Windsor

06/12 - Windsor

06.11.24



# Knaphill Junior School Monthly update



To empower all children to have a bright future.

## TTRS - The Results Are In!

Thank you to everyone who has already taken part and earned those valuable points for their year group over the last few weeks. Despite a heroic effort from Year 5 in the last few days, Year 4 still claimed victory in our latest tournament.

Congratulations to year 3 with an impressive win over year 6.

22nd November - 5 December 2024

🏆 Year 4 693

Year 5 582

22nd November - 5 December 2024

🏆 Year 3 413

Year 6 23



## Attendance Matters!

Congratulations to our attendance cup winners this month:

Week ending 8/11 - Elm

97.8%

Week ending 15/11 - Birch

98.6%

Week ending 22/11 - Joint winners Oak & Cedar 99.1%

Week ending 29/11 - joint winners Hazel & Elm 98.7%



06.12.24



# Knaphill Junior School

## Monthly update



To empower all children to have a bright future.

### Our Stars of The Week

We are so proud of our wonderful stars who have been living our values.

15/11/24

Year 3 - Beau, Albie R and Fliss

Year 4 - Janvi, Hanna and Jasmine

Year 5 - Luna and Sophia S

Year 6 - Elliot and Amaira



22/11/24

Year 3 - Albie C, Khaijah and Riley

Year 4 - Stan, Fleur and Samyra

Year 5 - Ollie and Aston

Year 6 - James and Jhoel



29/11/24

Year 3 - Ellaine, Alejandro and Riley

Year 4 - Billy, Jasmine and Max

Year 5 - Betsy and Yousuf

Year 6 - Dolcie and Freddie

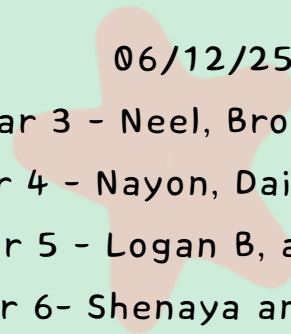
06/12/25

Year 3 - Neel, Brook, Layla

Year 4 - Nayon, Daisy, Zahra

Year 5 - Logan B, and Ava O

Year 6 - Shenaya and George



06.12.24



# Knaphill Junior School Monthly update



To empower all children to have a bright future.

## Primary Mathematics Challenge 2024

We are so proud of our Year 5 and 6 students who were selected to participate in this year's Primary Mathematics Challenge.

### Year 5

Ollie B, Olly T, Yousuf, Parneet, Logan B, Frankie, Archie, Felix,

### Year 6

Finley, Sophie D, Lucy H, Lucy F, Luke, Eli, Muqheet, Amaira, James and Bailey



Special Congratulations to our school award winners:



Gold - Olly T



Silver - Sophie D



Bronze - Luke and Lucy F



06.12.24



# Knaphill Junior School Monthly update



To empower all children to have a bright future.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to announce that during the last week of this term, we will be holding a Book Swap event. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to share their love of reading while giving them the chance to bring home a new book to enjoy over the break.

Here's how it works:

- Each child is asked to bring in a gently used book to donate to the Book Swap. This could be a book they've already read and are ready to pass on, or a book they no longer need.
- In exchange, each child will be able to choose a book from the selection of donated books to take home with them.

We encourage the children to choose books that are appropriate for their reading level and interests. This is a great way for them to explore new genres and authors while also passing along a book that someone else can enjoy. Please ensure that the book your child brings in is in good condition, with all pages intact. Books can be handed to class teachers from the Monday 9th December, and the swap will take place on Friday 20th December.

We are looking forward to a fun and successful Book Swap event and hope that your child will be excited to participate in this great opportunity to exchange stories and share their love of reading with others.

Thank you for your support, and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Warm regards,  
Miss Vega





06.12.24



# Knaphill Junior School Monthly update



To empower all children to have a bright future.

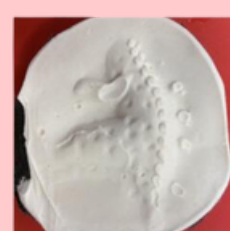
Our colleagues at Freemantles have sent through the link to their Christmas resources:

[https://autismoutreachforschools.uk/docs/christmas\\_2024/Top\\_Tips\\_for\\_Christmas\\_at\\_school\\_2024.pdf](https://autismoutreachforschools.uk/docs/christmas_2024/Top_Tips_for_Christmas_at_school_2024.pdf)

Although, primarily written to support children with neuro-diversity, there are some brilliant tips for any who find the break from routine, that this time of year presents, challenging.



## Freemantles School



In Science, Year 3 learnt how fossils are formed and made their own fossils using plasticine and plaster of Paris.





# Personal Development

Personal development at Knaphill School promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our pupils.

It is how we prepare our children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO NURTURE AND STRETCH PUPILS' TALENTS AND INTERESTS:**

- After school clubs
- School sports teams
- Inter-school sports events
- Swimming (Pop-up pool)
- Primary Mathematics Challenge
- Themed weeks, days and competitions
- Artist of the Term
- Trips and visitors to school
- School productions and performances
- Weekly celebration assembly
- Year 6 - Apprentice Residentials



Thursday 28th November

On a beautiful, wintery evening last week, some of our Year 5 footballers played an energetic and passionate game of football against a very tough Pirbright side. It was a showcase of what Knaphill does well: skill, sportsmanship and teamwork! Well done boys - it was a great match!



# Personal Development

Personal development at Knaphill School promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our pupils.

It is how we prepare our children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO NURTURE AND STRETCH PUPILS' TALENTS AND INTERESTS:**

- After school clubs
- School sports teams
- Inter-school sports events
- Swimming (Pop-up pool)
- Primary Mathematics Challenge
- Themed weeks, days and competitions
- Artist of the Term
- Trips and visitors to school
- School productions and performances
- Weekly celebration assembly
- Year 6 - Apprentice
- Residentials



The children at our after school Art and Craft club created these wonderful poppy wreaths, to mark Remembrance Day with Miss Hayden and Miss Miskelly.

## An Act of Remembrance

We are hugely proud of the children who represented Knaphill School at this year's 'Act of Remembrance' on Thursday 11th November.

They read moving, poignant and thought provoking poems that they had composed themselves.

It was lovely to receive many messages from members of our wider community praising these students for their conduct and participation.





# Personal Development

Personal development at Knaphill School promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our pupils.

It is how we prepare our children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO NURTURE AND STRETCH PUPILS' TALENTS AND INTERESTS:**

- After school clubs
- School sports teams
- Inter-school sports events
- Swimming (Pop-up pool)
- Primary Mathematics Challenge
- Themed weeks, days and competitions
- Artist of the Term
- Trips and visitors to school
- School productions and performances
- Weekly celebration assembly
- Year 6 - Apprentice Residentials



In our Year 4 Art Lessons, our children have embarked on an exciting creative journey, focusing on the skill of printing, whilst drawing inspiration from patterns found in the natural world. They explored the works of renowned artists Mary White and Lucienne Day, using these as a springboard to develop their own artistic ideas. Through experimenting with mono printing and layering colours, the children have refined their techniques. The project culminated in a stunning final piece: a stylish tote bag showcasing their unique and incredible prints. Well done, Year 4 - what fantastic efforts and creativity! We are so proud of their achievements.





# Personal Development

Personal development at Knaphill School promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our pupils.

It is how we prepare our children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.



## Anti-Bullying Week 2024

The focus of Anti-Bullying Week this year was  
**CHOOSE RESPECT.**

We held special assemblies, celebrated World Kindness Day and linked our PSHE lessons to empower children to 'choose respect'.

We wore odd socks to celebrate our differences.

Can you spot your socks?



**WORLD  
KINDNESS  
DAY**





# Personal Development

Personal development at Knaphill School promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our pupils.

It is how we prepare our children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

**PREPARING FOR LIFE IN MODERN BRITAIN**

**Personal Safety**  
Our children are taught about different ways to keep safe including First Aid.  
Pupils have the opportunity to participate in Bikeability in Year 4 and in Year 6.

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT KNAPHILL SCHOOL**

We're taking part in **ROAD SAFETY WEEK**  
Let's talk about... **SPEED**  
www.brake.org.uk/RoadSafetyWeek

## Year 6 Bikeability

Year Six have been taking part in their Level 2 Bikeability training this week. The aim of this course is to teach children how to grow more confident with “real-life” cycling on the road: learning how to pass stationary vehicles; understanding signals, signs and road markings; negotiating junctions, crossroads and roundabouts; and learning how to safely share the road with other vehicles. Well done to Year 6 for completing your course so responsibly.



## Year 6 English

Year Six have been busy delving into some Victorian artefacts belonging to the mysterious Grimy Nick. They have been piecing together clues, making clever connections and interesting inferences to learn more about this character, ready for our next writing unit.





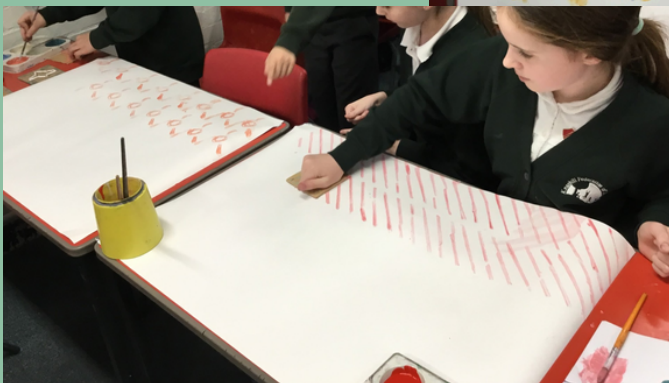
# Personal Development

Personal development at Knaphill School promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our pupils.

It is how we prepare our children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

## Year 6 - Art

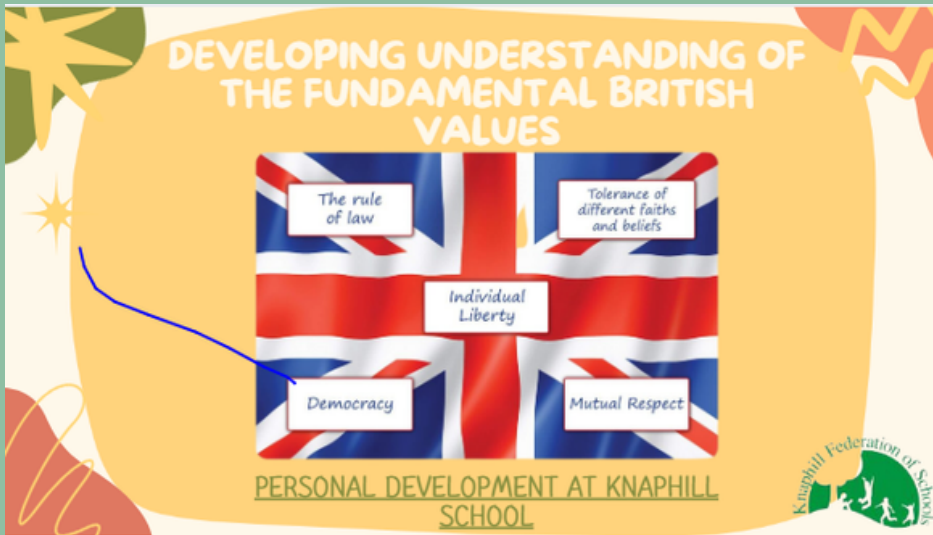
Year Six have been studying the artist, William Morris. Using his style and influence and inspired by the Arts and Crafts Movement of the Victorian Era, they created their own handmade 'wallpaper'. This involved using ratio to colour mix paint to specific shades and using materials to create unique wooden print blocks. I'm sure you will agree their final products were a success.



# Personal Development

Personal development at Knaphill School promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our pupils.

It is how we prepare our children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.



Yesterday, in our assembly children learnt what it means for us to live in a democracy and how this differs from living in a dictatorship. This assembly was mainly led by some of our Knaphill Prefects, who read two short scripts to the other children. In one was a situation where a group of people had no right to have their ideas heard and in the another, whilst not all people agreed, everyone could have their voices heard and share what they thought. The rest of the school listened beautifully and many children shared their understanding of the value of freedom to share what they think, and to be heard.





06.12.2024



# Knaphill Junior School Monthly Update



To empower all children to have a bright future.

## Attendance Policy

At the end of last term a copy of our new Attendance Policy was emailed to all parents. It came into effect on Monday 19th August 2024.

Our Attendance Policy has been amended to include the new procedures, as directed by the Department for Education (DfE).

Please note that the changes are listed below. Please read very carefully:

If you take your child/ren out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

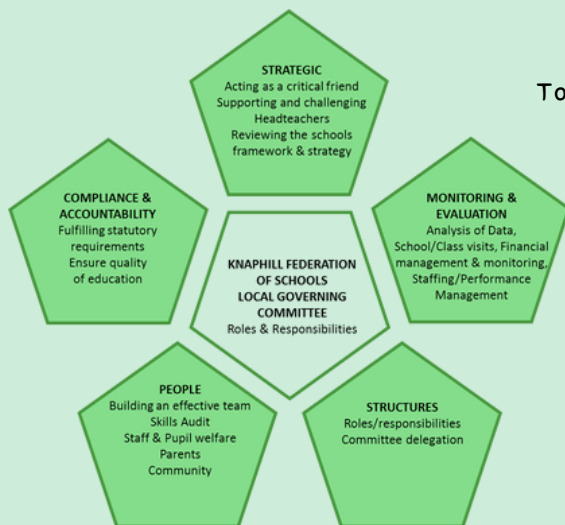
**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

# Governor News

Hello and welcome to our Governor's News section. As this is the first newsletter I will give a brief overview of the Governors role. People often ask what exactly Governors do and what role do they play in the school life.

## Who are we?

We are all volunteers and come from all sections of the community. We currently have 11 members on the Governor body made up of staff, parents and Local Governor Committee Appointed Governors. This September we welcomed three new Governors to the committee. We still have a vacancy for one more Governor.



To find out more about the Governors click on link:

<https://kfos.co.uk/people/governors/>

## What do we do?

In a nutshell – to help the school provide the best possible education for your children. We support and encourage all aspects of school by acting as a “critical friend” whereby we will challenge and ask important and difficult questions as well as being supportive.

School Governors also have a number of important legal responsibilities, including health and safety of staff and pupils in school, ensure delivery of the National Curriculum and oversee the school's budget.

We take a forward-looking overview of the school and agree its vision, values, strategic aims and its policies. We monitor and evaluate the school's performance and ensure the school is accountable to everyone it serves eg children, parents, staff and local community.

## What have we been doing?

Previously School visits have been carried out to monitor Phonics, Maths, SEND and Safeguarding. Future visits are planned this term to look at Health & Safety and Premises, Curriculum PHSE and Geography and SEND.

More recently all Governors have updated their Safeguarding Training. Within the wider school community, we have been liaising with the PTA and looking at further development of Eco Projects. I had the pleasure of attending the very successful Macmillan Coffee morning and had a lovely time talking with pupils, parents and grandparents and I know we are looking forward to the Laser Light Show in December.

Dorothy Greentree – Chair of Governors [chair@kfos.co.uk](mailto:chair@kfos.co.uk)

06.12.2024



# Knaphill Junior School Monthly update



## Recommended Reads

This month's books have been selected from the Love Reading 4 kids website.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/new-releases>

This website features extracts of all recommended texts, so you can try before you buy!

### Year 3

#### Where Snow Angels Go

Maggie O'Farrell



Sylvie wakes one night, suddenly, without knowing why. Then she sees the most spectacular sight – a pair of wings, enormous in size, made of the softest snow-white feathers imaginable. An angel in her bedroom ... a snow angel. He tells her that he is here to look after her, for Sylvie is not as well as she seems... Many months later, as Sylvie recovers from her illness, she longs to see her snow angel again. He saved her life, after all. There is so much she wants to tell him, so much she wants to know. Will he ever come back to her? And how can Sylvie make sure that everyone she loves has their own snow angel, to keep them safe, too?

### Year 4

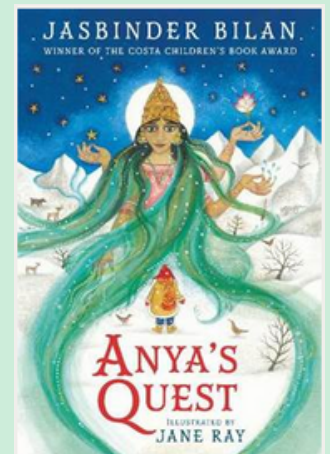
#### Anya's Quest

Jasbinder Bilan

Young Anya lives with her father in a wealthy palace among the icy slopes of the Himalayas. When the snowfall in the mountain pass cuts her off from her best friend Pria for the winter, she is reluctant to play with the cook's daughter Mahi.

But a half-forgotten song links the two children, and its words summon the mighty goddess Ganga, who takes the pair on an epic journey through time and space in a chariot drawn by the river dragon Makarato, to reconnect with their spirit animals and to heal the natural world.

This is a beautiful tale about human connections with nature, inspired by Hindu mythology. The gods and deities are intricately described, and they shine brightly in Jane Ray's magical illustrations, which dazzle throughout the book.



06.12.2024



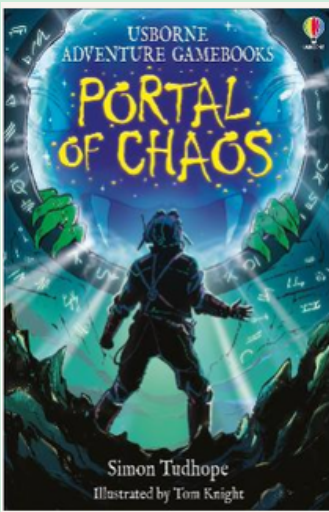
# Knaphill Junior School Monthly update



To empower all children to have a bright future.

## YEAR 5 - Portal of Chaos

Simon Tudhope



This magically illustrated gamebook plunges you into a story with a difference – one where the hero is YOU.

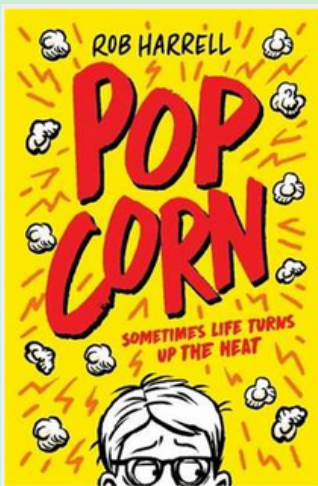
Not that you have any interest in being a hero. You're a bounty hunter, and in your line of work heroes don't last long. But now you've been given a mission you can't refuse. Make it out alive, and you'll never need to work again. Fail, and, well... you'll never need to work again.

And so, staring up at the stars from the cockpit of your spaceship, you blast off on an epic adventure where every choice is yours, and your survival depends upon the decisions you make. Who to fight?

Who to trust? In a book where nothing is as it seems, you find yourself grappling with forces beyond your darkest dreams. And you realise it's not just your fate hanging in the balance. No, the universe needs a hero – and like it or not, that hero is you!

## YEAR 6 - Popcorn

Rob Harrell



On school photo day, when it really matters that he looks his best, Andrew manages to upset a bully, get involved in a disastrous science experiment, and have a nasty encounter with a fast-moving basketball. Until, with glasses smashed, ruined clothes, and a face full of blood, he looks anything but his best.

By the time it's his turn with the photographer, he's exhausted. And the nugget of worry that was in his stomach at the start of the day has grown into a massive, flaming boulder of anxiety that could explode at any moment. As well as expressing the compulsions and intrusive thoughts that are part of living with OCD in a way that makes it easier to understand and empathise with, Andrew's story also tackles other complexities of family life such as dementia and multi-generational living.

Using humour to make serious issues accessible and palatable, the book is peppered with spot art and comic panels, which depict the reality of extreme anxiety with honesty and wit.



**Woking Family Centre is pleased to offer:**

L-SPA

Family Communication Officers  
Drop-in sessions

**Woking Family Centre are pleased to be working with the Learners Single Point of Access (L-SPA) Family Communication Officers.**

The Family Communication Officers (FCO's) have a range of knowledge and experience of additional needs and advocate the importance of early intervention for young people and their families to provide the 'right support at the right time'.

The FCO's can support families with:

- Understanding the graduated response to SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).
- What Ordinarily Available provision is and what this looks like in educational settings.
- Understanding a 'No to Assess' Educational Health Care Needs Assessment decision.
- Signposting to appropriate services for support, advice, and intervention.
- How to collaborate effectively with educational settings.

Find us between 9:30am and 3:30pm on

★ **27th Sept 2024** ★ **22nd Oct 2024** ★ **27th Nov 2024** ★  
**11th Dec 2024**

Please email [wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk) to book a 45 min, 1:1 session with a Family Communication Officer.



06.12.2024



# Knaphill Junior School

## Monthly update



All dates are kept up-to-date on the school website: [kfos.co.uk/news/calendar/](https://kfos.co.uk/news/calendar/)

### New Dates in RED

Date	Event	Year Group
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Performance (1:30 and 6pm) Parents invited	Year 4 and 5
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	All
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Performance (1:30 and 6pm) Parents invited	Year 3 and 6
Friday 20th December	Book Swap	All
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term Finish at 1:15pm	All
Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January	Christmas Hoilday	All
Monday 6th January	First Day of Spring Term	All