



7th December 2023
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Dear Parents,

The Present Room Reminder

The children are visiting the Present Room this week with their class. If you still wish for your child to visit please remember to send £2 in an envelope tomorrow morning, with your **child's name and the name of the present recipient**. Each child can only buy one gift so please do not send more than £2 in to school.



Children's Christmas Decorations

The children have been busy making Christmas decorations and these will be available for you to purchase **from your child's teacher from Monday 11th December (at drop-off or pick-up times)**.

- Year R – Christmas baubles
- Year 1 – Reindeer decorations
- Year 2 – Tree decorations

Each of these items cost £1.50.



Festive non-uniform day – Thursday 14th December

On Thursday 14th December we will be having a non-uniform day and we would love the children to wear something festive to school. They do not need to wear their uniform but please remember the children are walking to church and therefore need sensible shoes and a waterproof coat.



Christmas Lunch Orders – Thursday 14th December

Christmas lunch orders have now closed. If you did not pre-order a hot meal, please remember to send your child in with a packed lunch on Thursday next week (14th December).



Year R Nativity

Year R children will be performing their Nativity 'The Twinkly Nativity' on **Tuesday 12th December** and **Wednesday 13th December** at 10am.

Please remember to bring your tickets with you!



P.E. Days

Year R

Year R have P.E. tomorrow, Friday 8th December. There will be NO lesson on 13th December and the children will start P.E. lessons again on Wednesday 3rd January.

Year 1

There is no PE for Year 1 next week, lessons will start again on Thursday 4th January. Please look out for an email shortly with Spring 1 term date information.

Year 2

Year 2 have P.E. tomorrow, Friday 8th December. There will be NO lesson next week and the children will start P.E. lessons again on Tuesday 2nd January.



Santa is Visiting Kempshott!

With a little help from the Basingstoke Roundtable 93, Santa and his Sleigh will be visiting the Kempshott area on the evenings of 11th, 15th, 19th and 21st December. They will be raising funds for local charities and great causes.



Full details including dates, times and routes will be available shortly on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BasingstokeRoundTable93>

Christmas Events at School

Please see below some of our exciting plans for Christmas activities for the children.

- **Christmas Post box** - Please see below
- **Year R Nativity** – Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December
- **Festive Songs in the playground** – Wednesday 13th December 2.40pm
- **Visit to St Marks Church** on Thursday 14th December
- **Festive non-uniform day and Christmas lunch** on Thursday 14th December



Christmas Cards - LAST POSTING DATE; Tuesday 14th December

The final date to post Christmas cards to children/staff is TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER. The post box is located outside Mrs Potter's office. Please check and make certain the child's full name and class is on the envelope. This will ensure that the card reaches the correct child.



Festive songs in the playground – Wednesday 13th December

We would like to invite you to join the children for festive songs in the playground on **Wednesday 13th December at 2.40pm.**

Please make your way on to the main playground from the Homesteads Road entrance (not the main school gate entrance).



Church Service – Thursday 14th December

We will be holding our Christmas Church Service at St Mark's Church during the morning of Thursday 14th December. As we will be walking to the church the children will need a waterproof coat.



Unfortunately, as space is limited, we are unable to invite parents to the service. However, we would appreciate parents' help in escorting the children from school to the church. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to help.

Reminders:

- The school will close for the Christmas break on **Thursday 14th December at our usual 3.15pm finish time.** We will return to school on **Tuesday 2nd January 2024.**
- The deadline for Year R and Year 3 applications is **15th January 2024.**
For more information and to apply, please visit: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions
Please remember to complete your applications before this date.





Dates for your diaries



<p><u>This week:</u> Present Room Year R PE Today</p>	<p>Friday 8th December Friday 8th December</p>
<p><u>Next Week:</u> Year R Nativity Year R Nativity No PE for Year R Today Festive songs in the Playground 2.40pm Festive Non-uniform Day Christmas Church Service at St Marks Church Christmas Lunch Last Day of Autumn 2 Term School Closed for staff training Christmas Holiday</p>	<p>Tuesday 12th December 10am Weds 13th December 10am Wednesday 13th December Wednesday 13th December Thursday 14th December ← Thursday 14th December Thursday 14th December Thursday 14th December Friday 15th December 18th Dec – 29th December</p>

First day of Spring 1 Term

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Inset days for 2023/2024

The school will be closed for staff training on:

December 15th,
March 28th,
June 3rd

Yours sincerely

N. Potter

Mrs N Potter
Head Teacher