



Weekly News

It has been another week full of Christmas activities. In our Collective Worship, we have continued our countdown to Christmas by lighting our third Advent Candle. The children have also enjoyed Christmas dinner this week, Christmas parties and we have attended St Andrew's Church for our Christmas Service.

All of the staff would like to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Staffing Changes-January 2024

Due to the retirement of Mrs Fawn as Executive Headteacher at the end of this term, there will be a new senior leadership structure in place from January 2024.

As you are aware, Mrs Grove will be taking up the position of Headteacher and Mrs Brown will continue in her role as Assistant Headteacher. We are delighted that Miss Barford has also been appointed to the role of Assistant Headteacher. Mrs Drew will continue in her current role but will also become part of the senior leadership team. Please join us in congratulating Miss Barford and Mrs Drew on their new roles.

LAAAT Christmas Message

Please use the link below to access a Christmas message from Jackie Waters-Dewhurst, CEO of the trust.

<https://thelaat.co.uk/christmas-2023-message-from-jackie-waters-dewhurst-ceo-of-laat/>

Christmas Fayre

We would like to say a massive thank you to our newly formed PTFA for organising our Christmas Fayre. There was lots of preparation went on behind the scenes including sourcing raffle prizes from local businesses, preparing hampers and labelling up the tombola. None of this would have been possible without the kindness and generosity shown by our families. We raised a total of £775 which will all go back into school funds to help fund transport for school trips and reading books. Thank you to everyone who came to our fayre and supported it too.

Lunch at The Ashbourne Hotel



Our lunchtime helpers thoroughly enjoyed their 'pay' for their employment as lunchtime helpers over the Autumn term. This week we have interviewed and appointed four new lunchtime helpers who will take up their roles in January 2024.

Attendance

Class Attendance 18 th December – 22 nd December 2023		
Reception	91 %	
Year 1	93 %	
Year 2	89.3 %	
Year 3	92.1 %	
Year 4	90.3 %	
Year 5	89.3 %	
Year 6	94.1 %	
Whole School Attendance		
4th September 2023 – 22nd December 2023	94 %	

End of Term

Just a reminder, we close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 22nd December at 3:30pm.

We reopen after the Christmas break on Monday 8th January 2024.