



We would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year. We hope that you and your families have a great Christmas break. We have had an amazing term as usual and we look forward to 2025! Merry Christmas!

Nest, Nursery and Reception Nativity



The children were brilliant in our Nativity and they really enjoyed themselves.

Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity



The children really enjoyed performing for their parents. They were amazing!

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day



Children had an amazing Christmas dinner. It was lovely to see them in their festive clothes.

Year 1- Year 6 Pantomime Trip



Children enjoyed their trip to the Mansfield Theatre to watch the Aladdin Pantomime performance. They were all amazing and well behaved.

Early Years Pantomime



Children loved their pantomime trip. The story was based on was Christopher Nibble by Charlotte Middleton. We are so proud of the children's exceptional behaviour on the trip today, they were fantastic and a real credit to our school!

Christmas Raffle

*Thank
you!*

The raffle contributions came to £68. This was used to support our Pantomime trips. Thank you for your support!

Santa Visit



We had a surprise visit from Father Christmas. It was lovely to see their happy faces.

Message from Father Adrian

Dear Parents and Guardians

It was a pleasure to be with you and your school community for the Christingle Service this year. I would like to extend an invitation to our Christmas Eve Services this year.

4pm at St John the Baptist Church is our interactive nativity, join in dressed as a nativity character, wear your own costume or borrow one of ours.

6pm at St Columba's Church, Inkersall is our Vigil Mass of Christmas, a Candlelit Mass that is perfect for families with children, lasting around 45 minutes using our screen so no need to worry about books and sheets of paper.

Both of these services are followed by hot chocolate and cookies.

These services are open to everyone and are free, there's plenty of room do no need to book.

We look forward to welcoming you.

With every blessing at the special time.

Fr Adrian

Thank you

Thank you to Smurfit Kappa for their lovely gift to our children!

Attendance


Our attendance target for this academic year is 96%+

Key

Attendance is at or above the school target of 96%

Attendance is between 92 – 96%, below school target and being monitored

Attendance is below 92% and significantly below the school target of 97%. Action to improve attendance needed

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance for December</u>	<u>WINNING CLASS</u>
NEST & Nursery – Mrs Orme	89.25%	WELL DONE Year 2 
Reception – Mrs Pickering	94.51%	
Year 1 Miss Smyth	93.24%	
Year 2 Mrs Daysh	96.72%	
Year 3 Mrs Siddall	94.77%	
Year 4 Mrs Wright / Draper	96.21%	
Year 5 Miss King / Miss Hill	91.81%	
Year 6 Mr Beeden / Miss Hill	93.53%	
Whole School	93.80%	

Absence following a School Holiday

We regularly experience absences following a school holiday. Although many are valid, unfortunately we are having an increasing number of absences due to holidays, which run into the academic year. **Sadly, we have become aware that some parents are asking their child to lie to school staff regarding the reason for their absence.** This is uncomfortable for the child and promotes being untruthful, which goes against our school values.

For wellbeing reasons, we will carry out home visits for children who are absent following a school holiday.

Holiday requests during term time

Any requests should be an official school Leave of Absence Request form which is available on the school website or collectable from the school office. This should be handed into the school office for consideration prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made.

In September 2013 the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2013 came into force. The regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively.

You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid, this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996.

Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 6th January @ All day Inset Day

Tuesday 7th January- Return to School

Thursday 9th January @3.15pm- Lea Green Parents Meeting

Monday 13th January @ all day- Y1 Kings and Queens Day

Tuesday 14th January- Y3-Y6 Girls Football Morning

Thursday 16th January- Y5 and Y6 Basketball Competition

Monday 20th January @3.15 pm- Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Parent Meeting

Wednesday 22nd January- Reception Balance Bike Training

Thursday 23rd January @ 3.15pm- Y6 London and KS2 SATs Parents Meeting

Tuesday 28th January- Young Voices

Governors of Duckmanton Primary School

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