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Hi all,

As the PTA Christmas Bazaar will be happening after school tomorrow, I wanted to get the Newsletter out early so it doesn't get missed.

December is well underway and, despite the Christmas activities being in full swing, we are still maintaining the structure of the school day and continuing to teach the curriculum. No wonder everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break! However, we still have two full weeks of school and lots of learning to do before the holidays so please have a look at the calendar so you don't miss anything.

Sarah x

### **Celebration Assembly**

It is always useful to get feedback from parents about the way the school runs and this helps us to work together in the best interests of the children. Several parents have approached me to discuss the timing of Celebration Assembly on Fridays and, consequently, we will be moving this weekly event to 9am on a Friday morning **from January**. During cold weather, if you would like to wait inside then please do come into the office where you will be welcome to stay warm until assembly starts.

Please note that there will be NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December as all of KS2 will be on a trip and that in the last week of term celebration assembly will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December as we have our Christmas Church Service on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Christmas Jumpers**

How many of you washed and packed away the children's Christmas jumpers last year thinking they'll definitely do for next year, only to find the children have grown (as children do!) and the jumper no longer fits! In the name of sustainability and saving a few pennies, we would like to do a Christmas jumper swap shop. From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December there will be a donation basket on the front steps for you to leave any unwanted Christmas jumpers. On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, we will set up a table on the playground for anyone who needs a 'new' jumper for this year's festivities.

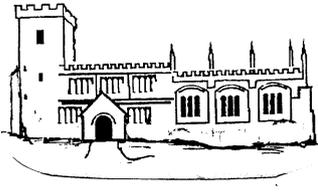
### **Wake up Wednesday**

As a parent, I completely understand the worries caused by the digital world our children are increasingly part of. To help us navigate some of the potential pitfalls and enlighten us all on the way things work, we will be sending you regular information leaflets from The National College. There is a wide range of topics covered and I would urge you to read the leaflet and use it as a starting point for a conversation with your child regarding their use of digital technology.

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### **Church Activities**

Please see below a poster from St John the Baptist Church, Granborough asking for volunteers to take part in their Nativity Play. If your child would be interested in this, there are contact details on the flyer so please do think about joining in.

### **Amazon Wish List**

Just a reminder that the school has an Amazon wishlist containing items that we would really like but the budget doesn't quite stretch to so, if you would like to play santa and buy a gift for the school this Christmas, please follow the link to find some ideas! [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

### **Birthday Mufti**

Just a reminder that children can come in mufti on their birthday or on the closest school day to their birthday if it falls at a weekend or in a holiday. However, please ensure that all children are in full uniform on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December for our Christmas Service in church. Children are welcome to wear mufti on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> instead. Thank you for your understanding on this.

### **PTA News**

Plans are in full swing for the Bazaar tomorrow. We are very excited, and grateful to all parents and carers for their support of this event. Please make sure that all children are well-supervised throughout the event and continue to observe the 'NO pedestrian' rule for the school car park.

### **Clubs**

Clubs have come to an end for the Autumn Term; the children have been very enthusiastic in their feedback and they are looking forward to signing up for the Spring Term offerings so keep an eye out for the letter which will be coming home at the beginning of next term.

### **All things Christmas – 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Children can come in wearing their Christmas Jumper in exchange for a donation for the Food Bank at Aylesbury Vineyard. While we appreciate that we are all feeling the pinch in light of a rise in day-to-day living costs, we are encouraging the children and our community to consider the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. Aylesbury is only a few miles down the road and there are many families who will be relying on the food bank in order to feed their children this Christmas. It would be lovely if we could ensure that they not only have the essentials but maybe a few little treats for Christmas this year so please do donate what you are able to and we will pass it over to the Vineyard.

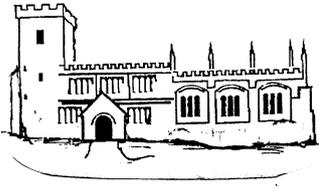
This will also be our Christmas dinner day in school so if your child would like a hot meal, please make sure to order in time. If your child would prefer a packed lunch then maybe you could add a little festive treat – no nuts please!

In the afternoon, we will be having our 'Thank you' assembly. This involves the children entertaining our invited guests with some festive tunes to show our appreciation to those who have gone above and beyond to support us this year.

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# NATIVITY Celebration

Sunday 15th December  
11.00am

We are looking for young people  
to take part in our Nativity Play.  
If you would like to join in,  
please, contact Peter Evans  
on [petergranborough@gmail.com](mailto:petergranborough@gmail.com)  
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# Autumn Term 2024 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b> Forest School for Sapphire (am)	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b> Last day of Autumn Term Clubs	<b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b> PTA Christmas Bazaar after school  Last day for clubs
<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>  No Clubs this week	<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b> 2pm Ruby and Opal Christmas Production	<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b> 2pm Ruby and Opal Christmas Production	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b> KS2 trip to Ashmolean No celebration assembly
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b> No Forest School  No Clubs this week  2pm Diamond Parent finale 2:30pm Sapphire Parent finale	<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b> 2:45 Reading with Rubies (Christmas)	<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b> Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day  2pm Thank you celebration for our volunteers (invites to follow)	<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b> Celebration assembly @ 10:30am	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b> 2pm Christmas Service in the church  No Forest School  Break up for Christmas Holidays @ 3:10pm
<b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b> INSET day – no children in school	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b> Children return to school	<b>8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> January</b> Diamonds Bikeability	<b>10<sup>th</sup> January</b>

## Term Dates 2024/2025

Term	Start at 8:40 on:	Finish at 3:10 on:
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Spring 1</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
<b>Spring 2</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>Summer 1</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
<b>Summer 2</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025

**INSET days** (for staff only): Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September; Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September; Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November; Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January; Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

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