



Learning happily together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in school, the Open Evening on Tuesday was very successful – thank you once again to our Y2 helpers! Thank you also to those of you who have ordered Christmas Cards and gifts from the FSA's Christmas Card Project – there is still time to do any last minute online orders as the "shop" doesn't close until Sunday. Another thank you to those families who came to the Family Portrait Evening, you should have received your proof yesterday, please can we have any orders returned by Wednesday, 3 December.



Christmas Concerts

A reminder to request your two tickets for the Christmas Concerts. Once these allocations have been made we will look into the possibility of allowing "extra tickets" for everyone.



Christmas Craft Day

A reminder that tomorrow (Friday, 28 November) is our Christmas Craft Day in school. If you can help out at all during the day, please see your child's teacher, thank you. The children may substitute their school sweatshirt or cardigan for a Christmas Jumper tomorrow if they want to!



Choir News

- Choir are performing tonight at the Late Night Shopping Event. Please dress warmly and meet me at **5.15pm** on the Market Square, by King's Court.
- On **Tuesday, 9 December** the Choir would like to invite their parents and carers to our last Choir practise of the year to hear all of our Christmas songs again! If you are able to attend, please come to the Main Entrance at **4pm** to hear us sing.
- Due to the F2 Christmas concert, there will be **no Choir practise on Tuesday, 16 December.**
- On Tuesday, 2 December the Choir will be walking to the Catholic Church on Wolsey Close to sing to the "Live at Home" group, and on Monday, 8 December the Choir are walking down to Moorfield Court to sing to the residents there. For both visits we will leave after lunch, and will be back in time for the usual hometime arrangements.



Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday, 17 December the children will be served their Christmas Dinner, roast turkey and seasonal vegetables or a vegetarian meal, with a festive cookie for dessert. Please order the Christmas Lunch in the usual way via the IFG website, filled rolls and jacket potatoes are available as usual.

We thought it would be nice if on that day the children came to school in Christmas jumpers, festive t-shirts or sparkly tops – I am hoping that the staff will join in too!



Guitar and Ukulele lessons

Please see below for an exciting opportunity for our pupils to have guitar or ukulele lessons with Paul Dawn. If your child is interested in having lessons then please e-mail Paul directly (his e-mail address is at the bottom of his letter).

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Paul Dawn and I have had the privilege teaching guitar and ukulele at Lowes Wong Junior School and the Minster since 2008. I've got a little extra time on my schedule this academic year and Mrs Speed has very kindly allowed me to offer small group lessons to the children at the infants school.

At the moment, I am just looking to gauge interest and if we have enough pupils we can start in the spring term when we return to school after the Christmas holidays. The children will be in groups of 2 for a 20 minute session or groups of 3 for 30 minute lesson. Instrument hire is also available for those that need it.

The lessons cost £80 per term without instrument hire and £102 per term with instrument hire. Fees are payable by bank transfer at the start of each term and a terms notice is required for cancellation of tuition.

I like the lessons to be as fun as possible, using songs the children will know as a basis for learning while covering all of the essential musical elements and following the requirements of the national curriculum for music. Last term, the junior students were learning songs by Alex Warren, Taylor Swift, K Pop demon hunters and more! Rockschool is an exam board I use that offer grades in contemporary music. I also use ABRSM for their classical guitar grades but I always try and follow the children's interests.

If this is something you think your child would enjoy please get in touch and I will start compiling a list of students for a spring term start.

All the best,

Paul

pauldawnguitar@hotmail.co.uk



Y2 visit to Southwell Minster

A reminder that the Y2 children are walking down to Southwell Minster on Wednesday afternoon to take part in the "Exploring Christmas" event. Please make sure that they have a warm coat and sensible shoes on that day.

Finally, with this newsletter there is a flyer from Caunton Tennis Club about their new "introduction to tennis" courses, and another flyer from Next Level Sports with an amended QR code allowing parents to take up the "Black Friday" deal on their Christmas Holiday Camp at our school!

Thank you for your continued support,

A.E. Speed

Aly Speed
Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday, 27 November	5.30pm School Choir singing at "Late Night Shopping"
Friday, 28 November	Christmas Craft Day – helpers needed please!
Tuesday, 2 December	2pm Choir singing at Moorfield Court
Wednesday, 3 December	Y2 "Exploring Christmas" at Southwell Minster
Monday, 8 December	Southwell Minster Choristers performing to KS1
Tuesday, 9 December	4pm School Choir Concert
Thursday, 11 December	F2 visiting Southwell methodist Church
Friday, 12 December	School closed for INSET
Monday, 15 December	5.15pm Y1 Christmas Concert
Tuesday, 16 December	2pm Y1 Christmas Concert
	5.15pm F2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday, 17 December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
	2pm F2 Christmas Concert
	5.15pm Y2 Christmas Concert
Thursday, 18 December	2pm Y2 Christmas Concert
Friday, 19 December	Party Day
	<i>Break up for the Christmas Holidays</i>
Monday, 5 January 2026	School re-opens for the Spring Term
Tuesday, 13 January 2026	9am – 10.30am PINS Coffee & Chat meeting



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