



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

To strive for respect, enjoyment and excellence for all!

16.12.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another year has flown by and I find myself writing the last newsletter of 2025. What a year it has been; there have been a few challenges but even more to celebrate. Our Governing board, our staff and I very much appreciate all of the support that you have given us this year to enable us to work together to offer the best possible provision for our children.

But the year is not over yet...



Christmas Party Day and Disco 17th December – tickets sold out

Tomorrow is a huge day of celebration with our Christmas Party Day and the Disco. As usual, children are invited to come to school in their Christmas Party clothes. As it's the disco after school, the children are welcome to wear their disco clothes as their party clothes, bearing in mind that children will be expected to play out on the yard as usual so please take account of this, e.g. coats, shoes.

From 3.20 we will be hosting a 'Mini Festive Fun Hub and disco'. Downstairs there will be:

- Tombola
- Christmas Hamper Raffle
- Games and Quiz

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- Delicious Treats

In the run up to the event we will be selling raffle tickets and running a 'Name The Baby' competition' and 'Guess the number of candy canes in the jar' competition. Please see Mrs Birkett for any further information. Thank you to all of the staff who are involved in the preparation and running of these events.



Christmas Raffle – all raffle tickets have been sold

The raffle will be drawn at the disco. If any children aren't there, a prize will be chosen for them and given to children on Thursday.

More Staffing News

Mrs Bray has been offered an exciting opportunity to undertake a two-term secondment as Deputy Headteacher at Westwood Park. While we will miss her enormously during this time, we are incredibly proud of her and fully supportive of this next step in her professional journey.

Mrs Bray has been a loyal, dedicated, and highly valued member of our school community for almost 13 years. Throughout her time with us, she has consistently demonstrated commitment, integrity, and an unwavering focus on doing the very best for our children and families. She has worked purposefully and thoughtfully towards senior leadership for some time, and this opportunity is a well-deserved recognition of her skills, experience, and leadership potential.

This secondment will allow Mrs Bray to further develop her leadership expertise while making a meaningful and positive impact on the children, staff, and families at Westwood Park. I have no doubt that she will approach this role with the same passion, professionalism, and care that she brings to our school, and I very much look forward to hearing about the difference she makes during her time there.

On behalf of the Governing Board and myself, we wish Mrs Bray every success in her new (albeit temporary) role. We very much look forward to welcoming her back to us in September 2026, enriched by this experience and ready to share all that she has learned.

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In the meantime, I am very pleased to welcome Ms Anam Ahmedi to the staff. She has Year 1 experience and has met the children already. She is looking forward to working as part of our team with our children and families.

Slight changes to PE days

Monday: Year 1, 3

Tuesday: Nursery, Year 6

Wednesday: Year 2, 4

Friday: Reception, Year 5



Lunchtimes

Our school yards are really limiting in terms of the opportunities for play at lunchtimes. After Christmas our staff are introducing 'Play Zones' so we can offer more than football and free play. To help resources this, I am looking for donations of second hand equipment and toys so we can provide as much as we can without breaking the bank.

Every fortnight I will be asking for specific donations to help with storage (so it doesn't all come in at once). With Christmas coming, some of you may be thinking of throwing away some toys that are in good condition that we would be able to use, so please keep an eye on this newsletter.

Donations aimed at primary school age children

Scooters, bikes, trikes, balance bikes

Board games

Dressing Up Clothes

Dolls and other 'small world' items

e.g. toy animals, play kitchen equipment

Small suitcases on wheels

All donations gratefully received.



Reminder

Thank you to our parents and carers for sending children into school with water bottles. Staff ask that water bottles contain just water and are named/easily identifiable

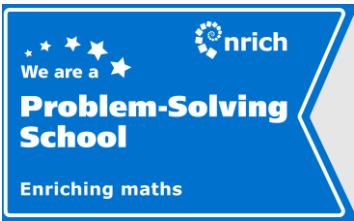
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to the children. Please can parents and carers avoid sending in flavoured water or ‘Fruit Shoot’ type bottles.

School closes for the Christmas Break at 3.20pm on Thursday 18th December. On behalf of the Governing Board and staff here at school, I’d like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We all look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

God bless,
Mrs Bladen-Kay
Head Teacher

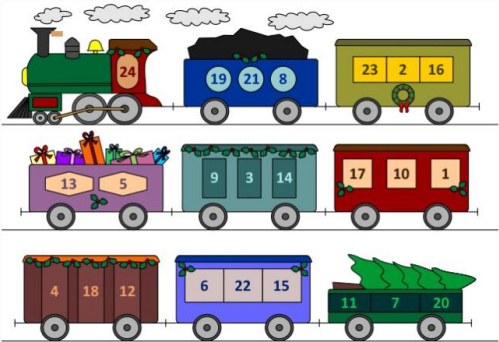


Advent Calendar 2025 - Primary

Here are twenty-four problems, which we hope will tap into your mathematical curiosity. There is one for each day in December, during the run-up to Christmas.

After you've had a go at the day's problem, you can compare your approach to the solutions we have published, which are based on students' work.

We hope you enjoy working on them!



Spring Term 2026 Key Dates	
January	
06.01	Children back in school
12.01	Clubs start
20.01	Y2 trip
26.01	Book Fair in school
30.01	Y2 Sharing Assembly
February	
06.02	Y3 Sharing Assembly
13.02	KS2 Music Celebration
16.02	Half Term
23.02	Children back in
March	
04.03	Paul Cookson in school
05.03	World Book Day
06.03	Y4 sharing Assembly
09.03	Bikeability Week
10.03	Y6 Crucial Crew
13.03	Y1 Sharing Assembly
19.03	Thursday Y6 Sharing Assembly TBC
20.03	Clubs Finish Eid?
23.03	Eid?
24.03	Buildings & Finance Committee meeting + Science presentation
26.03	Y1 Trip
27.03	Wriggly Roadshow (EYFS) in school
30.03, 31.03	Reception & KS1 Music Celebration
	Parents Evenings
April	
01.04	Standards & Welfare Committee + data presentation (AB, JBK)
02.04-20.04	Easter Break
20.04	Children Back In

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