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# End of Autumn Term 2023

## School Newsletter

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The end of term is just around the corner and the children are certainly feeling excited! Our Carol Concert in church last week was a huge success and hopefully left everyone who attended feeling festive. We also had a lovely time singing with lots of you on Friday after school. This was made extra special by the Christmas Tree on our playground which was kindly donated by Georgia Weston. Thank you! Thank you also to Rachel Oxley who put up the tree, sourced us the lights and a star for the top! It looks very special and has been a big hit with the local community. Don't forget tomorrow is our end of term assembly at 1:30pm. We look forward to seeing lots of you there. For those who we might not see, on behalf of the school, thank you for all of your support this term.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Diary Dates

#### **Monday 8th January**

Forest School & swimming starts

#### **Tuesday 9th January**

Y6 transition session

#### **Thursday 18th January**

Young Voices trip to London's O2 Arena.

#### **Wednesday 31st January—Friday 2nd February**

Whole School—STEM enrichment days (NSPCC Number Day on the Friday)

#### **Monday 5th February**

Y6 transition session

#### **Tuesday 6th February**

Foxes Parent Engagement session - 2:30pm

#### **Wednesday 7th February**

Otters Parent Engagement session—2:30pm

#### **Thursday 8th February**

Rabbits Parent Engagement session—2:30pm

### Rabbit Class

In geography, the children in Rabbit Class have been learning about the dangers of plastic in our oceans and how important it is to put our rubbish in the bin.



### Otter Class

In Otter Class, using Matisse's 'Painting with scissors' technique, the children created self-portraits. The end result was fantastic! Can you spot who is who?



### Fox Class

Fox Class visited Hartismere to watch the Year 10's performance of Treasure Island: The Pantomime. After lunch, the children participated in a theatre workshop and then had the chance to perform to a large audience using sound effects and props!



### Whole School

All children and staff had a wonderful time at the Hippodrome last Tuesday. The children's faces were a picture as they saw the incredible acrobats, dancers, swimmers and magicians! It was such a special experience and we are very grateful to the Friends who kindly paid for each child's ticket. Thank you, Friends!



### Clubs

After school clubs run straight after school until 4:15pm.  
Breakfast club runs daily from 7:45am.

**Monday**— Premier Sport Club

**Tuesday**— Art Club

**Wednesday**— Lego & Games Club

**Thursday**— Writing Club

### Swimming, Forest School & Swimming

After Christmas, swimming/Forest School will be on a **Monday afternoon**. The first session will be on **Monday 8th January**.

**Year 2, 4 and 5** will be swimming after Christmas.

**Year R, 1 and 3** will be doing Forest School (they can come to school in their Forest School clothes).

**Year 6** will remain in school with Miss Thornton.