

DLPS News

Newsletter 1 – 24th October 2024

Welcome back to DLPS!

We would like to welcome everyone back to school for our new 2024/2025 academic year. Our children have settled well into their new classes and had a great Welcome Back week in September. We are pleased to see so many children attending school on time and every day – well done 😊 DLPS would like to welcome new pupils who have joined school in Nursery and other groups in September. We wanted to remind parents and carers that school closes today and will re-open on Monday 4th November. We hope you all enjoy a lovely half term holiday!

Parents Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attend our Parents Evening yesterday, if you were not able to come along, please contact the school office and we will arrange an alternative appointment.

Uniform Reminder

All children should come to school in our school uniform.

- Navy blue or black trousers
- Pale blue or white polo shirt or blouse
- Navy blue jumper/cardigan
- Suitable black shoes (not sandals, Ugg style boots or crocs)
- Blue checked dresses and grey shorts are suitable for the summer.

OPAL

As you know, we are an OPAL School. We would like to see our children get out and use all our school grounds. In wet weather our fields are often very muddy and waterlogged. Please send a pair of wellies or old trainers in a carrier bag so that your child can access all of the school grounds!

Does anyone know of anyone replacing their kitchen? Our mud kitchen on the school field needs to be replaced so if anyone knows of any old kitchen units going spare, we would love to have them for our OPAL grounds.

Thank you 😊





Stars of the Week

| SOTW | 13.9.24 | 20.9.24 | 27.9.24 | 4.10.24 | 11.10.24 | 18.10.24 |
|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| Cherry | | | Rudy | Alexis | Harper | Elsie |
| Hazel | Toby | Kai W | Jazmine | Nova | Jacob | Rylee |
| Juniper | Mia | David | Zac | Mia | Amaya | Nathaniel |
| Maple | Casey | Harry J | Ellie-Mai | Rome | Ollie | Chloe |
| Poplar | Ivy | Aicha | Annalise | Cammie | Jaime-Leigh | Harvey |
| Birch | David | Darcy | Elise | Rudy | Mia | Charlotte |
| Elm | Emily S | Oliver | Kaia | Emily J | Ava | Maggie |
| Ash | Zac | Isla | Lewis | Caedmon | Tahlia | Hylton |
| Pine | Leah | Daniel | Lola | Emmie | Harrison | Roman |
| Beech | Luke | Charlie | Natalia | Hayden | Robbie | Sophie |
| Oak | Nieve | Jace | Thea | Brooke | Kelvin | Patrick |

Congratulations to all our STARS! 🥳



Readers of the Week

| SOTW | 13.9.24 | 20.9.24 | 27.9.24 | 4.10.24 | 11.10.24 | 18.10.24 |
|---------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|------------|
| Cherry | | | Elsie-Lu | Lionel | Elliott | Aerdeyrn |
| Hazel | McKenzie | Darcie | Jimmy | Lucas | Jaxon | Harper |
| Juniper | David | Harry | Lochlaan | Harper-Grace | Kane | Sophie |
| Maple | Oliver | Niamh | Jacob | James | Alec | Mia |
| Poplar | Mia | Skander | Elsie | Bobby | Lily-Mae | Nicol |
| Birch | George | Ellie-Mai | Finley | Jorgie | Malik | Sam |
| Elm | Chanelle | Isaac | George | Emily S | Eva | Evie |
| Ash | Faith | Lewis | Teddy | Cody | Isla | Lilly-Rose |
| Pine | Lily | Aria | Ebony | Andreea | Michael | Bobbie |
| Beech | Lana | Hayden | Leona | Sophie | Mia | Natalia |
| Oak | Kaiden | Brianna | Harry | Romi | Martin | Kaiden |

Well done to all our READERS! 🥳



Weekly Class Attendance winners

| Class Winner | 13.9.24 | 20.9.24 | 27.9.24 | 4.10.24 | 11.10.24 | 18.10.24 |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Cherry | 97.9% | 94.7% | 95.8% | 93.7% | 94.7% | 94.7% |
| Hazel | 96.1% | 96.1% | 94.2% | 92.8% | 92.3% | 91.8% |
| Juniper | 96.6% | 92.8% | 96.5% | 96.0% | 91.5% | 91.5% |
| Maple | 95.8% | 91.1% | 98.4% | 95.7% | 90.8% | 97.8% |
| Poplar | 93.3% | 93.8% | 85.6% | 90.6% | 98.7% | 92.2% |
| Birch | 96.6% | 91.5% | 92.6% | 88.6% | 96.9% | 93.0% |
| Elm | 95.2% | 89.9% | 90.5% | 92.6% | 96.6% | 92.1% |
| Ash | 97.0% | 97.0% | 96.7% | 99.5% | 97.8% | 97.3% |
| Pine | 98.3% | 97.7% | 94.3% | 94.3% | 87.5% | 92.6% |
| Beech | 96.3% | 100.0% | 89.7% | 89.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Oak | 98.5% | 99.2% | 92.4% | 87.3% | 96.2% | 91.9% |

We hope you all enjoyed our popular Attendance cakes! 😊







Golden Welly Winners!

| Name & Class | Date |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Jaime-Leigh & Aicha - Poplar | 27.9.24 |
| Harry J - Juniper | 4.10.24 |
| Roman & Alistair – Pine | 11.10.24 |
| Mia & Sophie - Juniper | 18.10.24 |

We hope you and your class enjoyed your EXTRA OPAL Time! 😊

House Points!

| Date: | Griffin  | Unicorn  | Minotaur  | Phoenix  |
|----------|--|--|---|--|
| 13.9.24 | 794 | 787 | 841 | 825 |
| 20.9.24 | 578 | 630 | 594 | 567 |
| 27.9.24 | 559 | 530 | 650 | 634 |
| 4.10.24 | 648 | 580 | 657 | 704 |
| 11.10.24 | 841 | 667 | 789 | 817 |
| 18.10.24 | 596 | 539 | 655 | 600 |

Well done to all of our winning teams!



Birthdays for September & October -

| Birthday Month | Name |
|------------------------------|--|
| September Birthdays 😊 | Lainee Ellie-Mai Max Andrew Maddison Chloe Theo Jenson Charlie Kai Daniela Harrison Lexi Poppy Rudy Lucas Amar Riley McKenzie-Joan Madison Ashton Hallie Emily |
| October Birthdays 😊 | Oliver Leona Dean-Mckenzie Nieve Alisha Charlotte Emily Lochlaan Hylton Zac Riley Alexis-George Natalia Bobbie Isla Alfie Nathaniel Lily Brooke Reggie |

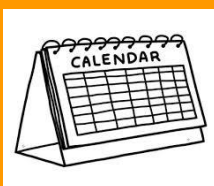
Mason
Billy-Joe
Nelson
Jacob

After School Clubs

Please see After School Club Timetable for next half term. All clubs begin again on Monday 11th November!

Afterschool Club Timetable 2024-25

| | Club | Age Group | Club Time | Club Size | Club Staff | Collect From | Start date |
|-------|--|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Mon | Mindfulness Colouring In this club children will be able to relax and unwind whilst chatting with their peers and colouring in wonderful pictures. | Y1- Y6 | 3:15 - 4:00 | 20 Children | Miss Smith | Maple Class Door | 11 th Nov – 9 th Dec |
| | Cheerleading/Dance Club In this club children will have the opportunity to develop cheerleading skills such as dancing, stunting, gymnastics and jumps. We will develop our skills and put them together to create a small cheer routine. | Y1-Y6 | 3:15 - 4:00 | 20 Children | Miss Kirkbride | Infant Entrance | 11 th Nov – 9 th Dec |
| | Construction Club In this club children will be able to play creatively with Lego, Klax and Playdough alongside many other exciting resources to build anything they can imagine. | Y1- Y6 | 3:15 - 4:00 | 20 Children | Miss Forbes | Juniper Class Door | 11 th Nov – 9 th Dec |
| Tues | Drawing Club In this club children will have the opportunity to develop their drawing skills, learning new techniques whilst they create masterpieces. | Y1 - Y6 | 3:15 - 4:00 | 20 Children | Mrs Randall | Junior Entrance | 12 th Nov – 10 th Dec |
| | Girl's Football Club In this club children will be introduced to football through a wide variety of fun activities and games which are designed for everyone to enjoy. | Y4 - Y6 (Girls Only) | 3:15 - 4:00 | 20 Children | Mr Poole (Consist APC) | Junior Entrance | 12 th Nov – 10 th Dec |
| | Reception Fun club In this club children in reception will be able to experience all of our clubs. They will enjoy playing different sporting games, singing, creative tasks and much more. | Reception children only | 3:15 - 4:00 | 20 Children | Miss McCabe and Miss Anderson | Hawthorn Class door | 12 th Nov – 10 th Dec |
| | Outdoor games club In this club you will have the opportunity to play a wide variety of outdoor games. You can build team work skills and have lots of fun. | Y1 - Y6 | 3:15 - 4:00 | 20 Children | Mrs Gordon and Miss Metcalfe | Junior Entrance | 12 th Nov – 10 th Dec |
| Wed | Arts & Crafts Club In this club children will have the opportunity to develop their own artistic style through colouring , crafts, arts and music. | Y1 - Y6 | 3:15 - 4:00 | 20 Children | Mrs Clark | Junior Entrance | 13 th Nov – 11 th Dec |
| | Basketball Club In this club children will learn the skills they need to play a game of basketball. After they have mastered the <u>skills</u> they will apply them to a game. This club will build team work as well as having lots of fun. | Y3 - Y6 | 3:15 - 4:00 | 20 Children | Mr Allison | Junior Entrance | 13 th Nov – 11 th Dec |
| Thurs | Dodgeball Club In this club children will learn to play many different exciting versions of the classic game dodgeball whilst energetically testing their ducking, dipping, diving and dodging skills. | Y3 - Y6 | 3:15 - 4:00 | 20 Children | Mr McMeiken McMeiken | Junior Entrance | 14 th Nov – 12 th Dec |
| | Comic strip design club In this club children will get the chance to create their own comic books characters and explore the adventures they go on. Over the club children will create their own comic strip. | Y1 - Y6 | 3:15 - 4:00 | 20 Children | Miss Johnson-Kean/ Miss Burnett | Junior Entrance | 14 th Nov – 12 th Dec |
| | Mini Sports Club In this club children will take part in a wide range of physical activities aimed at developing fundamental movement skills through various sport related games. | Reception, Y1 and Y2 | 3:15 - 4:00 | 20 Children | Miss Kirkbride/Miss McCabe | Infant Entrance | 14 th Nov – 12 th Dec |



Calendar of Events

We have created a calendar of events for the academic year. Please remember some dates may be subject to change. [DLPS Calendar of Events 2023 to 2024](#)

Key Dates coming up in November and December 2024

| Date | Event | Information |
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Autumn Term 2024

Please take a look at our upcoming events in November and December, including our Christmas Calendar!

Thursday 24th October 2024

Break Up – Half Term holiday

Friday 25th October 2024

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 4th November 2024

School re-opens for pupils

Wednesday 6th
November 2024

Year 3 Swimming
Every Wednesday Afternoon

In school event – please ensure children bring their swimming kit

Friday 8th November 2024

Remembrance Service with Mr McMeiken

In school event

Week Commencing 11th
November 2024

Activity Clubs Re-Open

Can be booked and paid for via Arbor

Friday 15th November 2024

Anti-Bullying Day

In school event

Week beginning 25th
November 2024

Assessment period

Please make sure children are on time for school and have eaten a good breakfast!

Tuesday 26th November 2024

Year 6 visit to Nissan Skills Foundation

Further information to follow

Tuesday 3rd December

Nursery Stay and Play MORNING

Parents of children in Roots and Saplings
8.45am - 10.00am

Tuesday 3rd December

Nursery Stay and Play AFTERNOON

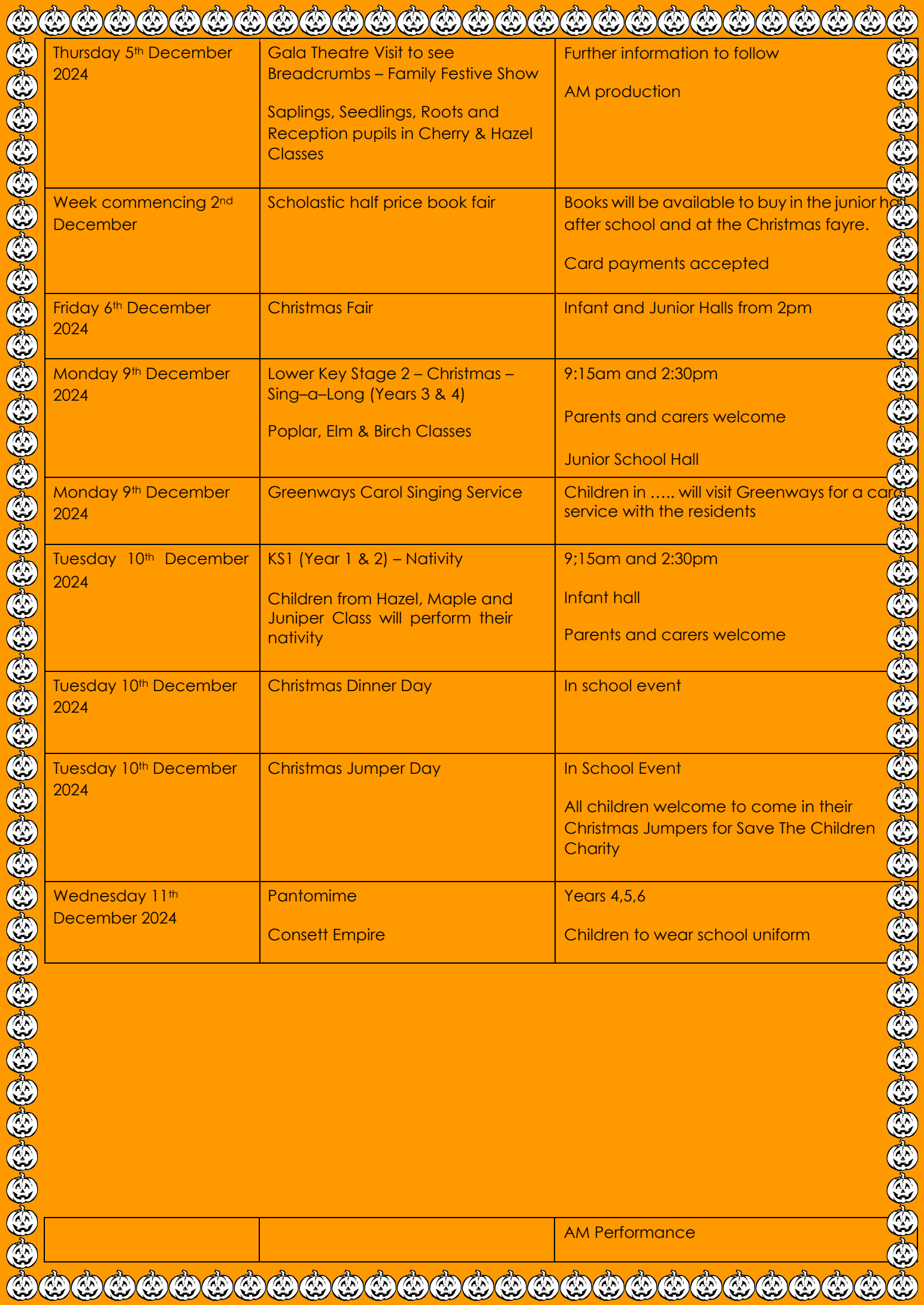
Parents of children in Roots and Seedlings
12.20pm - 1.30pm

Christmas Events

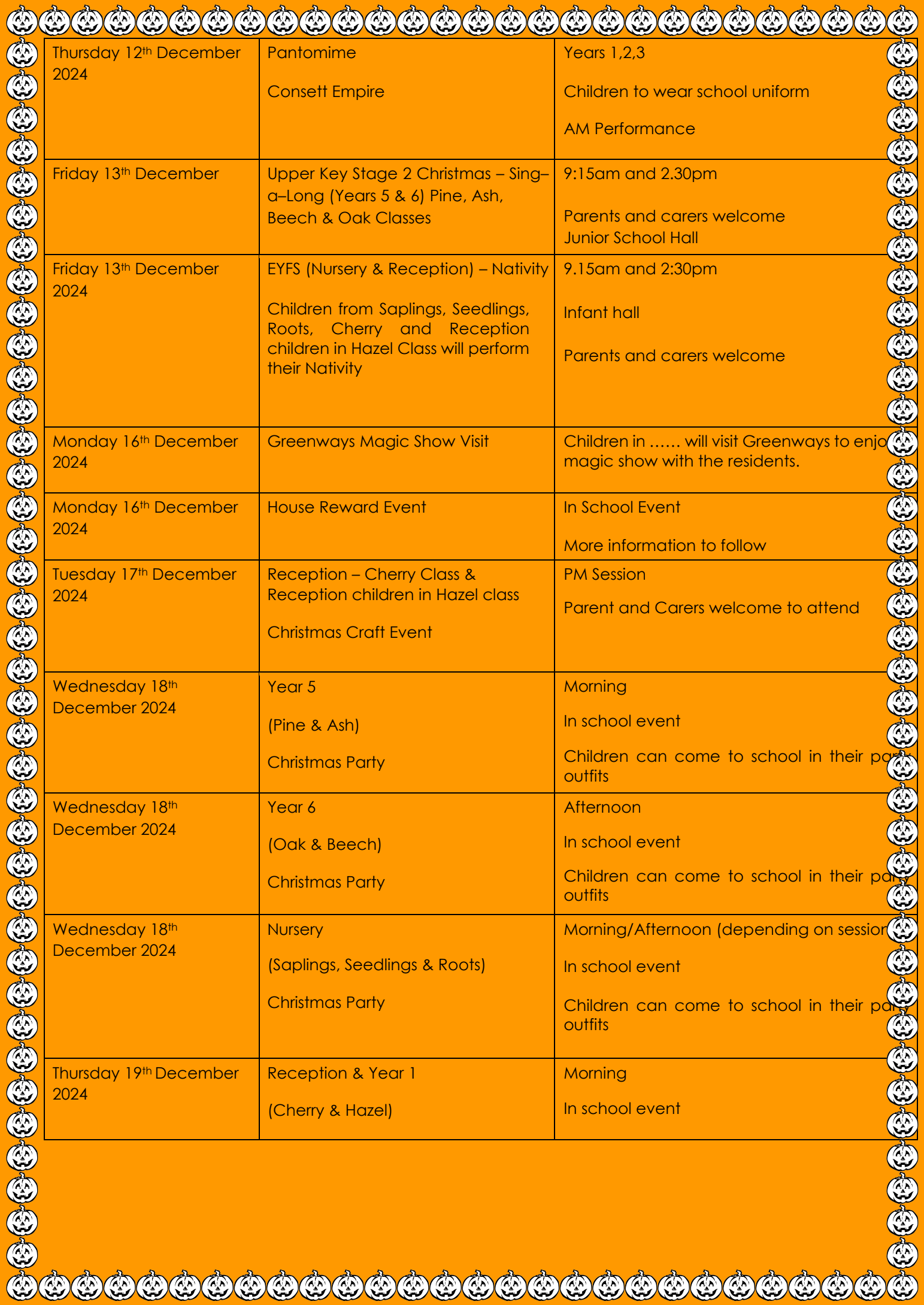
Thursday 5th December

Infant Christingle assembly

In school event



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| Thursday 5 th December 2024 | Gala Theatre Visit to see Breadcrumbs – Family Festive Show Saplings, Seedlings, Roots and Reception pupils in Cherry & Hazel Classes | Further information to follow AM production |
| Week commencing 2 nd December | Scholastic half price book fair | Books will be available to buy in the junior hall after school and at the Christmas fayre. Card payments accepted |
| Friday 6 th December 2024 | Christmas Fair | Infant and Junior Halls from 2pm |
| Monday 9 th December 2024 | Lower Key Stage 2 – Christmas – Sing-a-Long (Years 3 & 4) Poplar, Elm & Birch Classes | 9:15am and 2:30pm Parents and carers welcome Junior School Hall |
| Monday 9 th December 2024 | Greenways Carol Singing Service | Children in will visit Greenways for a carol service with the residents |
| Tuesday 10 th December 2024 | KS1 (Year 1 & 2) – Nativity Children from Hazel, Maple and Juniper Class will perform their nativity | 9:15am and 2:30pm Infant hall Parents and carers welcome |
| Tuesday 10 th December 2024 | Christmas Dinner Day | In school event |
| Tuesday 10 th December 2024 | Christmas Jumper Day | In School Event All children welcome to come in their Christmas Jumpers for Save The Children Charity |
| Wednesday 11 th December 2024 | Pantomime Consett Empire | Years 4,5,6 Children to wear school uniform |
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| | | AM Performance |



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| Thursday 12 th December 2024 | Pantomime Consett Empire | Years 1,2,3 Children to wear school uniform AM Performance |
| Friday 13 th December | Upper Key Stage 2 Christmas – Sing-a-Long (Years 5 & 6) Pine, Ash, Beech & Oak Classes | 9:15am and 2.30pm Parents and carers welcome Junior School Hall |
| Friday 13 th December 2024 | EYFS (Nursery & Reception) – Nativity Children from Saplings, Seedlings, Roots, Cherry and Reception children in Hazel Class will perform their Nativity | 9.15am and 2:30pm Infant hall Parents and carers welcome |
| Monday 16 th December 2024 | Greenways Magic Show Visit | Children in will visit Greenways to enjoy magic show with the residents. |
| Monday 16 th December 2024 | House Reward Event | In School Event More information to follow |
| Tuesday 17 th December 2024 | Reception – Cherry Class & Reception children in Hazel class Christmas Craft Event | PM Session Parent and Carers welcome to attend |
| Wednesday 18 th December 2024 | Year 5 (Pine & Ash) Christmas Party | Morning In school event Children can come to school in their party outfits |
| Wednesday 18 th December 2024 | Year 6 (Oak & Beech) Christmas Party | Afternoon In school event Children can come to school in their party outfits |
| Wednesday 18 th December 2024 | Nursery (Saplings, Seedlings & Roots) Christmas Party | Morning/Afternoon (depending on session) In school event Children can come to school in their party outfits |
| Thursday 19 th December 2024 | Reception & Year 1 (Cherry & Hazel) | Morning In school event |

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| | Christmas Party | Children can come to school in their party outfits |
| Thursday 19 th December 2024 | Year 1 & 2 and Year 2 (Juniper & Maple) Christmas party | Afternoon In school event Children can come to school in their party outfits |
| Thursday 19 th December 2024 | Year 3 (Poplar) Christmas party | Afternoon In school event Children can come to school in their party outfits |
| Thursday 19 th December 2024 | Year 4 (Birch & Elm) Christmas Party | Morning In school event Children can come to school in their party outfits |
| Friday 20 th December 2025 | Non-Uniform Christmas Style Sponsored Event | In School Event |
| Friday 20th December 2024 | Last day of Autumn Term School closes to pupils - Christmas Holidays | |
| Monday 6th January 2025 | School re-opens for pupils SPRING TERM | |

School Fund

Thank you to all of our Parents/Carers who have made payments to our School Fund this half term. We have raised a total of £90. Our School Fund helps us to provide all children with fun activities, events and special treats throughout the year in school. This also helps to subsidise school trips and pantomime visits. To enable us to continue this we would be very grateful if you could make regular donations to our School Fund via your Arbor Parent Portal under School Shop.

Poppies

On our return to school on Monday 4th November our Year 6 children will be going around each class every afternoon that week selling poppies. Children can bring money into school to purchase a poppies and other merchandise. All poppies and merchandise are £1 each.



Pupil News

Well done to Imogen in Ash class who did amazingly well when she took part in the Freestyle Rockstars Competition at Flimigoland. Excellent news Imogen!



Well, done to Franky in Pine class who took part in a 12-mile sponsored walk for Leadgate Boxing Club. That's a lot of steps excellent Franky!



Enjoy the half term holiday and Halloween 😊

We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th November!

B Woods

Mrs B Woods
Head Teacher