

## November 2025 Newsletter

Christmas is fast approaching and FOG have organised a fabulous Christmas Fayre for our school community. Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 12th December 5pm-7pm.

Friends and family members of present and former pupils are welcome. However, we reserve the right to decline entry if there is no affiliation with the school.

The fayre will be mostly outside again. Like last year card payment will be available and tokens can also be purchased using cash or card.

Friday 12th December is also Christmas Jumper Day. Children may wear a Christmas jumper or a t-shirt, Santa hat, headband, etc. - please don't buy something especially. Children are to wear school uniform on their bottom half and something Christmassy on their top half in return for a donation to the Christmas Fayre. Suggested donations could be (new and unopened) - chocolate, sweets, bubble bath, nice toiletries or other smellies, and 'Christmas things'.

## Thank you

### Stay and Play



Stay and Play is based in the Family Room, a school building. It is a place where you can spend time together with your child/children in a calm and friendly place. Fun can be had inside with playdough, jigsaws, floor toys, creative arts and much more. Outside activities include - playhouses, making castles in the sand and ride on toys. Our sessions are free. We meet on Wednesday mornings, doors open at 9am and the session finishes at 10.55am (term time only). A few places are still available. For more information please speak to Mrs Allison or the school office.



### Elf Day is Coming!

Our wonderful School Council are excited to announce **Elf Day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December!**

Children and staff are invited to join in the fun by dressing up as an elf or wearing something festive. In return, we are asking for a **£1 donation**.

There will be festive games and activities throughout the day, and all the money raised will go to support the **Children's Outpatient Department** at the **Royal Derby Hospital** helping to fund their **magical sensory unit** - a portable, interactive piece of equipment which fills rooms with colour, sound and gentle movement all year round. Its soothing lights and calming sounds help reduce fear and anxiety, lift spirits and support recovery.

INSET Days 2025 -26 Monday 2nd February 2026, Monday 1st June 2026, Wednesday 22nd July 2026 and Thursday 23rd July 2026.

## Dates for your diary

Wed 3 Dec	Afternoon nativity performance (Key Stage 1) 2pm
Thurs 4 Dec	Morning (9.30am) and afternoon (2pm) nativity performance (Key Stage 1)
Wed 10 Dec	Reception nativity performance 9.30am
Fri 12 Dec	Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
Wed 17 Dec	Elf Day
	Week beginning 15 December Year group Christmas Parties
Thurs 18 Dec	Reception Christmas Stay and Craft
Fri 19 Dec	Break up for the Christmas holiday
Mon 5 Jan	Spring term starts
Fri 23 Jan	4H Class Assembly (9.05am)
Fri 30 Jan	3M Class Assembly (9.05am)
Mon 2 Feb	INSET –school closed to children
Wed 4 Feb	SATs meeting for Y6 parents 5.15pm
Fri 6 Feb	5B Class Assembly (9.05am)



Congratulations to our girls football team - they are through to the regional finals - WELL DONE!

Our mixed team and girls team always represent themselves and the school brilliantly, we are very proud of you all.

Any spare waterproof raincoats age 4-5 / 5-6 for Reception age children would be gratefully received. (Thin ones to use in the mud kitchen.)

Also, any milk bottle tops, old CDs, old greeting cards, ribbon, buttons and small boxes for Reception creative activities would be put to very good use.

Thank you

Please name EVERYTHING. Coats, hats, jumpers, water bottles etc. The lost property mountain is growing again. Please take anything you think might be yours.

Children need to bring a coat to school everyday please.

All correspondence to parents will now be sent via our new system, Arbor (no longer Parent Hub). Please make sure you check in-app messages. We believe the email issue has now been resolved. If someone in your household has not received this newsletter and are signed up to Arbor, please ask them to get in touch with the school office.

We have begun to put payments for clubs and trips on Arbor, you will be sent a direct message if one becomes available for your child.

Dinner payments should also be made on Arbor. These will be found in 'payments' then 'meals'. You will no longer be sent a link to the dinner payments but we still require these to be paid in advance before the start of the week. Dinners will not be debited from your account until after the meal has been taken. We ask that you keep a positive balance, please do not let your account go into negative figures. Thank you for your support during this period of change.