



**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a festive week it has been! We started Monday morning with a truly special moment as our choir sang their hearts out at the Golf Club—they did a fantastic job and filled the room with Christmas spirit. A huge thank you to Henry for leading the choir so brilliantly, to Davina for joining us and helping in the celebration, to the FTS for their wonderful organisation of the event, and to Mrs. Sims-Stirling for her invaluable help in making it all happen.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch, and we are so grateful to all the staff who worked hard to make it such a success. Today, the festivities continue with our much-loved *Craftersnoon*, bringing creativity and cheer to every corner of the school.

Please do check the dates below for other exciting Christmas events coming up over the next few weeks—we can't wait to celebrate more magical moments together!

Warm regards,

Mrs Ruston

### **Dates for your Diary**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Lunch time Christmas shop

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December-KS1 Nativity. Performances at 9:45am and 1:45pm

11<sup>th</sup> December- Save the children Christmas jumper day

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December- FTS Christmas event and Fun run (children to wear PE kit and Christmas accessories)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Carols on the Green @5:30pm -Choir to sing

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December- KS2 Carols in the Church 9am- Everyone welcome

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of autumn term

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – NON-PUPIL DAY**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January- First day of Spring term

### **Steeple Cove Nursery**

This week Steeple Cove have been busy learning about transport, looking into different modes of transport and where they belong. The children have been working hard on their Nativity practice, and we can't wait to show you all on Wednesday! Steeple Cove have entered the 'Christmas Tree Festival' located in Malborough church, please go and check all the fabulous trees out and support us.



### **(Reception/Year 1)**

This week, Yarmer have completed all their single letter sounds! The children were curious about what would come next and were thrilled to discover 'special friends'—two letters that work together to make one sound. In Maths, Year 1 have been continuing to practice subtraction using ten frames and crossing out, building confidence with this important skill. We're all getting very excited to welcome you to our Nativity next week! The children have been working hard to perfect their lines, singing, and dancing, and we can't wait to share this special performance with you.

### **Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)**

We have had yet another busy week this week. The children have been showing off all they can do in our Autumn term assessments. We were blown away by the progress they are already showing since September. Well done Leas Foot, keep up your hard work! Our week has been overtaken by our Nativity! We are so excited to share it with you next week so you can see what we have been busy preparing for you all. We hope you enjoy our Christmas Crafternoon! Have a great weekend.

### **Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)**

Sedgewell Cove have been super busy this week demonstrating all their knowledge and skills in their assessments, where they have worked with focus and purpose. They have been planning their persuasive brochure Big Writes about having a holiday at Stonehenge and are excited to complete these. The children have also continued learning how to multiply and divide by focusing on the 3, 6 and 9 times tables. The class worked collaboratively in DT this week and made their torches which they are very proud of, and they concluded this term's Forest School by building dens, playing in the mud kitchen, sawing wood and enjoying toasted marshmallows. What a busy week!



### **Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)**

Butter Cove has had a wonderful week but were a little disappointed that their forest school sessions came to an end. It was lovely seeing the children enjoy the outdoors and have the freedom to build dens, saw wood or just relax by the fire and make clay sculptures or wool bracelets. In English, they have planned their persuasive pitch and will be writing their first draft, using rhetorical questions, metaphors, superlatives and more! We have started our length, perimeter and area topic in Maths, where we have converted km and metres and working out the perimeter of shapes. They really enjoyed making lamps in Design and Technology, working in small groups, developing their collaborative skills, to design their lamp, make the circuit and create their finished product. We finished our Thurlestone Haka this week, where the whole class worked hard on their teamwork and timing.



## Bantham (Year 6)

We have had another great week in Bantham! This week, the children have blown me away with their wonderful persuasive speeches they have written, imagining they are writing to encourage their team to win a match/ game/ competition! In our maths lessons, we have started our new unit converting measurement. So far, we have explored different metric measurements and have started to convert between the two. In our DT lessons, we have started to create our torches using the skills on circuits and switches we have learnt to help.

## Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. We have noticed a dip this week, with only two weeks to go to the end of term lets try and improve our attendance.

The attendance this week can be seen on the table below.

<b>Whole school attendance (Target 98%)</b>	92.7%
<b>Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)</b>	88.9%
<b>Leas Foot (Year 1/ Year 2)</b>	96.1%
<b>Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)</b>	94%
<b>Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)</b>	95.4%
<b>Bantham (Year 6)</b>	88.9%

## Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

<b>Steeple Cove Nursery</b>	Theo Kearney
<b>Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)</b>	Henry Speechly
<b>Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)</b>	Imogen James
<b>Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)</b>	Mia Matley
<b>Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)</b>	Olly Viljoen
<b>Bantham (Year 6)</b>	Lori Newman

## Home learning

<b>Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)</b>	R – Maths activity sheet: 11 + letter formation 'c' Y1 – Maths activity sheet: 5+ spellings 'e' and 'ee'
<b>Leas Foot (Year 1 and 2)</b>	Y1 – Maths activity sheet: 5+ spellings 'e' and 'ee' Y2 – Maths activity sheet. Spellings sheet – j or g
<b>Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)</b>	Spellings and a Reading Comprehension
<b>Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)</b>	Spellings and Maths worksheet
<b>Bantham (Year 6)</b>	Spellings and an arithmetic paper

