



This week started with the the children from EYFS and Year 1 joining the T-level childcare students to complete a variety of maths tasks in their new 'experience' classroom and explore their 'axehead' forest school. It is great for us to be invited to join other organisations to provide a wealth of opportunities to our students.

A huge thank you for the donations to Children in Need – we raised nearly £70!

Donations wanted please

We are looking for donations of toilet roll inners, plastic plant pots, shoeboxes, books and any Christmas gifts for our raffle hampers. Please leave any donations in the porch.

Young Voices

If you have booked seats on the coach for adults then please can you pay for these ASAP. All children will be travelling to and from the O2 on the coach with drop off and collection from school. If your child would like to rehearse at home please use the link below.

<https://yvmusicroom.com/parentRegisterReferral?code=MzUxNy8xNjk1OTg3Nzgw>

If you would like to order a YV24 Concert video there is currently a discount code '**PREORDER**' please use this link yv24film.co.uk The cost is currently £9.99 (usually £12.99).

Treasure Island

On Tuesday 19th December the whole school will be going to the Barn theatre to see Treasure Island, this will again be followed by a Christmas party at the Salvation Army Hall. The cost of this is being kindly subsidised by the PTA and we are asking for parents to contribute £10 – this is now available to pay on parentmail. In addition to the PTA donation we have secured some funding from theatre works. They are keen to demonstrate how their donations make a difference to children and have asked if they can film the children's reactions and make a short film about our trip, if you are not happy for your child to be used in this film please let us know and example of previous film clips can be seen here - <https://www.theatreworks.global/> We would like all payments made by November 30th.

Mosque and cathedral trip – January 15th

All children in class 2 and 3 will be joining children from Ampney Crucis to visit the Mosque in Gloucester before joining many other schools at the Cathedral for the annual Christingle service. Costs of this and timings will be sent out closer to the time.

Oracy competition

We have once again entered the oracy competition this year. We will be holding the heats in the new year but it would be great if the children could start to think about which topic they would like to speak about.

Residential and swimming payments

The payments are now set up for you to start to pay for the residential and for next year's swimming in order to help you budget for them. **The first residential payment of £50 was due by November 15th.**

PTA AGM

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The PTA AGM was held on Tuesday, we are delighted that Tina, Sarah and Emily are standing for one more year and that there was interest from others to shadow these roles ready for transisation next year. We would like to say a big thank you to Laura Jenkins who has stepped down after many years service.

Raffle Tickets

Your children will have brought home raffle tickets today for our Christmas in the Community event. Please can you return any sold or unsold ones to the porch (there is a box). More books are available from Mrs Woodruffe.

Key Dates	
21 st November	Schoolbeat officer visiting class 3
21 st November	Sportshall athletics
23 rd November	Open morning 9:30-11:30am
28 th November	Open evening 4-6pm
19 th December	Panto
20 th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
21 st December	Nativity at 1:30pm at the Village Hall
22 nd December	INSET day
8 th January	Term 3 starts
15 th January	Mosque and Cathedral Christingle visit
9 th February	End of Term 3
19 th February	Term 4 starts
11 th March	KNEX challenge day KS2 – paid for by PTA
22 nd March	End of Term 4
8 th April	Term 5 starts
12 th April	Swimming starts
13 th – 16 th May	Y6 SATs
24 th May	End of Term 5
3 rd June	Term 6 starts
3 rd – 14 th June	Multiplication Tables Check Y4
10 th – 14 th June	Phonics Screening Assessments Y1
12 th June	Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral
17 th – 21 st June	Careers week
22 nd June	Small school fundraising event
24 th - 26 th June	Residential for Class 3 (more details to follow)
6 th July	School Fete
10 th July	Schoolbeat visit for class 3

11th – 12th July	Deer Park School Induction days
19th July	Last day of term for pupils
22nd July	INSET day