



Thank you to everyone you came along to support the lovely Christmas in the Community evening. A huge thanks our amazing PTA who made the school look so magical and festive. We raised over £500 for the school but more importantly a good time was had by all. The children all sang beautifully – we cannot wait to hear them again when class 2 sing at the nursing home on Monday, Class 1 perform their nativity on Thursday and when class 2 and 3 go to the O2. Well done to everyone who did the reindeer trail – a prize is coming home to all who completed it. If you have a raffle prize to collect please see Mrs Woodruffe.

Christmas cards

Children can continue to bring in Christmas cards and pop them in the post box in the porch – these will start to be delivered this week and the last day of posting will be next Wednesday.

Year 6 parents.

All Year 6 parents are encouraged to email myself or Mrs Russell on head@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk or class3@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk to book an individual session to discuss next steps for SATS revision and preparation for secondary school. It would be good to get these arranged before Christmas.

Next Week

Monday 18th – Normal day! Class 2 will now be singing at the care home in Stratton rather than the lakes.

Tuesday 19th December drop children off at the Barn Theatre at 10am and collected from the Abbey Grounds Carpark at 2:45pm. Children need a packed lunch, coat and water bottle. Children should wear school uniform.

Wednesday 20th – Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

Thursday 21st – School nativity play at 1:30pm (please let us know if you need seats to watch).

ALL CHILDREN NEED COLLECTING AT 2PM – we will then be closed for Christmas

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. Please see the attached poster. We will be running the competition in the first week of the Spring term.

Young Voices

Please continue to practice the songs and dances with your child at home.

<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).

Key Dates	
19th December	Treasure Island and Christmas party – drop off at Barn Theatre at 10am, collection from Abbey Grounds carpark at 2:30pm
20th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
21st December	Nativity at 1:30pm at the Village Hall – EARLY COLLECTION at 2pm
22nd December	INSET day
8th January	Term 3 starts
15th January	Mosque and Cathedral Christingle visit
9th February	End of Term 3
19th February	Term 4 starts
11th March	KNEX challenge day KS2 – paid for by PTA
22nd March	End of Term 4
8th April	Term 5 starts
12th April	Swimming starts
13th – 16th May	Y6 SATs
24th May	End of Term 5
3rd June	Term 6 starts
3rd – 14th June	Multiplication Tables Check Y4
10th – 14th June	Phonics Screening Assessments Y1
12th June	Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral
17th – 21st June	Careers week
22nd June	Small school fundraising event
24th - 26th June	Residential for Class 3 (more details to follow)
6th July	School Fete
10th 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