



2024-25 Week 13 Update

Oracy Competition

We are once again running an oracy competition at school as part of the Gloucestershire-wide 'Look who's talking' event. All children will be taking part in the school-based event on Tuesday, 10th December, so please can your child bring in any props they might have on that day. For Class 1, this will be nothing more than their usual show and tell, so please encourage them to bring something they would like to talk about.

End of teacher-led club dates

The last teacher-led club of the year will be choir on Monday, 9th December. After this date, all children not in wraparound care will need to be collected at 3:15 pm.

Tree planting

A huge thank you to Lily's dad for planting the trees this week. We have more outdoor work to do in the spring term. If anyone can help with this, please let me know.

Term 3 clubs – please email admin@ to book your child's place

Monday – recorders – KS2 maximum 15 children

Tuesday – stay and play club all year groups (indoor and outdoor)

Wednesday – SATS club for Class 3 only

Thursday – sports club – all year groups, limited to 20

Friday – no clubs due to swimming

Christmas in the community -

We are all very excited about this event; if your child would like to rehearse the songs, they can be found here - <https://padlet.com/DownAmpney/christmas-in-the-community-h7g2c5a8qqj41kay>. **All children are requested to arrive at school at 4:45 pm and meet in Class 3.** At 5 pm, all the children will sing some songs we have learnt, and the choir will sing some more. The event stalls will then open. For those of you who have not been before, the event will be a mix of child-led activity stalls and outsider traders selling goods. There will also be a Santa's grotto, hot food, drinks, snacks, and a raffle. On arrival, you can exchange your cash for tokens that can be used at the child-led stalls. Outside stall traders will take cash, and some may take cards. It is hoped that you will all be able to attend.

Staffing

Mrs Woodruffe is currently working part-time, so if you need to phone and do not get through, please call back and choose option 2 to get through to my phone, as this emails me the voicemails. Mrs Woodruffe and I will be monitoring the admin@ email address.

What great fun!

We all had a great time at the movie night and sleepover. Thank you to the PTA and some parents for donating the food, and to those who volunteered to make popcorn, hot chocolate, and breakfast the following morning. We are doing sleepovers this year in lieu of a residential, but I have already started to find information ready for next year's residential – more information will follow! A big thank you also to Mrs Russell and Miss Skinner, who joined me during the sleepover, and the rest of the staff for getting it ready and putting the school back together ready for the following day.

Cake tins and boxes

Can you please collect any boxes and tins left from the cake sale from the porch? Many thanks.



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Year 6 progress reviews

The Year 6 children have completed a round of practice SATS. It would be great to have a progress review, set next-step targets, and share results. If you would like a 10-minute appointment with Mrs Gray before Christmas, just email with availability.

Key Dates – for the full year, see the website – new dates or information in yellow

<https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/>

9th December	The last teacher-led choir club
10th December	Oracy competition – please bring in all props
12th December	Reception and Y6 screening
12th December	Christmas in the community event – 5-7 pm
17th December	Christmas jumper day
18th December	Christmas lunch day
18th December	Carols in the church at 2 pm
19th December	Pantomime
20th December	Nativity Play at 1:30 pm – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
6th January	INSET day