



Shine as Lights in the World
Philippians 2.15

12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Townsend

We are really happy to let you know that Mr Townsend will be back in school on Monday, teaching in Maple Class. Mrs Chapman will be here next week as well, working in various classes across the school.

Key Stage 1 Nativity

A huge well done to the children in Silver Birch, Willow & Sycamore classes for their wonderful nativity on this week! They should all be enormously proud of their performance and I hope that everyone who came to watch enjoyed the show. Huge thanks to everyone who has helped to put this together.

Thursday 18th December

The school will be closed to most pupils on Thursday next week to allow our staff to attend the funeral of Miss Sandy. Please refer to my email sent on Wednesday for more information about this.

Forest School – Next Week

There will be no Forest School sessions next week due to the other things taking place in school. Thank you to all the parents who have helped to support these sessions by volunteering, it's really appreciated by the Forest School Leaders. We will be looking for help next term too so do let us know if you would like to take a turn helping.

Santa Fun Run

On Monday 15th December the children will be taking part in a fun run to raise money for Katherine House Hospice. £550 would cover the cost of sourcing and cooking delicious food for all 10 patients in their Inpatient Unit on Christmas Day. Children can bring in a Santa hat on the day (but we will have plenty of spares for any children without one) and each class will run together around the playground (weather permitting!). **Please send your child in to school in their PE kits and trainers on that day.**



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If you would like to sponsor your child to run by making a donation to Katherine House Hospice you can do so using this link:-

https://www.justgiving.com/page/wychwood-ce-primary-school-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Church Service – Year 3 and 4

The children in Year 3 and 4 will be attending a Christmas service at St Mary's Church in Shipton on Friday 19th December. The service should start at approximately 9:20am and families of Year 3 and 4 children are welcome to join us in the church. Festive jumpers are not essential, but we will be wearing ours!

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

Please see the attached update on OPAL.

Memory Tag for Miss Sandy

Thank you to everyone who has returned their tags to put on our Wychwood Tree. If you would still like to do this, there is still time. These tags will be given to Maisie, Miss Sandy's daughter after the funeral on Thursday.

Cauliflower Cards

We still have one child with cards missing. Please do double check that you weren't accidentally given the wrong cards.

We are still waiting for the playing cards to arrive – this has been chased by the PTA and Cauliflower Cards have agreed to reprint them. We will send them home as soon as they arrive.

After School Clubs

There are no after school clubs running next week apart from WASP. You should all have received an email with details of the clubs that we are offering next term. Please do sign up for clubs by the 17th December so that we can finalise our numbers.

Job Vacancy

We are currently advertising for a vacancy within our Wrap Around Care provision. Here is a link to the details if you are interested.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/123176/EDV-2025-WCEPS-96103>

Dates for the Autumn Term

Date	Details	Who
15 th December	Santa Fun Run for Katherine House	All
16 th December	Christmas Bazaar	All
17 th December	Reception Christmas Party	Reception
17 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers	All
18 th December	School Closure	
19 th December	Church Service at St Mary's, Shipton	Year 3/4 & Parents
19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Year 5 & 6 Christmas Stalls	All
19 th December	School Ends at 1.30pm	All
20 th December – 4 th January	Christmas Holidays	All
5 th January	Return to school	All

Birthday Book Donations

Happy Birthday to Ivy & Iya (Hazel) and Izzy (Oak). Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you had a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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