HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE
Friday 20 November 2026

Dear Parents,
I enjoyed visiting Year R in the Nature Nook this week! They were having a fantastic time, which reminded me what a super resource the Nature Nook is. Den building, pond dipping and other exciting activities were the order of the day. Well done also to our U11 and Girls football teams who played matches this week. The girls played in the Fareham Tournament finishing a creditable second in their group, whilst the U11's enjoyed a hard-fought victory.

Christmas Cards – The online **Shop will close** tomorrow **Saturday 21 November** and these orders will then be delivered to school to be sent home in bookbags on Monday 07 December.

Be Bright be Seen Day - Our annual road safety event '**Be Bright be Seen**' will be taking place on **Friday 27 November**. This will be a day when the children are invited to come into school dressed in bright clothing. During the day the children will learn about road safety and ways of keeping themselves safe during the darker months. Please click on this **LINK** for further information.

Rags 2 Riches - Collection has been moved to **Monday 30 November**. Please do NOT bring your bags of donations in until next Friday 27 November at the earliest. Bag up your old clothes for a good cause, we make money from every kilo you donate and your old clothes get recycled! Please make sure to check what they can and cannot accept before bagging up your items by clicking on this link: **Rags2Riches**

Date Change "Make £5 Grow Sale" – Please note that the Y6 Make Grow £5 Day sale date is changing! This was originally scheduled for Wednesday 25 November however it has now been moved to **Wednesday 02 December**. Please send your child in with cash/small change in a named envelope on the day if you would like them to be able to visit the sale during the school day.

Salvation Army Carol Concert – At **4pm on Sunday 29 November** Portsmouth Citadel Salvation Army Band are holding a Carol concert in St Mary's church, Warsash, featuring the choir of Hook with Warsash Academy. If you are able, please bring along any new gifts donations that will be distributed directly to those in need in Portsmouth.

Christmas Services - Christmas Services will take place later this term at St Marys Church. As usual we would like to invite you to join us at these special events. The dates and times are:

Infants **Tuesday 15 December**	09.30am - **P, 1H, 2D**
	10.45am - **T, 1J, 2L**
Juniors **Wednesday 16 December**	09.30am - Led by **Y4** accompanied by **Y3** & **Y5**,
	10.45am - Led by **Y4** accompanied by **Y5** & **Y6**

School Christmas lunch is being held on **Thursday 17 December** this year. The menu choices on the day are:

- **Festive Roast Chicken & stuffing**, Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy.
- **Festive Roasted Vegetable Strudel & stuffing,** Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy.

So that the kitchen can prepare for the increased number of meals that are usually taken on this day they have requested that Christmas meals are pre-ordered via the Aspens Select website by **Friday 04 December**.

Non-Uniform Day - On **Friday 11 December** there will be a **non-Uniform** day in exchange for a **donation to the Christmas Fayre tombola/raffle**. This could be books, toys, sweets, chocolate, wine, toiletries, etc. Please drop your child's donation to their classroom on the Friday morning.

Reverse Advent Calendar: - In school we will soon be focusing on advent calendars. As part of this we will be opening our Reverse Advent Calendar from **01 December**, encouraging the children to think about giving as well as receiving. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items which we will be donating to the Salvation Army. If you can send in any Christmas treats to spread some Christmas cheer it would be greatly appreciated. We will continue collecting until **Tuesday 17 December** when the donations will be delivered.

Christmas Post (for Cards Only): - Our Christmas post boxes will be open for business from Tuesday 01 December. Children should write their friend's **FULL NAME** and **CLASS** clearly on the front of the envelopes, and **put them straight into the postbox outside 2L and Year 6**. Surnames (or at least an initial e.g. Fred S) are important as there are many children who share the same Christian name.

Christmas Jumper Sale (Tuesday 08 December) Children will be encouraged to wear Christmas jumpers on Thursday the 17 December for the Christmas Meal & Class Parties Day. So why not come along to our pre-loved sale and bag yourself a bargain in advance! If you have any old Christmas jumpers you would be happy to donate then please drop these to the school office.

Reception September 2027 Tours - We are conducting individual tours of the school for any parents whose children are due to start in September 2027. If you know anyone who would like a tour, please ask them to contact the school office for further details. The portal for on-line applications closes on **Friday 15 January 2027**.

Vacancy – We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant. Please see the school **website** for further information.

St Mary's Church Events –

- Messy church 10th December 3.30-5.30pm
- Nativity Workshop & Production 12th & 13th December
- Bible Bash 18th December 3.45-5.15pm

Uniform Sale – MyClothing are having a Black Friday Clearance sale which includes plain (unbranded) school uniform from just £1.00 less. Stock is limited, and once it's gone, it's gone, so we'd encourage parents to take a look while bargains are still available. **Website Link:** Black Friday Sale

Sports Clubs – Some sports clubs are **finishing next week**, please see the dates table below for further details.

Regards

Justin Bartlett

Headteacher

Attachments: Fareham Christmas Lights Flyer / PTFA Wreath Making Event / Salvation Army Carol Concert Flyer

Next Week

Sat	**21 Nov**	**Christmas Card On-line Shop CLOSES** **Fareham Christmas Lights Switch On 10am-7pm**	
Mon	**23 Nov**	HMS Music – Woodwind	3:30-4:30 Fun-Nastix 3:30-4:30 Y5 Netball (7/10)
Tue	**24 Nov**	HMS Music – Guitar	**Lunchtime Spanish** **LAST Lunchtime Y3/4 Football** 3:30-4:30 Y1/2 IDPE Dodgeball
Wed	**25 Nov**	HMS Music – Brass & Keyboard	**LAST** 8:00-8:45am Y3/4 Dodgeball **Lunchtime French** 3:30-5:30 Judo **LAST** 3:30-4:30 Y5/6 BOYS Football
Thurs	**26 Nov**	Rock2theBeat	**LAST Lunchtime Y5/6 GIRLS Football** 3:30-4:30 Y6 Netball (9/10) 3:30-5:00 Showstoppers 3:30-4:30 Y2/4 Christmas Choir
Fri	**27 Nov**	**Non-Uniform Be Bright Be Seen Day** **Y5** Swimming HMS Music – Drums **PTFA Wreathmaking Event 7:30pm**	7:45-8:45 Y2/4 Storm Cheerleading **LAST** 8:00-8:45 KS2 X-Country Training 3:30-4:30 Y3/6 IDPE Dodgeball
Sun	**29 Nov**	**Salvation Army Carol Concert 4pm St Mary's Church**	

Mon	**30 Nov**	PTFA Ragas to Riches Collection
Tue	**01 Dec**	School Photo Ordering Closing Date Reverse Advent Calendar & Christmas Post Box Open
Wed	**02 Dec**	Make £5 Grow Sale
Tue	**08 Dec**	Christmas jumper Sale
Thurs	**10 Dec**	Rock2theBeat Concert
Fri	**11 Dec**	**Non-Uniform for Fair Donation**
Sat	**12 Dec**	PTFA Christmas Fayre St Mary's Church Nativity Workshop 11:00 - 16:00
Sun	**13 Dec**	St Mary's Church Nativity Service 10:00am
Tue	**15 Dec**	**Infant** Christmas Service 09.30am – P, 1H, 2D 10.45am - T, 1J, 2L
Wed	**16 Dec**	**Junior** Christmas Service 09.30am - Led by Y4 accompanied by Y3 & Y5 10.45am - Led by Y4 accompanied by Y5 & Y6 **No Brass/Piano Lessons**
Thurs	**17 Dec**	Christmas Lunch; Class Christmas Parties; Christmas Jumper Day
Fri	**18 Dec**	Last Day before Christmas Break
21 Dec – 03 Jan		Christmas Holidays / **IDPE Sports Camp**
Mon	**04 Jan**	New Term Starts