



10th January 2025 Newsletter

Diary Dates Week Commencing 13th January

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| Mon 13th January | - Lego Afterschool Club |
| Tues 14th January | - Sports Afterschool Club |
| | - Drama Afterschool Club KS2 |
| Wed 15th January | - 9:00 a.m. Morning Running Club KS2 |
| | - Stay & Play Afterschool Club |
| Thurs 16th January | - Forest School for Merlin 1&2 and EYFS Class |
| | - School Swimming Lessons at Brockworth LC |
| | - Ali Heath Sewing Club |
| Fri 17th January | - Spirograph & Stencil Afterschool Club |
| | - Celebration Assembly |
| | - Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club |
| | - Board Games Afterschool Club |

Diary Dates Week Commencing 20th January

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| Mon 20th January | - Lego Afterschool Club |
| Tues 21st January | - KS2 KNEX Challenge at school |
| | - Sports Afterschool Club |
| | - Drama Afterschool Club KS2 |
| Wed 22nd January | - Stay & Play Afterschool Club |
| Thurs 23rd January | - School Swimming Lessons at Brockworth LC |
| | - Ali Heath Sewing Club |
| | - Spirograph & Stencil Afterschool Club |
| Fri 24th January | - KS1 Multi-Skills Event |
| | - Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club |
| | - Board Games Afterschool Club |

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to you all, we hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and that you enjoy looking at some of the photos from the end of last term in this newsletter. The staff and I would like to thank you very much for all the cards and gifts that we received at the end of term. We would also like to say thank you to the parents that helped with the end of term party and for making the wonderful decorations in the village hall. As you know, it was a busy last week with an Ofsted visit as well. Once we have the Ofsted report back we will share this with you. We have had a thank you message from the church and local community for putting on an additional nativity service, they loved being a part of our Christmas celebrations and hearing the children sing so well.

Our whole school theme this term is 'Grand Designs' and theme overviews for each class are being sent home today. There is also more detail available on the curriculum pages on our website. We have a trip to St Fagan's National Museum of History planned later in the term as part of this theme on February 25th. If you've not been before it is a trip we can highly recommend. Over forty original buildings from different historical periods have been re-erected in the 100-acre parkland and traditional crafts and activities also help to bring St Fagan's alive. More details to follow and as usual there will be a request for a few parent helpers too.

Sports wise, coming up this term we have two sporting events for various year groups and teams, with more to come in Term 4 when the weather is warmer. This term we have a multi-skills festival for Key Stage 1 and Key Steps Gymnastics for Key Stage 2. Year 3 and 4 (plus a few from year 5 and 6) have a block of swimming lessons this term on Thursday afternoons at Brockworth Sports Centre and took part in their first session this week, which went really well.

We're delighted to begin our next blocks of Music in each class and are grateful for FOSS support to fund these. This term we have Voice Collectives in Year 5 and 6, Ukulele in Year 1 and 2 and Recorders in EYFS and we are also using the online Aurora Classroom materials with year 3 and 4.

Year 4, 5 and 6 will be going to Skill Zone in Gloucester towards the end of term as part of their work on keeping safe <https://skillzone.glosfire.gov.uk/>. Skill Zone is an interactive life skills village where children can learn how to keep themselves safe whether at home or in their community. Every child will have the opportunity to visit during their time at Sheepscombe School.

Forest School takes place fortnightly for Merlin class, which next week will be in the Orchard. Eagle and Kestrel have one Forest School session planned this term on a Tuesday afternoon and we intend to fit in a second session if we can and let you know the date for this. In Term 4 we have our annual Morfa Bay residential 'holiday' coming up for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6, we have sent a letter home about this today.

Attendance wise please can I remind you that should you need to take your child out of school for any exceptional circumstance, you need to fill in an absence request form in advance - these are available to download from the website or you can collect a paper version from the school office. A decision will then be made as to whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised. Please also try to arrive on time for school each day, unless the roads are particularly icy. Arriving late consistently means that your child is missing out on key learning at the start of the day.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns do get in touch with us. Have a lovely weekend.

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Pictures From Our Trip to the Panto, Our Nativity & Christmas Party

