



### Dates for the Diary

Please find a list of diary dates:

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance 1.45pm

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance 9.15am

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term, Christmas Parties (partywear suitable for school)

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – INSET DAY  
School closed

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** – Start of Term 3

### End of Term reflections...

It has been an incredibly busy term, but the children have been fantastic. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, children and parents for all their support this term. I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable holiday. It is very well deserved for all!

### Bristol Old Vic Theatre Trip – Little Red

Maple and Willow class spent the morning at the theatre on Thursday this week. They headed to the Bristol Old Vic Theatre and enjoyed a performance of 'Little Red'. We were so proud of their excellent behaviour and concentration and they made some fantastic comments about the show...

"I liked the dancey bits. The first one was scary. The second one was really funny" Wilber

"It was really good. The singing was good" Hallie

"It was scary and funny" Thomas O

### Cheddar Gorge and Caves Trip

Pine class had a fantastic time during their outing to Cheddar Gorge. Linked to their History learning about Stone Age and Iron Age and their Geography curriculum about

rivers, the visit really consolidated their learning. The children met up with their friends from St Mary's for the coach journey. The children were eager to talk about their highlights of the trip...

"My favourite bit was when we went in the Museum and looked at Stone Age stuff"

Leo

"I liked the bit of the cave that was called the home of the rainbow" Charlotte

### Carols by Candlelight

On Wednesday, we held the annual KS2 Carols by Candlelight. The children prepared their songs amazingly well. Even Father Christmas had heard about the event and put in an appearance. There were readings and prayers read by children from Pine and Oak classes. Well done to Stefaniia and Yeseniia for their excellent duet singing a Ukrainian Carol!

FWSA followed up the event with some family carols, acapella style (large round of applause to Rev ~ Morey for his solo singing!) and some festive refreshments and craft activities. Christmas has definitely arrived!

### EYFS and KS1 Nativity Show

The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are gearing up for their performances next week. The lines are being learned, the tinsel polished and the school is very much alive with the sound of Christmas. From the parts of the performance I've seen so far, parents...you are in for a real treat! Bring your tissues as there are some sentimental moments (and some funny ones too!) This year we are saying no photographs, due to photo permissions. However, you are welcome to take a photograph of your own child in their costume after the performance. More tickets were released earlier today – first come first served. Please contact the school office to book extra seats!

### School Christmas Dinner

Our School Christmas Dinner was enjoyed earlier this week. I have to say, I think it was one of the best School Christmas lunches I've ever had. Thank you to the Aspens team for delivering our festive meal. Reminder – party food is our menu choice for Friday

next week. Please make sure you've ordered a lunch for your child if they would like one.

### NEW Outdoor Learning Classroom

Exciting News! EYFS playground has been relocated and we have a new outdoor learning classroom in place and under development which can be enjoyed by the whole school – from reading outdoors, to gardening lessons and the return of our pupil led fruit and veg stall. Updates coming soon!

### Science Competition

Congratulations to Lyra, Aurora, Edward and Stefaniia for their fantastic Science poster entries. Mrs Middleton had a tough time choosing the winners. If you'd like to see all of the entries, check out the display in the school hall. A BIG well done to everyone in KS2 who chose to enter the competition.

### Art Competition

Well done to India, Amber, Jess and Daniel for their entries into the Christmas Bauble competition. Their winning baubles are on display on the Christmas tree in the school hall. All of the baubles were amazing and there were some very creative designs.

### Medical Needs

A quick reminder to keep school updated about any medical needs your child has or any that are no longer present. This ensures we can provide the best possible care for your child. Please also check the dates regularly for your child's medication including inhalers.

### Staffing Update

A BIG welcome to Mrs Joy Cogzell who has recently joined Wraxall as our admin assistant. She will be based in the office on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Please do say hello!

### Christmas clothing

This year the children and staff are invited to wear Christmas Jumpers on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. They are also invited to wear partywear, suitable for school, on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

*Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a Fantastic New Year – see you in 2025!*  
*Miss Townsend, Exec Head*

**SAFEGUARDING & E- SAFETY**

*“Everyone is responsible for safeguarding”*

Wraxall CofE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils. If you are a parent, child, volunteer or member of staff you should share any concern you may have about a child or an adult with either our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Amy Townsend or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Vicki Sheppard or the Safeguarding Governor, Paola Davis. If this is not possible or appropriate and you need to report a concern yourself the numbers below are the main contacts. If your concern is regarding the Headteacher you should contact Gary Lewis, CEO for Lighthouse Schools Partnership.

Anyone can refer a safeguarding issue via the NSSCB website (North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board).

North Somerset Social Care 01275 888 808

Local Area Designated Officer (LADO) 01275 888211 (weekdays 8.45am-5pm or 4.30pm on Friday)

Emergency Duty Team 01454 615165 (outside office hours)