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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers



Christmas Performances

The children have been working hard learning their lines, practising their carols and rehearsing their scenes for the many nativity plays and carol concerts the school will be putting on this year.

I need to remind everyone that we will again not be allowing parents to take pictures or film during the productions. Parents will be able to take a photo of their own child at the end of the event. We would like to encourage parents to enjoy the moment and not have to look at the nativity plays through a sea of smartphone screens! The governors wish to be fully GDPR compliant in this area and have therefore put this important rule in place. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Introduction of Provision Map Portal for Pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEND)

Dear Parents of Pupils with SEND

We are currently in the process of launching a computerised version of Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and your child's class teacher will be sharing the link and code with you in the next week. If your child has previously been given a paper version, you will now have an online account where you can access their IEPs (now called 'Learning Plans') and any other related documentation relating to support. This will also allow for more immediate communication between class teacher and parent around progress towards targets.

Once you have logged on via <https://edukeyapp.com/parent/login> you will be able to access the Learning Plan created for your child. We would very much appreciate your involvement in this new process and invite you to view and comment on the plan once you have had the opportunity to read through it.

In addition to the introduction of this programme, we will be holding a SEND Information Morning in the New Year (date to be confirmed). This will be hosted by the Inclusion Team and will be aimed at giving parents information about what support is available both in school and in the community for pupils with special educational needs.

Last day of term - Friday 20 December 2024

Please note that school will be closing at 2.00pm on the last day of term (Friday 20 December 2024). In addition, **there will be no after school club on that day.** We kindly request that you make the necessary arrangements to have your child collected on time.

School Clubs

Please note that on the last week of term there are no school clubs or year 6 boosters. All clubs return in January 2025.

Lost Property

Please note that all lost property items are now stored in the conservatory (Orange class entrance).

I would like to remind parents and carers that it is important that all clothing and belongings should be clearly marked with your child's name.

Family Support Worker

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Fennell who leaves us for a promotion at a larger school. Mrs Fennell has been a hard working member of our team for a long time both as a teaching assistant and more recently as our family support worker. We wish her the very best for the future.

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 18 December 2024

Please select your child's Christmas lunch option on SchoolGrid.



Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mr James Edwards

Headteacher







Upcoming Events

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Tuesday	3 December	11.00-11.30am	Choir	Visit to All Saints View
Thursday	5 December	9.15am and 2.30pm		Reception Nativity
Friday	6 December	9.30am		Prospective parents and children starting school Sept 2025
Wednesday	11 December	9.10am and 2.00pm	Nursery	Jingle and Mingle
Thursday	12 December	10.30am and 2pm		Year 1 Nativity
Monday	16 December	1.00pm-2.30pm	Years 2, 3, Choir	Christmas Carol Concert, All Saints Church
Wednesday	18 December			Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Friday	20 December		All Children	Last day of term – school finishes at 2.00pm, no clubs or after school club on that day
Monday	6 January		School closed for all children	INSET Day
Tuesday	7 January		All children	Return to school
Friday	10 January		Year 6	Heights & Weights



Star Awards

			
Danny DETERMINATION says, "DON'T GIVE UP."	Colin CURIOSITY says, "THINK FOR YOURSELF."	Chloe COMMUNICATION says, "RESPECT OTHERS."	Izzy INDEPENDENCE says, "DO YOUR BEST."
Ezekiel J	Ethan J	Maria C	Charllie N
Vira K	Siluan R	Freya D	Natalie M
Fatima P		Anwita B-N	Lena G
Ainsley C		Mason R	Ruth
Kray H		Salma B	Arvi K
Lilly-May G			Matthias O
Daniel P			Nathan S
Fleano M			Jude M
Frankie S			Jesse H
Soraiya N			Lana C
			Antonia B



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AUTUMN TERM 2024

Club	Year group involved	Day	Time of Day
Ballet	Year 3- 6	Tuesday	Afternoon
Ballet	Nursery-Year 2	Wednesday	Morning
Football	KS2 (Boys)	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Netball	Year 3-5 (Boys and Girls)	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Football	KS2 (Girls)	Wednesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Science Club	Year 3	Thursday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Street Dance	Year 1-4	Thursday	3.30 - 4.30pm
Taekwondo	Reception - Year 6	Friday	Afternoon

This week's Attendance Awards

Reception/KS1, Prince Louis

Gold 97.4%

Lower KS2, Princess Charlotte

Yellow 98.7%

Upper KS2, Prince George

William 96.2%



School Term dates for the academic year 2024/25

AUTUMN TERM

Staff Training Days: Monday 2 September 2024; Monday 4 November 2024

Term Starts: Tuesday 3 September 2024

Half-Term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024

Term Ends: Friday 20 December 2024 at 2pm

SPRING TERM

Staff Training Day: Monday 6 January 2025

Term Starts: Tuesday 7 January 2024

Half-Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025

Term Ends: Friday 4 April 2025 at 2pm

SUMMER TERM

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 5 May 2025

Staff Training Days: Tuesday 22 April 2025; Monday 2 June 2025

Term Starts: Wednesday 23 April 2025

Half-Term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025

Term Ends: Tuesday 22 July 2025 at 2pm

School Admissions 2025

Central Bedfordshire Council have produced a booklet to help you with applying for your child's school place for 2025.

The following link will take you to the booklet:

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/5/school_admissions

15 January 2025

- Starting School 2025
- Transfer to Middle 2025



EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



Penalty Notice Fines for absence from school are changing

From 19th August 2024 Penalty Notice fines
increase to £160 for each parent, for each child.



You can be fined if your child has
a total of 5 days of unauthorised
absences in 10 school weeks, for
things like:

- being late after the register
has closed
- truancy
- taking a holiday without
permission from the school
- or if a headteacher isn't satisfied
for the reason for missing school

Over a rolling 3-year period the
sanctions are:

- 1st offence – £160 reduced
to £80 if paid within 21 days
- 2nd offence – £160
- 3rd offence – Court hearing
and up to £2,500 fine, or
up to 3 months in prison
and a criminal record

For more information go to:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school



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**Was your child born between
1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?**

**They will start school in September 2025, so you
need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2025.**

 **Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions**

You can also complete a paper application form which is available from your local school
or by contacting School Admissions  admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk  **0300 300 8037**

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