



Important Dates:

Mon 15th Dec

LB & 1RJ Nativity 2.15pm

Tues 16th Dec

Music Concert 2pm

Wed 17th Dec

Christmas Dinner—children can wear a festive jumper with their uniform.



Thurs 18th Dec

BB & 1BT Nativity 9am;
Christmas Church Services

Fri 19th Dec

RAINBOW Friday—wear
ORANGE non-uniform day

Mon 22nd Dec—Fri 2nd Jan
Winter Holiday

Mon 5th Jan

Non-Pupil Day

Tues 6th Jan

School re-opens

Please click [here](#) for other dates.



Please remember that phones
& photography are not
permitted at school events.

Christmas Church Services

Children in years 2 to 6, will be taking part in church services at St Andrew's Church on **Thursday 18th December**. Parents and carers are invited to join us for these services; each will last approximately 20 minutes.

* Year 6	10.00am
* Year 4	10.45am
* Year 2	1.15pm
* Year 3	1.45pm
* Year 5	2.15pm



Please meet us at St Andrew's Church a few minutes before the start time above.

Afterschool Activity Clubs

The following clubs are **not** running next week:

Tuesday - Girls Circuits, German Club & Running Club

Wednesday - Art club with Mrs King

Thursday - Boys Circuits

Thursday - Art club with Mrs King

Friday - Choir Club, Street Dance

All other clubs will be going ahead.

Christmas Cards

The Christmas post boxes will be out until Wednesday 17th December.

Please remember to write the recipients full name and class on the envelope to make sure it gets to them.

Bags for the Homeless

If you are able to donate any of the following items, it would be much appreciated: Toothpaste, tooth brush, baby wipes, deodorant, sanitary products, treats, gloves, scarves, thick socks, hats.

Please pop items in the shopping trolleys out the front. Thank you.

Swimming Y3 & 5AB



Children will not be swimming next week.

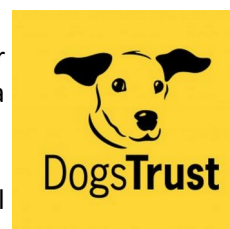
After Christmas, **Y4** will swim from Tuesday 6th January until Tuesday 10th February 2026.

Rainbow Friday Non-Uniform Day

Next Friday, children are invited to wear orange (along with their Rainbow Friday accessories). Please make a £1 or £2 donation via SchoolMoney or bring cash on the day.

Half the money raised will go directly to school and the other half will support a local charity, **Dog's Trust**. If you have a story related to the Dog's Trust that you would be willing to tell us about, please let your child's teacher know so that we can share it in next week's assembly and newsletter.

The money raised for school will firstly contribute to our new play equipment and then pupil councillors will choose how to spend the rest — so please give generously.



Rainbow Friday Fundraising

Last Rainbow Friday we raised £342 so we will donate £171 to British Heart Foundation and we have £171 in our Play Equipment pot.

As you are aware, we raised money last year to replace the Upper School play equipment and we hope to install new equipment at Lower School in the Spring. Children are fundraising for Horizontal Ladder Monkey Bars which cost £1600. School already has the funds for a Foxtail Tower and Roll Over Bars.



PTA Rainbow Friday

Through the Hatch will be open again next Friday selling:

- * Krispy Kremes
- * hot chocolates
- * Cookies
- * mystery bags
- * seasonal stationery



Sports NEWS

Our Y3/4 and Y5/6 tag rugby teams played in their very first game this week. For many of them, it was their first game of rugby they've ever played against another school.

Unfortunately only one other school attended but fortunately children received some expert coaching before the match. Y3/4 lost 9-4 and Y5/6 won 7-4.

Both teams will go on to represent Wickford in the next round of the School Sports Partnership in January.



FS & Y1 Christmas Fun

FS children visited Mrs Smitheman's house this week to enjoy the Christmas light experience and post their letters to Santa.

FS and Y1 also performed their Sleepy Shepherd nativity to Y2, Peter Pan's Pre-School and One Step Ahead. They did an amazing job and are very excited to perform to their families next week.



Y2 Assembly

Very well done to our Y2 children who performed confidently in their assembly yesterday. They spoke clearly, sang beautifully and the audience was even treated to some Christmas dancing!



Y5 Assembly

Y5 performed a superbly polished assembly last Friday, showcasing their learning from the term. Everyone was really impressed. Well done!



School Dinners

The dinner menu next week is:

MONDAY
Pork & Carrot Meatballs
in a Rich Tomato Sauce
Plant Based Meatballs in a
Rich Tomato Sauce
Jacket Potato with Cheese
or Beans
Penne Pasta
Garlic Bread
Milkshake & Yoghurt

Week 1
Week Commencing
3/11, 24/11, 15/12, 19/1,
9/2, 9/3

TUESDAY
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Jacket Potato with Beans or
Tuna Mayo
Baked Beans
Chocolate & Vanilla Muffin

WEDNESDAY
THE CHRISTMAS MENU

THURSDAY
BBQ Chicken
Onion & Pepper Quiche
Jacket Potato with Cheese &
Beans
Potato Wedges
Corn on the Cobb
Apple Crumble & Custard

FRIDAY
Fish Fillet
Quorn Burger
Jacket Potato with Cheese
Chips
Peas
Sweetcorn
American Style Pancake with
Maple Syrup



Recent Letters

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Tuck Amendment

For next week only, upper school tuck on Tuesday and Wednesday will change to:

Tuesday = Toasties

Wednesday = Popcorn



Whole School Attendance

94%

Weekly Winning Classes

4AY 99%

w/e 05/12/25

BUBBLE WRAP

We are politely requesting donations of unpopped Bubble Wrap (of any shape and size) to support our children with emotional regulation and sensory needs.

If you have any, please bring it to the school office or pass it on via your child's teacher for the attention of Miss Withers. Thank you!

Let's Celebrate!



Hunter Baigent, 2JB received the man of the match trophy at football.

William Rooke, 4KS completed his 50m swim badge.

Jenson Bayley, 3EC moved up to stage 6 swimming this week.

Ernest Howard, 1RJ was awarded the medal at football practice this week for his hardwork and dedication.

Matilda Brown, 6KH is going to be performing in The Nutcracker with South East Ballet Scholars through her dance school Adagio School of Dance in January at The Brentwood Theatre.

Archie Hammond, 3EC received the man of the match trophy at football.

Well done to this week's winners:

FS: Clarke Simms, Maya Wasfy

Year 1: Joshua Campbell, Cooper Jarratt

Year 2: Oscar Mcilroy, Sofia Potapov

Year 3: Lily Spencer, Renell Minnot, Freddie Hallybone

Year 4: Olivia O'Neill, Haleemah Oyebanji, Tobias Smith

Year 5: Jake Rennie, Isabelle Zheng, Florence Worts

Year 6: Henri Watkins, Ebunoluwa Mosadomi, Zeki Hassan, Amelia English

CLASS
dojo

Golden Token Winners

This week's lucky winners are:

FS: Mae Rufai

Year 1: Johnjoe Kerrigan

Year 2: Freya Franklin

Year 3: Oliver Tween

Year 4: Archie Sleat

Year 5: Harley Baigent

Year 6: Francesca Everitt

