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The Golden Rule

*So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.
(Matthew 7:12).*

Friday 20th December

Dear parents,

This week

Our first term of this academic year has come to an end. It has been a week full of festive fun as well as time to reflect on the importance of the Christmas story and the messages it brings.

We have finished with a flourish of parties, dinner, movies and Christmas activities that the children and staff have all enjoyed.



Thank you

A big thank you to those of you who donated to our collection for Rugeley Foodbank. Mr and Mrs Hargreaves kindly dropped off your donations earlier in the week.



Also thank you to those of you who have come in Christmas jumpers today and donated to Save the Children. Our fundraising page is still open, should you still wish to donate - please click [HERE](#).

Focus on Attendance



Last week's attendance fell to 95.2%.

A well done to Mrs Gully's class, who had the highest attendance last week at 98% for the second week in a row.

Worship



This week in worship we have continued reflecting on the Christmas story and, on Thursday, all the children visited the church and embarked on a journey through the Christmas story, led by our school worship leads. The leads were amazing at leading the groups to reflect on the messages of the Christmas story.





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Award Winners

Well done to the children who were awarded 'Star of the Week' for their year groups:

Effie (Rec), Everly B (Year 1), Harriet (Year 2), Clarke (Year 3), Dylan (Year 4), Jessica (Year 5) and Quinn (Year 6).

Well done to our Headteacher's Award winners – **Lottie (Year 5) and Sophia P (Year 4)** for compassion.



Well done to **Sophia P (Y4), Hari (Y6) and Bethany (Y4)** for being our most improved

players on TT Rockstars.

Year 4 were excited to regain the trophy for most points scored over the week.

Church Service Dates

Our local church of St Michael & All Angels' Colwich (also includes Little Haywood, Wolseley Bridge, Bishton, et al) very much invites everyone to the CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024.

Sunday 22nd December

6pm. CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT (A feature of Christmas at Colwich since 1971! Readings and carols.)

CHRISTMAS EVE

3pm. CAROLS AT THE CRIB (In its 40th year!)

11.30pm. MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION

(Anyone who is baptised is welcome to receive the bread and wine at Communion or, otherwise, receive a blessing.)

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.45am. FAMILY SERVICE with HOLY COMMUNION Come as a family!

(Please see above about Holy Communion)

Sunday 29th December

8am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer and the only service at Colwich Church)

10am. Eucharist at St Stephen's Church, Great Haywood to mark St Stephen's Day

Finally



At the end of term, we always look back and reflect on what has passed. This term has been busy but productive. One of the highlights for me has been seeing how well the children have taken to our new writing initiative that we are taking part in across the Trust. I have loved seeing how engaged the children are in the writing process, as well as the fantastic ideas they have been coming up with.

I have also enjoyed seeing our Worship leads taking a more active part in both assemblies and church activities. A special thank you to Mrs Davys who leads this for us.

We have welcomed new team members on board who have quickly become part of our Colwich family. At the start of the term, we welcomed Miss Hayward into reception as well as Mrs Wright and Mrs Markham to our lunchtime team.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work this term, particularly in my absence. They once more have proved what an amazing team they are. They are really motivated to provide the best they can for your children.

I am proud of the children for their hard work and their fantastic behaviour. This has been commented on by all the visitors we have had in school this term. They are a credit to you all!

Finally, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2025.

Season's Greetings

Miss Alison De Ste Croix (Headteacher)





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Week commencing 6 January 2025

Tuesday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyboard lessons <i>Led by Mrs Eccles (pm)</i>
Wednesday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forest Schools Lessons <i>Year 4 – Led by Mrs Chalkley</i> Guitar lessons <i>Led by Mr Murphy (am)</i> Yr3/4 Dodgeball Club <i>Led by Progressive Sports 3:20 – 4:25pm</i> Rec/Yr 1 Forest Schools Club <i>Led by Mrs Chalkley 3:20 – 4:30pm</i>
Thursday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violin lessons <i>Led by Ms Hayes (pm)</i> Yr6 SATs club <i>Led by Mrs Gully & Mrs Hargreaves 3:20 – 4:15pm</i> Yr4/5 Art club <i>Led by Mrs Slade-Nowell 3:20 – 4:20pm</i>

May love come alive within your heart
 As Christmas time draws near.
 May hope fill each room you decorate
 And bring joy to those you hold dear.
 May peace be before you at every meal
 And faith ring through every song.
 For Christ is alive, the light of the world
 May he bless you all season long.

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January	Term Starts
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February	Half Term
Monday 24th February	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Friday 11th April	Term ends
Sunday 20th April	Easter Sunday

Summer Term 2025

Monday 28th April	Term Starts
Monday 5th May	May Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Friday 23rd May	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Friday 18th July	Term ends for pupils
Monday 21st July	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

