

2<sup>nd</sup> December  
2024

## Diary Dates coming up

4<sup>th</sup> December –  
Community Café  
1.30-3.00  
Wk beg 9<sup>th</sup> Dec EYFS  
and year 1  
nativity & Nursery  
nativity  
17<sup>th</sup> December Year  
2/3/4 Christingle  
with parents  
17<sup>th</sup> December KS1  
Christmas Lunch  
18<sup>th</sup> December KS2  
Christmas lunch  
18<sup>th</sup> December –  
Elves Grotto –  
children can buy a  
gift for a family  
member.



We were so proud of our school choir when they sang at the garden center recently. They sounded like angels,

### Christmas at The Bishops

I am taking the liberty of repeating the details below as I know how important they are to our families. Below you will see the events taking place over the Christmas period. Some will be just for the children where space is tight. Where we are able to invite parents we are delighted to do so.

**4<sup>th</sup> December- Community Café 1.30 to 3.00pm**

**Monday 9th December - nursery - 10:45am in nursery – Parents welcome**

**Tuesday 10th December - Y1 dress rehearsal to whole school 9:30am – no parents**

**Wednesday 11th December - Y1 performance to parents 9:30 and 2.00pm**

**Thursday 12th December - YR dress rehearsal to whole school 9:30am – no parents**

**Thursday 12th December - 2pm – year R Performance to parents 2pm**

**Friday 13th December - YR performance to parents 9:30am**

**17th December 2.00pm year 2/3/4 Christingle with parents**

**17th December KS1 Christmas lunch - KS2 eat in class -KS1 wear Christmas jumper**

**18th December KS2 Christmas lunch - KS1 eat in class -KS2 wear Christmas jumper**

**18th throughout the day - Elf workshop – children buy gift for family members.**

In the news this  
week..

Christmas

Earrings

Attendance

### Attendance

We are delighted that our attendance is starting to creep up to our goal of 95%. Thank you to all of those parents who work so hard each morning to get your children in to school on time.

Schools have to share their attendance information with the DfE each day. The DfE tracks data for the school, especially those who have attendance below 90%. They do this because the future for children who continue to attend below 90% is not bright. Children with long term attendance below 90% can lead to them struggling to get enough qualifications and struggling to get a job.

We want all of our children to have the very brightest futures. We know that you do too.

Currently we have 62 children (16.9%) with attendance below 90% this is a lot of children that are tracked. However, this is 14 less children than two weeks ago. When we wrote to some families last week they have worked even harder to get their child's attendance above 90 again.

190 children have attendance above 96% these children are on track for the termly awards Our attendance together is 94.7% which is fantastic.

The school itself cannot improve your child's attendance to give them a better future, but we would love to help you. If there is anything we can do to support you to get your children to school on time, please get in touch. We know that mornings can be challenging and some of you have to coordinate children getting to different schools.

Thank you to all of you for all your hard work each morning. Your children will all benefit from your love and high expectations for them.

## EARRINGS.

We have listened to you and have spoken to other schools and safety experts and have identified a solution to your worries about removing earrings. You can buy a flexible silicon earring to wear on days when your child is doing sports. This will move and bend if caught and so will not damage to delicate ears. This could be worn for the six week period a child cannot remove their earring.



This is a temporary measure. You will need to ensure your child wears no earrings or these silicon earrings on PE days instead of metal earrings.

After six weeks your child should be able to remove their earring for the days they have PE.

You can buy a hundred for £2.00 from online shops.

## Sporting Success

29/11/24

Year 6 completed their water safety unit this week! A very important life skill undertaken. They all found it very amusing swimming in clothes!!

27/11/24

Year 3/4 attended a football competition. Unfortunately due to strong winds and rain we only managed to play 3 short games before we made the decision to depart. Every single child persevered and kept pushing through (even if our toes were a little soggy) Great mindsets from all.

28/11/24

County Cross country finals. Firstly it's a great achievement to reach the county finals! The best of the best from all over Norfolk!

8 children attended Langley Prep School to compete at this high level cross country event. Each race had over 100 children in. The course was challenging but yet again our children were phenomenal, all finishing mid table. A special mention to Teddy, Maja and Natalia who had just returned from the residential! They were exhausted (slept the whole journey there and back!) they gave it their all!!

## KEEP US UP TO DATE WITH YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure the school office has your most up to date contact details to ensure we can contact you in an emergency and so you do not miss updates.

For questions and queries, please contact:

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Attendance winners this week

1<sup>st</sup> place

2<sup>nd</sup> place

3<sup>rd</sup> place

A special mention to Willow and Hazel class who both had attendance over 99% last week! 100% attendance leads to an extra play time for the whole class. The class with the highest attendance wins the trophy and also gets to spend the week with Baartholomew the attendance sheep.

**The school council would love for us to take part in the Reverse Advent Calendar again this year. We will be collecting food for the local food bank. Please bring your food to the school office or your class teacher. We will be collecting your donations up to the 16<sup>th</sup> of December.**

**What is a reverse advent calendar?**

Traditionally, advent calendars are used to count down the days of Advent in the run up to Christmas. The first day of advent falls between 27 November and 3 December, but most calendars start on 1 December and run until Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Most calendars comprised a series of doors or windows to open, revealing a picture, small chocolate or little gift for each day.

But the reverse advent calendar turns this trend on its head. Instead of receiving a gift, those taking part in a reverse calendar DONATE an item each day. This helps children understand our value of SERVICE.

At the end of advent, the calendar will result in a collection of goods that can be dropped off at our local food bank at a time of year when many people in Thetford are finding it difficult to make ends meet.

**What should we donate?**

As a general rule it's best to choose non-perishable items with a long use-by date for food banks and they will not accept any expired or opened products.

Personal care items such as soaps, deodorants and feminine products are also usually welcome. As well as the usual dried pasta and tins of food, try to also include long-life milks, coffee, tea and fruit juices, which don't get donated as often.

Remember free-from products for those with allergies will also be welcome

### **Examples of things you could donate:**

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned or packet soup

Sugar

Cartons of juice

Tinned fruit

Tinned meat

Tinned vegetables

Tinned tuna or other fish

Pasta and Pasta sauce

Rice pudding or other tinned desert

Biscuits

Sanitary items

Shampoo, Bubble bath or Shower gel

Chocolate