



Headteacher Newsletter November 2024

Dear pupils and parents,

I hope that everyone has had a lovely half term. This term, as always, is a busy one with many exciting things planned over the next few weeks including a trip to the theatre, Christmas Party Day and the whole school Christmas Performance in the church.

Here is a reminder of some upcoming events:

Monday 11-15 th Nov	Parents invited to lunch
Tuesday 12 th Nov	Odd Socks Day (Kindness Committee project)
Thursday 14 th Nov	Oak class @HVC 'Fundamentals'
Friday 15 th Nov	Children in Need
Friday 15 th Nov	PTFA AGM @ Anglers – all welcome
Saturday 30 th Nov	PTFA Christmas Quiz @ Anglers
Tuesday 19 th Nov	Dodgeball @ HVC Y5/6
Monday 9 th Dec	Whole school trip to the Panto @ Buxton Opera House
Thursday 12 th Dec	Oak Class Dance festival @ HVC
Friday 13 th Dec	Infant Christmas party
Friday 13 th Dec	Christmas Movie Night (PTFA event run by staff)
Tuesday 17 th Dec	Junior Christmas party
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Christmas dinner
Thursday 19 th Dec	Christmas Performance (including Nativity) 9.30am and 6pm @ St John's Church
Friday 20 th Dec	Last day in school - End of Term
Monday 6 th Jan	Back to school

Inset days ● Fri 25th Oct 2024 ● Fri 14th Feb 2025 ● Fri 23rd May 2025 ● Thurs 24th July 2025

Children in Need

We will be joining in with Children in Need on Friday 15th November. On this day we would encourage children to dress in anything yellow (even if it is a pair of socks!) or anything spotty. Please do not buy anything special. In school the children will be taking part in a range of fun activities that will empower them to be the best they can be.

Any donations will be towards Children in Need and can be made using this link [Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)

After School Clubs

Now that the nights are drawing in, it would help us greatly if parents would come onto the school premises to collect children rather than waiting outside the gate on the road. This enables us to be 100% certain that all our children have been collected by their expected adult. It also allows us to pass on any messages. If you have a dog with you, you are welcome to carry it/wait in the disabled parking bay.

Christmas Events (Yes - I know it's not even December!)

Christmas officially starts in school on Monday 2nd December and from this date until the end of term, children may wear Christmas jumpers / t-shirts as part of their uniform. This is of course optional. Any Christmassy headwear can be saved for our party day. If you have any Christmas jumpers or t-shirts that no longer fit that you are happy to donate, we would like to set up a Christmas jumper shop to support recycling. Please drop any donation off at the office. Thank you!



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Panto Trip

We are pleased and excited to confirm that the Whole School will be attending Buxton Opera House on Monday 9th December to enjoy the pantomime Jack and The Beanstalk. We are attending the morning performance on that day which starts at 10am.

Pantomime is a traditional form of theatre, renowned for its engaging storytelling, vibrant costumes, and interactive elements. The visit to the pantomime also serves an educational purpose, enhancing understanding of narrative structure, character development and dramatic techniques. Engaging with a live performance fosters creative thinking and encourages children to explore the arts in a dynamic setting, which is essential in nurturing well-rounded individuals.

Furthermore, it promotes social interaction and teamwork, as pupils will share this experience with peers, fostering a sense of community. We will arrange transport to take the children to the venue which will leave school at 9am. Please ensure that all children are in school for 8.40am. The children will be transported back to school at the end of the performance to have a late lunch in school.

Children need to be wearing their school uniforms (Christmas Jumpers acceptable) and have a coat with them. The cost of the trip has been fully supported by our wonderful PTFA, thank you so much! Please complete the form **BY FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER** below to confirm your consent.

<https://forms.office.com/e/rpDBBpkVh0>

Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday 18th December Emma will be making Christmas Dinner

If your child usually has PACKED LUNCH on a Wednesday we are giving them the option to have a Christmas dinner. Please complete this form by Friday 15th November.

If your child usually has school dinners on a Wednesday then they will have Christmas dinner. PLEASE DO NOT FILL IN THIS FORM, it will double up the food order!

<https://forms.office.com/e/u1hM7rMgYq>

Sept 2025 Intake

If you have a little one who is due to start school in Sept 2025 and you would like to visit then please contact the school office to book an appointment. If you have friends or family with a child due to start school in Sept 2025, please let them know they are welcome to contact us to arrange a tour of our school.

Kind regards

Jen Chapman, Deputy Headteacher

Kate Gemmell, Executive Headteacher