



2024-25 Week 12 Update

WARNING: there is a lot of mention of Christmas in this week's update!

Thank you

I would like to thank you for all the bottles donated today for the Christmas in the Community event and for the cakes today and over the last 4 weeks.

Christmas post box

From Monday, the Christmas post box will be on the porch so the children can post Christmas cards to each other. It would be beneficial if you could include the class and the initial of the surname on the envelope if the forename isn't unique to the school. Class 1 wrote their class lists yesterday (they went home in book bags).

No craft club on Movie night

Due to the movie night, there will be no Christmas Craft Club on Thursday, December 5th.

End of teacher-led club dates

The last teacher-led clubs of the year will be choir on Monday, December 9th. After this date, all children not in wraparound care must be collected at 3:15 pm. We will send information about next term clubs in due course.

Christmas in the community

Thank you to all who have completed the forms to help run a stall at the event. If you need any help with your stall, do not hesitate to contact the PTA – I can point you in their direction if you do not know who they are. **All children must arrive at school at 4:45 pm and meet in classroom 3.** At 5 pm all the children will sing some songs we have learnt and the choir will sing some more. The event stalls will then open. For those of you who have not been before, the event will be a mix of child-led activity stalls and outsider traders selling goods, and there will also be a Santa's grotto as well as hot food, drinks, snacks and the raffle. You can exchange your cash for tokens used at the child-led stalls on arrival. Outside stall traders will take some money, and some may accept cards. It is hoped that you will all be able to attend.

Movie night and sleepover

This Thursday, the children in each class are invited back to school to watch a movie and share some treats. Class 1 can return to school for a film from 4:30-6 pm, and children in Class 2 and 3 can return at 6 pm for their movie. The children in class 3 are having a sleepover, which is the first of the year. We have in-school sleepovers in alternate years, while the opposite year is an off-site residential.

Y6 Hoodies

We are still waiting for a few orders. Please ask Tina if you want sizing advice! As the Y6 cohort is full this year, we can order these early.

Oracy Competition

Again, we are running an oracy competition at school as part of the Gloucestershire-wide 'Look who's talking' event. All children will be taking part in the school-based event on Tuesday, December 10th, so please can your child bring in any props they might have on that day.

Academisation update

The flurry of activities has continued apace behind the scenes with the excitement this week of



2024-25 Week 12 Update

trying to locate the trust deed from 1919 when the school was gifted from the Earl of St Germans to the village, to be held in trust by the Vicar and churchwardens for the education of the poor. We are still set to convert on January 1st.

Key Dates – for the full year, see the website – new dates or information in yellow

<https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/>

December 3rd	Dodgeball
December 5th	Experience Advert – Class 2 at Meysey Hampton Church
December 5th	Christmas movie night and a sleepover for class 3
December 12th	Reception and Y6 screening
December 12th	Christmas in the community event – 5-7 pm
December 17th	Christmas jumper day
December 18th	Christmas lunch day
December 18th	Carols in the church at 2 pm
December 19th	Pantomime
December 20th	Nativity Play at 1:30 pm – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
January 6th	INSET day