



2024-25 Week 14 Update

Christmas in the community

I wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported last night's Christmas event. It was great to see the community come together to have fun, listen to songs, and raise funds for the school. There was certainly a buzz around the school, and early indications are that we raised over £1000, which is wonderful – thank you.

There are some Santa gifts and mince pies left over, and these will be for sale at 50p at the end of the day.

Key information for next week

There are no teacher-led clubs this week, but there is wraparound care – breakfast and after-school club Monday to Thursday and Friday morning.

Monday – Normal school day!

Tuesday – Christmas Jumper Day, children can wear a Christmas jumper or jumper of their choice. This can be with tracksuit bottoms as there will be PE.

Wednesday – Carols in the church at 2 pm, all welcome. Children will be walked back to school for collection.

Thursday – Pantomime, all children are to wear school uniforms and will need a packed lunch. We will provide a drink and popcorn during the show. This is during the school day, and we should be back at 3:15 pm. Any changes will go out via FB due to traffic, etc.

Friday – Class 1 nativity at 1:30 pm in the village hall. **ALL CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED AT 2:15 PM FROM THE BACK GATES.** If you are able to help erect the stage at 8 am and take it down after the performance, please let me know.

Dance Festival

This year, the dance festival is on Thursday, 13th February, and we will travel to Cheltenham Town Hall during the day, performing between 3 and 5 pm. Please email to state whether your child wants to be a part of this event. If so, this will confirm that they are part of the dance troupe and that you will be able to collect them from Cheltenham at 5 pm. We would appreciate a yes or no email so that we do not need to chase anyone. The rehearsals for this will be done during PE sessions in term 3.

Beyond the School gates

Please find attached with this update a flyer for an event that Hatherop School are hosting. This is a parent support group led by Sam Stockton, who has spoken to all local heads about her work to support families with children who are worried. If you are interested, please book your place directly with them.

Term 3 clubs are now closed.

Confirmation of whether your child has been allocated a space will come out next week. Clubs will start in week 2.

Year 6 progress reviews

Thank you to those parents who have already made appointments. If you would like a 10-minute appointment with Mrs Gray before Christmas, please email with availability.

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

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

17 th December	Christmas jumper day
18 th December	Christmas lunch day



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18 th December	Carols in the church at 2pm
19 th December	Pantomime during the day – PACKED LUNCHES NEEDED
20 th December	Nativity Play at 1:30 pm – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
6 th January	INSET day
7 th January	Term 2 starts for pupils.
10 th January	SWIMMING STARTS
13 th January	Teacher-led clubs start
22 nd January	Beyond the Gates parent workshop at Hatherop
28 th January	Scarf PSHE day
4 th February	Prayer Space Day Class 1 at Kempford
5 th February	In the Net – internet safety for Y4
10 th February	Rail safety talk class 3
13 th February	Dance festival at Cheltenham town hall
14 th February	End of Term 3