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Dear Parents and Carers,

Remembrance Service

The Year Two children attended the remembrance service at the Holy Trinity Parish Church. The children participated in the two-minute silence and sang 'We Will Remember' beautifully. Afterwards, they visited the memorial to think about the people that lost their lives.

Clive PiG Storyteller

The Year Two children had a wonderful time learning about The Great Fire of London with Clive PiG, actor and storyteller. The children were captivated during the interactive workshop as they were transported through time by Clive.

Diwali – Whole School

The nursery children explored colour and sparkles as part of their introduction to the Bonfire night and Diwali celebrations. Year One celebrated by making diwa lamps, rangoli patterns and mehndi hand patterns.

2026-27 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations – Reception, Year One and Year Two

The Immunisations Team are offering the Flu vaccination to all Primary Children. Delivery of the vaccine will be on Tuesday 17th November 2026.

Tempest Photography

Tempest Photographers are coming into the school on Monday 16th November to take portraits and family group photos. If your child has siblings and you would like a family group photograph, these will be taken between 8.00am and 9.00am in the Sports Hall.

Dinner Menu

We have made an adjustment to the menu and will be offering chicken korma instead of chicken stir fry alongside Quorn korma and jacket potatoes on Tuesdays. Please see attached.

Children in Need

Thank you for your generous donations. The children raised £44.63.

Kind regards,



Claire Grant
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

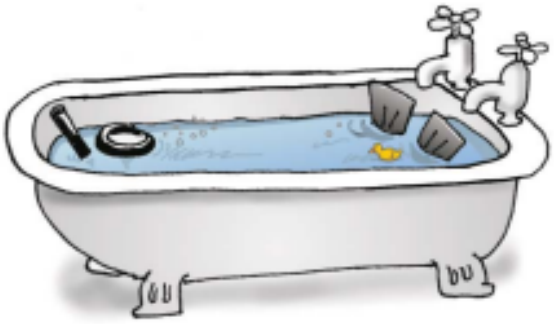
Monday 16th November	Tempest Photography
Tuesday 17th November	Whole School - 2026-27 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations
Friday 27th November	Christmas Tree Festival Singing at Pip and Jim's Church 2.00 pm - Giraffes
Monday 30th November	Christmas Tree Festival Singing at Pip and Jim's Church 2.00 pm - Jellyfish
Tuesday 1st December	Christmas Tree Festival Singing at Pip and Jim's Church 10.30 am - Turtles
Wednesday 2nd December	Christmas Tree Festival Singing at Pip and Jim's Church 2.00 pm - Zebras
Tuesday 8th December	Nursery – Christmas Performance: 10.15 am
Tuesday 8th December	Kingfishers – Christmas Performance: 2.15 pm
Wednesday 9th December	Swans – Christmas Performance: 9.30 am
Wednesday 9th December	Turtles – Christmas Performance: 2.15 pm
Thursday 10th December	Giraffes – Christmas Performance: 9.30 am
Thursday 10th December	Jellyfish – Christmas Performance: 2.15 pm
Friday 11th December	Zebras – Christmas Performance: 9.30 am
Friday 11th December	Read to Achieve Programme – Live Event with Author Michael Rosen
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch for the children
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term

Bath Time

INFANT LanguageLink

This game is to help your child learn to follow short instructions that involve two important bits of information and to listen carefully.

You will need a sponge, a teddy and another soft toy e.g a rabbit to play this game.



Tell your child that you are going to pretend to give teddy and rabbit a bath. Ask your child to choose a toy to wash first.

Give your child instructions to wash different parts of the toy, e.g. 'Wash teddy's tummy', 'Wash teddy's nose' etc.

When your child can do this easily introduce the second toy. Tell your child to listen carefully to your instructions. Ask him or her to wash different parts of teddy or rabbit. You may need to encourage your child to listen to you and wash the parts that you say.

Remember to let your child be teacher and give you instructions to follow. You may need to remind your child to tell you which toy to wash **and** which part to wash. Try to encourage your child to tell you both things in one sentence. See if your child can spot your 'mistakes'.



Variations:

To make this game easier get your child to copy what you have done.

To make this game harder use more toys and introduce a towel to dry parts of their body.

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Working On Following Instructions

At school we have been working on following instructions.
Your child is doing really well and would like to practise these skills at home with you.




Use the activity card(s) and pictures attached to help your child at home.

You don't need to set aside a special 'homework' time. You can support your child with their understanding at any time as you go about your usual day. Try to use any new words as many times as possible in lots of different situations. You may need to explain the meanings of the new words for your child as you go along,




e.g. 'Put your shoes on **first** and then get your coat.'
'That means you put your shoes on (pause while child puts shoes on).
That's right, now put your coat on next.
Well done, you put your shoes on **first**!'

When your child makes a mistake explain to them what they have to do. He or she will probably need to hear instructions a few times.




Remember to give your child lots of encouragement. It is not easy to listen and remember new words.

School would love to hear how you are getting on when you collect your child or keep a notebook to share.

Thank you for your support.






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