



Monday 24th November 2025

Dear families,

It has been lovely to welcome so many of you into school this week. A personal highlight was seeing Jasper, in Year 6, give his mum and dad a tour of the school—especially meaningful as his dad is a former Winscombe pupil himself.

Our corridors have been filled with singing again, as Key Stage 1 prepare for their nativity performances and Key Stage 2 rehearse traditional carols for both the Christmas church service and our community carol service. The festive spirit is definitely building and we look forward to sharing these events with you before the end of term!

This week's newsletter is dedicated to all things PTFA, who, with your support, raised a whopping £2500 from the fireworks night and recent raffle! I'm sure you'll agree that they work incredibly hard and do a fantastic job of fundraising for the school. We wanted to share how the children have already benefited—and will continue to benefit—from your generosity and support at recent PTFA events.

As we approach the start of Advent, Mrs Moore has also sent a separate letter with all the details for our Christmas events. We hope this helps you feel well-informed and ready to enjoy the festivities.

Warm regards,
Mrs Baker

New furniture and storage in Early Years



Our Early Years environment is well loved by the children and used to its fullest every day. To help us keep it engaging and inspiring, we're planning a refreshing update to some of our furniture and resources. We're very grateful to the PTFA for supporting this project, and we look forward to creating an even more exciting space for our learners.

Outdoor seating



In response to requests from the children for extra seating and spaces to do quiet activities outside, we have used PTFA funds to order five of these picnic benches. We chose them because they look cosy for groups of children to talk and play together. We are hoping for delivery before Christmas.

Well-being garden & polytunnel



As some of you may know, we are lucky to have two members of staff trained as 'ELSAs' (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants). We are keen to extend our nurture spaces into our school grounds and to this end are working on a project to create a well-being garden, with a polytunnel to be used for year-round growing. The PTFA have kindly funded the purchase of the polytunnel, so watch this space!



Parent Planner Autumn Term

Friday 28th November	PTFA Mufti-day in exchange for teddy tombola donation
Monday 1st December	'Reverse Advent' (details on separate letter)
Thursday 5th December	Year 1 and Year 5 Festive Cake Sale!
Saturday 6th December	Singing Club invited to perform at 'Carols by Candlelight', Brent Knoll.
Monday 8th December	Oak Class Nativity 9.30am
Tuesday 9th December	Silver Birch Class Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 11th December	Walnut Class Nativity 9.30am
Monday 15th December	Pantomime
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day PTFA Disco – Tickets on Sale this week!
Wednesday 17th December	Mince pies and thank you for school helpers – 1.15pm Community Carols – KS2 Playground 2pm – more information to follow
Thursday 18th December	KS2 Carol Service at St James' Church 1.15pm
Friday 19th December	End of Autumn Term
Monday 5th January	Spring Term begins

Jigsaw curriculum



The Jigsaw Curriculum we use to deliver our PSHE programme, has recently moved over to a digital portal. This curriculum is so valuable because it we know it helps us to provide a mindful, structured approach to developing children's emotional literacy, resilience, and social skills. We are grateful to the PTFA for helping us to fund the additional cost of accessing the new portal.

Year 6 Cosy Corner

Following the purchase of a sofa, last year, funds from the recent year 6 cake sale have already been used to buy cushions to enhance their 'cosy corner'. The money left over has been signposted for fairy lights and extra accessories to make this reading space more inviting.



Whether your child is travelling to the Playhouse in Weston, or staying at school to enjoy Peter Pan, funds raised through your involvement in PTFA events have enabled all children at school to see a Pantomime this Christmas!

Membership to the Scrap-Store

If you didn't already know, the Scrap Store collects clean, reusable materials from businesses and redistributes them to schools and community groups, promoting creativity and sustainability through low-cost resources.

The Eco-Warriors wrote to the PTFA to ask if they would support funding an annual membership and we are pleased to say that all classes will now benefit from this eco-friendly way of resourcing art and crafts projects in school.

Please continue to help and support

The PTFA are collecting Christmas Jumpers for a sale on November 28th. If you have any pre-loved festive tops to donate, please leave them in the box in school reception by tomorrow.

Don't forget that this coming Friday is a mufti day in exchange for the donation of a soft toy or bottle for a tombola stall which will be run by the PTFA at the Festive Evening.

