



## In a Manger Far Away...

...in some prickly hay! A song lyric you would have heard this week if you are a parent of a child in year 1 or 2. We are so proud of all the children who performed in their nativity 'Prickly Hay' this week. They coped amazingly well and looked fabulous in their costumes. Well done to all the children and the staff who worked so hard to make this happen. We hope it left you all feeling ready for Christmas!



## Dates for the diary

- 15th December—  
Open Afternoon  
Infants 2.30pm
- 16th December—  
Open Afternoon  
Juniors 2.30pm
- 17th December—  
School Christmas  
Lunch
- 17th December—  
Junior Christmas  
Carol Concert at  
St Hilda's Church  
6pm
- 18th December  
Class Christmas  
Parties and  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY!!!**
- 19th December—  
Values Awards  
Worship—9am
- 19th December—  
END OF TERM—  
School closes  
early. 1.30pm for  
Infants and  
1.40pm for  
Juniors.
- 22nd December—  
2nd January  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**



# The Rock Steady Beat

IT has been performance's galore in school this week. Some of our children have been learning how to be part of a band with 'Rock Steady' and this week they showed off their new musical skills with a performance to their parents and to the Juniors. They have all really enjoyed this activity and it was lovely to see our bands play. If you would like your child to be part of this learning activity please see the leaflet that your child brought home today.



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# Sweet Angels Singing

OUR final performance this week was by the youngest children in our school. We are super proud of our Reception children for singing so sweetly for their parents. Well done to the Reception staff who have done a fabulous job teaching them all the songs. Look out for more Christmas singing by our Choir next week!



# Last Week of Term

AS the Autumn term draws to a close please make note of the events that are happening next week.

## Monday 15th December

Open afternoon for parents of children in Reception and Year 1 & 2.

## Tuesday 16th December

Open afternoon for parents of children in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6.

For both open afternoons please enter through the hall doors, from there you can go to your child's classroom to share their learning with them. We are then inviting you to return to the hall with your child where the PTA will be serving festive refreshments. There will also be some activities available for you to share with your child whilst admiring all of the entries to our recent Christmas decoration competition.



## Wednesday 17th December



Look out for the Choir who will be singing you into school today! After which they will be taking their festive cheer to sing to the people at the Almshouses.

School Christmas Lunch will be served on this day. If you missed the deadline or your child did not want the school lunch, why not make a special packed lunch with something Christmassy inside! Children may wear Christmas headwear for the lunch.

## Junior Carol Concert—6pm at St Hilda's Church.

Tickets have been sent home this week. Please drop your child off at the church at 4.30pm for a final rehearsal. Children should wear their school uniform. The performance will start at 6pm. Please can parents not use the church car park but park in the surrounding roads.



## Thursday 18th December



Christmas Jumper Day and class Christmas parties. Children may wear their Christmas jumpers with non uniform. Please wear sensible shoes and bring a coat. We will be collecting your £1's for Save the Children. Please give your £1 to the class teacher. Children will be celebrating Christmas with their friends in their classes in the afternoon. They will be playing games and doing Christmas activities. Children will also be given a drink and a snack. Any allergies, please see the class teacher.

## Friday 19th December

End of term. School closes early on this day. For infants school will finish at 1.30pm and Juniors at 1.40pm.



**Please ensure you collect your child promptly.**

**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 22ND DECEMBER UNTIL 2ND JANUARY FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY AND AGAIN ON 5TH JANUARY FOR INSET DAY.**

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 6th January 2026.



# ACE Achievers

A big well done to Millie from Giraffe Class who has been excelling at her swimming lessons and has achieved 3 distance badges. Congratulations Millie, what a super useful skill to have!

Don't forget to let us know what you have been achieving outside of school.



## Penalty Notice for Unauthorised Absence

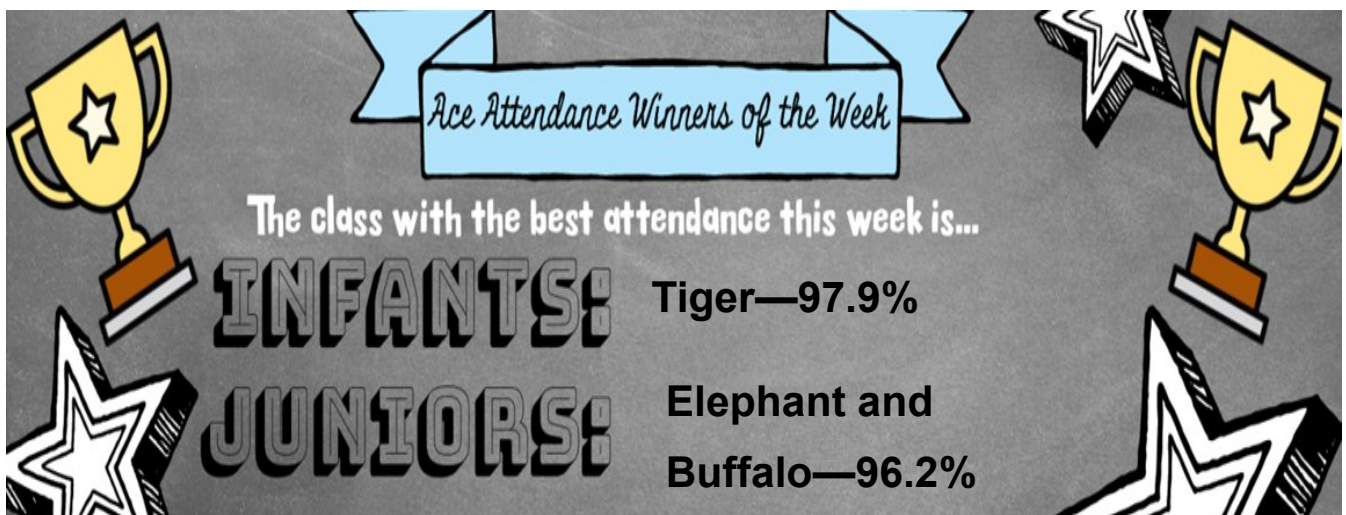
JUST to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive) in a 10 week period, they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £160.00 per parent/carer per child if paid which reduces to £80 if paid within 21 days. If a further 5 days absence occurs parents will be liable for a second penalty notice of £160 per parent per child with no reduction. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices. Further absence could also result in prosecution.

Scan the QR code to see our term dates



House Points:

**Winner—Mann!**



Our attendance target is 96%

Whole school this week 93.5%

# ACE Celebration Stars of the Week

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Koala</b>	<b>Lucia-Rose</b>	<b>For always being polite, helpful and respectful</b>
	<b>Olivia H</b>	<b>For making great progress with her phonics</b>
<b>Kangaroo</b>	<b>Hayden D</b>	<b>For always giving 100% and trying hard</b>
	<b>Cassius</b>	<b>For persevering when learning to write his name</b>
<b>Tiger</b>	<b>Louis S</b>	<b>For his continued perseverance with phonics and reading</b>
	<b>Oliver SP</b>	<b>For his super effort in maths when naming and sorting 3D shapes</b>
<b>Panda</b>	<b>Asma W</b>	<b>For excellent sorting of 2d and 3D shapes</b>
	<b>Muhammad</b>	<b>For super effort during phonics sessions</b>
<b>Zebra</b>	<b>Arthur P</b>	<b>For not giving up in maths when learning about adding 2 digit numbers across 10</b>
	<b>Jackson</b>	<b>For brilliant participation in the nativity</b>
<b>Giraffe</b>	<b>Jassleen</b>	<b>For great work in history learning about the great fire of London</b>
	<b>Frankie N</b>	<b>For excellent maths when subtracting by going over a 10</b>
<b>Lemur</b>	<b>Lennie C</b>	<b>For his improved focus and attitude to learning</b>
	<b>Havana D</b>	<b>For her resilient maths learning about multiplication and division</b>
<b>Meerkat</b>	<b>Zayon J</b>	<b>For his amazing descriptive writing about the Polar Express including exciting similes</b>
	<b>Coby N</b>	<b>For his fantastic multiplication problem solving</b>
<b>Rhino</b>	<b>Dylan S</b>	<b>For working really well in maths this week</b>
	<b>Louie H</b>	<b>For showing a good understanding of area in his maths learning this week</b>
<b>Elephant</b>	<b>Ella DW</b>	<b>For her thoughtful ideas comparing the film and book versions of the Polar Express</b>
	<b>Florence G</b>	<b>For her excellent maths learning about the area of 2D shapes.</b>
<b>Llama</b>	<b>Finn D</b>	<b>For writing a descriptive book review of The Polar Express</b>
	<b>Lola R</b>	<b>For her focus and engagement in all her learning this week</b>
<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Joshua T</b>	<b>For consistently making excellent contributions in class</b>
	<b>Scarlett</b>	<b>For her improvement in writing and increased attention to detail</b>
<b>Panther</b>	<b>Winston</b>	<b>For his excellent writing in English this week.</b>
	<b>Scarlett M</b>	<b>For her fantastic effort in maths this week and trying her hardest to challenge herself</b>
<b>Leopard</b>	<b>Max G</b>	<b>For writing an exciting diary entry in role as the boy in The Polar Express using adverbials for cohesion</b>
	<b>Thame A</b>	<b>For his enthusiasm and hard work in maths, always challenging himself to complete the problem solving tasks</b>