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Celebration Assembly

Today we had our celebration assembly for November.

Congratulations to the children below! The Hoody and postcard winners, along with our Lunchtime stars will join Mrs Bell and Buzzby for a Queen Bee Lunch on Monday 30th November 2026.

Our Hall of Fame winners received a free pass to the snack shack and a treat bag. Excellent everyone—our Very Important Bees!

Year Group	Hoody	Postcard	Hall of Fame
Nursery	Margot	Oriarna	Axel H
Reception	Nellie	Grace F	Obadiah
Year 1 / 2	Hannah	Mitzi	Sophie
Year 2	Preston	Zachariah	Oma
Year 3 / 4	Luna F	Juno	Sadie
Year 4	Ivy	Kingsley	Jamie
Year 5	Lily	Maddison	Bertie
Year 6	Willow	Aksel	Stevie
Lunchtime Stars	Darcie	Hudson	
SRP/Learning Hub	Kayson	Alfie	Tilly

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Annual Christmas Carol Service

We have our annual Christmas Carol Service which will take place on **Tuesday 15th December 2026** at St. James's Church. It will begin at 1.30p.m and last approximately 1 hour.

We welcome all parents/carers to join us for this carol service.

Children will be transported to the church from school but are to be collected by their parents/carers at 2.30pm from the church. We will NOT be returning to school.

THERE IS NO BEEHIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION ON THIS DAY.

There will be no nursery afternoon provision on this day; please could all children be collected at 12 midday.



Early Finish Last Day of Term

School finishes for the Christmas break on **Friday 18th December 2026** at the earlier time of **1.30p.m.**

THERE WILL BE NO BEEHIVE PROVISION ON THIS DAY

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Class Christmas Parties

This year we will be having Christmas Parties for each class within school time.

The dates and times are below:

Monday 7th December 2026 (pm) Years 5 and 6

Wednesday 16th December 2026 (am) Nursery and Reception

Wednesday 16th December 2026 (pm) Years 3 and 4

Thursday 17th December 2026 (pm) Years 1 and 2

Children can come into school wearing Christmas/party clothes on the day of their party.

This year as we do not have the Christmas Discos after school our amazing CPTA will be attending the Class Christmas parties and will have Christmas themed goodies and sweets for sale- this will be cash only.

The children may even get a little visit from the Big Man himself too!

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Christmas Trip; Nursery and Reception

We are excited to announce that the Early Years children in Nursery and Reception will be having their own Christmas trip.

This will be to Rookery Woods in Keswick for a festive adventure play experience!

This will be on Wednesday 2nd December 2026.

The children will come to school as normal and set off at 9.30a.m by bus and be back at school for normal finishing time.

Children who normally have school lunches will be provided with a school packed lunch. If your child usually brings a packed lunch from home please can they do so for the trip.

Please can all children bring a backpack to carry their lunch in and a water bottle.

They can wear Christmas jumpers/clothing for this trip.

School has subsidised the cost of this trip and payment for the trip is on the Arbor app.

Please could this be paid for by Friday 20th November 2026.









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Christmas Trip Years 1 - 6

We have managed to secure a booking for the children to visit Walby Farm Park for the children to experience 'Father Christmas on the Farm'. This is for years 1 – 6.

The day will include the children receiving a small gift from Father Christmas, a short Panto-style Show, Snow Time, making Reindeer Food, posting a letter to Father Christmas and more festive surprises!

This will take place on **Monday 14th December 2026.**

We will be setting off at 8.30a.m so would request the children come into school at the earlier time of 8.15a.m please.

We will be back in time for normal school finishing time.

Children who normally have school lunches will be provided with a packed lunch from school. Please could children who normally bring their own packed lunch do so on this day.

Please provide your child with a backpack so that they can carry their lunch. Children should also bring their own bottle of water.

Children can wear festive clothing for the trip.

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Christmas Plays

This year children in Nursery and Reception and Year 1 / 2 and Year 2 will be performing in Christmas plays.

The children in years 3- 6 will be performing in a Summer showcase in June of next year.

There will be 2 performances for each:

Wednesday 9th December 2026:

Nursery and Reception – 2.00p.m

Years 1 /2 and 2 – 5.00p.m

Thursday 10th December 2026:

Years 1 /2 and 2 – 2.00p.m

Nursery and Reception – 5.00p.m

There is a limit to 2 adults per family per performance.

Tickets will cost £2 each.
A form has been sent home on PAConnect this week to complete to say who you wish to attend each performance.

Please complete this by **Friday 27th November 2026-** payments will be added after this date once it is known how many tickets are required- would these be paid for by **Friday 4th December 2026.**



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Christmas Hampers

We would be very grateful to receive any donations from parents/carers for our annual Christmas Hampers this year.

There are no themes this year for each class as we have had previously; any items would be greatly appreciated and can be handed in at Reception at any time.

There will be the opportunity to win some of the hampers - raffle tickets for these will be available to purchase on the 'shop' section of the Arbor app-£1 each.

The winners will be announced at the carol service on **Tuesday 15th December 2026** at St.James' Church.

Thank you in advance!



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Dates 26-27

Tuesday 1st December 2026 11.45a.m	Year 2 Parent/Carer Lunch
Wednesday 2nd December 2026	Nursery and Reception Christmas Trip Rookery Woods 1.30p.m Years 5 and 6 carol singing at the Keekle Mission
Monday 7th December 2026	PM Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 9th December 2026	10a.m Choir carol singing at the Peddler 2p.m Nursery and Reception Xmas play 5p.m year 1 / 2 and year 2 Xmas play
Thursday 10th December 2026	2p.m year 1 / 2 and year 2 Xmas play 5p.m Nursery and Reception Xmas play
Friday 11th December 2026	Christmas Dinner Day (wear Christmas jumpers)
Monday 14th December 2026	Years 1 – 6 Christmas trip Walby Farm Park Children come in at the earlier time of 8.15a.m to set off at 8.30a.m



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Dates 26-27

Tuesday 15th December 2026	Christmas Carol service St. James Church 1.30p.m
Wednesday 16th December 2026	AM Nursery and Reception Christmas Party PM Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party 2pm Year 1 and 2 singing at Harbour View Care Home
Thursday 17th December 2026	PM Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party
Friday 18th December 2026	**Break up for Christmas 1.30p.m** **(wear Christmas jumpers)**

Tuesday 5th January 2027	**Children return to school**
Wednesday 27th January 2027	Young Voices Years 5 and 6 Manchester Co-Op Arena
Thursday 4th February 2027	Year 3 / 4 and 4 Residential
Friday 12th February 2027	**Break up for Feb Half term**
Monday 22nd February 2027	**Children return to school**
Wednesday 24th February 2027	Year 4 Beacon trip
Thursday 4th March 2027	World Book Day
Wednesday 17th March 2027	UDANCE, Carnegie Theatre
Friday 19th March 2027	Red Nose Day; Comic Relief
Thursday 25th March 2027	**Break up for Easter**

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Tuesday 13th April 2027	**Children return to school**
Tuesday 13th April 2027	Year 4 levels Trip (pm)
Weds 28th – Fri 30th April 2027	Year 5 Residential - York
Thurs 29th – Fri 30th April 2027	Year 2 Residential - Hawkshead
Monday 3rd May 2027	**Bank Holiday-School Closed**
Week commencing 10th May 2027	Year 6 S.A.T's week
Friday 28th May 2027	SPORTS DAY Break up for Half Term
Monday 7th June 2027	**Children return to school**
Tues 8th – Fri 11th June 2027	Year 6 London Residential
Monday 14th June 2027 (pm)	Year 4 Levels Trip
Friday 18th June 2027	Back up Sports Day
Thursday 24th June 2027	KS2 Summer Showcase
Monday 28th June 2027	Whole School Walk
Weds 30th June 2027	Move up Day
Tuesday 6th July 2027	Year 6 S.A.T's Results Day
Monday 12th July 2027	Reports sent home
Tuesday 13th July 2027	Open Afternoon Years 1 - 5
Wednesday 14th July 2027	Year 6 Leavers Bash
Friday 16th July 2027 1.30p.m	**Break up for the Summer Holidays**



PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE PROVISIONAL AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE