



*Make Every Minute
Meaningful*

Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of the autumn term, it's wonderful to see how quickly progress has flown. Christmas spirit has well and truly filled the building, bringing a lot of excitement to the school day! As always, thank you for your support in all of the events that have run this term and the ones left to go!

Best wishes, Mrs Pinto & Mrs Webb



December dates

Monday 1st December: Year 4 Ancient Greek workshop

Thursday 4th December: Garrison Choir evening (for Choir club)

Friday 5th December: Be Bright, Be Seen mufti (wear bright clothes)

Monday 8th December: Christmas Grotto - 3:30 - 6pm (all children and parents invited but a ticketed event)

Tuesday 9th December: Christmas Grotto - 3:30 - 6pm (all children and parents invited but a ticketed event)

Wednesday 10th December: Mr Dancer's music concert (parents invited)

Friday 12th December: Year 6 pantomime trip

Monday 15th December and Tuesday 16th December: Year R Nativity - 9:45am - 10:45am (YR parents invited to sign up for tickets on Arbor)

Wednesday 17th December: Year 2 Christmas Carol concert - 2:15pm-2:45pm (Y2 parents invited)

Thursday 18th December: Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

Church Service for KS2 children **only** (KS2 parents invited)

Year 1 Christmas Carol concert - 2:15pm -2:45pm (Y1 parents invited)

Friday 19th December: Last day of term

January

Monday 5th January: **Inset day**

Tuesday 6th January: **Return to school**

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Parents evening appointments



If you were unable to make an appointment with your child's teacher for parents evening, please do so before the end of autumn term. It's so important that you are in the know about your child's progress and attainment and that you have the opportunity to see what they have been learning about in their books.

The office and teachers will be in contact with you to make an appointment or you can catch them at the door to book in.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

If your child suffers from travel sickness, please ensure they are given a travel sickness tablet at home, before the journey. You can also provide a travel sickness tablet for the journey back by signing it in at the office and giving it to your child's class teacher (**boxes must be named**).

For safeguarding reasons, children cannot look after their own travel sickness tablets.



Leave of Absence Forms



A reminder that [The Leave of Absence Request Form \(LOAF\)](#) has been updated to reflect a policy change. Schools are now authorised to issue Penalty Notices to parents who attempt to avoid penalties by scheduling holidays that fall below the threshold, including during weeks containing Bank Holidays or INSET days.

As a school we still follow Hampshire's policy with regards to unauthorised absence. We very much value your child's attendance and the impact this has on their education.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ground force assemble!

On **Saturday 24th January**, we are inviting all parents to come and help tidy up the school grounds in the year 1 outdoor area and the year R outdoor area from **9-11am**.

We would love your help with:

- Gardening and planting
- Weeding
- Fixing and building outdoor furniture
- Painting woodwork
- ...and more!

Teas, coffees and pastries will be available! If you are able to come and work together as a community, please email the office at: adminoffice@wellington.hants.sch.uk

We're looking forward to a fun and productive morning!



Summer redecorating

In the summer holidays, Wellington is on the cycle for external redecoration for 2026. It will be lovely to improve the grounds and give Wellington a well-deserved, external refresh alongside the inside of the school which is always being improved by Mr. Fattore!

Christmas lunch and jumper day

All children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on Thursday **18th December** in place of their Wellington jumpers.

Children should still wear **school trousers/skirts** and **school shoes** but may also wear Christmas themed headbands and hats!





Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Christmas donations



CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Donation Point
Donate new & unwrapped toys for children this Christmas
Deadline for donations 12th December

Morrisons Farnborough

Summit Ave, Southwood, Farnborough, GU14 0NA
For More Information:
07804880072 or michaela@spotlightuk.org
Spotlight UK registered charity 1129258



The Big Christmas Give

Can you help Spotlight bring joy this Christmas by purchasing a toy for our Christmas toy appeal or making a small donation...

Use the qr codes below for ways to donate.

Amazon Wishlist



Give As You Live



Scarlett's Smiles SPOTLIGHT Christmas Quiz

Click on the link below to enter the Christmas quiz and be in with an exciting chance of winning some free tickets to bowling, swimming, laser tag, donutting, paddle boarding, climbing, High Score Arcade and more.



<https://forms.gle/uFiJo1ckjgHsBH6r7>

Online safety—buying gadgets for Christmas

Please click on the information for a free **Gadget Gift Guide** which shares information on the latest gadgets (some of which may be on your child's wish list!) and

the benefits, risks and information about how to best safeguard your children if they have them. Please note that many devices and gadgets enable children to have apps which do have age limitations on them and this needs to be closely monitored at home.



<https://www.cybersafekids.ie/giftguide/>

Safety around dogs

The bond between your child and dog can bring fun and happiness to family life. We don't expect our own dog to bite, but any dog can bite if they feel they have no other option.


Children are most likely to be bitten at home, by a familiar dog. Luckily most bites are preventable and close supervision is key.

 **A calm, happy dog** is less likely to react unsafely to children's natural exuberance.

- Give your dog a safe space of their own where they can go if they need time out. Have a rule to leave them alone when they're there.
- Keep them occupied – physical exercise and mental activity help keep your dog happy.
- Teach your child to be calm and kind with your dog. Avoid shouting, teasing or restrictive cuddles.

 **Close supervision** is the most important thing to keep children safe.

- Watch, listen and remain close when your child and dog are together.
- If either your dog or child seems unhappy, positively and calmly separate them. You can throw your dog a treat or toy, or lead your child away.
- **Understand your dog's body language** so you can spot signs they feel uncomfortable or stressed.
- When you know you'll be distracted during busier times, use safety gates to keep children and dogs separate. Or, take your child or dog with you.

 **Trigger times** – teach your child to leave your dog alone when they are:

- Sleeping – no-one likes to be woken up suddenly.
- Eating or having a treat – they might think you're going to take their food.
- Have a toy or something else they really like – they might not want to share!



 **Your growing child** – as your child changes, the risks can change too.

- Teach the rules to your child from an early age and keep explaining them as your child understands more.
- As your child becomes more mobile, review changes needed, like adding safety gates.
- Think ahead about your changing family life and new risks that can emerge. Read our fact sheet on bringing baby home.

 **Still worried?**

- If you're worried by the way your dog is with your child, talk to your vet. They'll check your dog's health and can refer you to a qualified animal behaviourist.
- Visit the **Animal Behaviour and Training Council** website to find a qualified behaviourist near you.