

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week, which got off to a great start when we hosted our first Bedtime Story event on Monday evening. There was such a lovely atmosphere in the school, which was transformed with cosy nooks to snuggle up and enjoy a book and classrooms were adorned with fairy lights, cushions and roaring fires. The children loved the event and choosing which story to listen to. We were pleased that almost 100 families were able to join us. A huge thank you to Mr. Copsey for organising the event and to the staff who read to the children and parents!

Reception welcomed parents for their maths workshops this week. They had a great time exploring number and early maths through practical activities and games. We hope parents found the sessions useful and that you have been inspired to try some of the ideas at home. Thank you to the Reception team for delivering the sessions and making them so practical, engaging and fun.

This week Year 2 had their fire safety workshops to teach the children invaluable lessons about what to do in the event of a fire. They now know to phone 999 and give their address and we urge all parents to help your children to learn their address.

Reception also had a special visit from Constable Jones who talked to the children about being a police officer and what they do to keep everyone safe. Children learnt about police vehicles, police dogs and what their uniform looks like. The children loved having the opportunity to try on some of the uniform and try out the handcuffs and they asked some very interesting questions!

Lots of baking has also been going on in year 1 this week as they made their festive biscuits and Year 2 are looking forward to making their fruit crumbles next week. Thank you to all of you who volunteered to help with cooking. We couldn't do it without you!

We hope you have a good weekend and manage to go to St. Mary's Winter Fair tomorrow, where our Year 2 choir will be performing.

Tanya Mooney

Pudsey Raffle Winner

The winning raffle ticket numbers are: **Green 101,102,103,104,105**. Congratulations to you. You can collect your giant Pudsey from the school office!

Key Dates Coming Up

Monday 24 th November	7.30 PTA Meeting- All welcome
Tuesday 25 th November	Ladybirds Forest School
Wednesday 26 th November	Whole school flu vaccinations & Reception measurements
Wednesday 26 th November	9.15-10.00 SEND Coffee morning
Friday 28 th November	Whole School-Pied Piper Theatre company

Christmas Art Fundraiser 2025 - Shop Reopens today

If you missed placing your order before the shop closed for your Christmas gifts, the shop will reopen **today until 1st December**.

If you have lost your ordering codes, please click [HERE](#) to complete an online form and the company will locate it for you.

https://shop.classfundraising.co.uk/pages/lost-codes?mc_cid=386702df13&mc_eid=030317f38f

Salvation Army Christmas Toys & Books Distribution 2025

Each year, The Salvation Army holds a Toy Fair to support families who are struggling at Christmas. This year's Toy Fair will run from 15–19 December.

A range of toys, books, puzzles, craft items, and games will be available, and parents will be invited to choose gifts for each of their children (aged under 17).

If you need support and would like to take part, please email Mrs Mills in the school office by **midday on Monday 24th November**.

We will forward your contact details to The Salvation Army, who will then contact you directly with your scheduled appointment time.

Ladybirds Forest School- Tuesday 25th November

Ladybirds Forest School has been re-scheduled to Tuesday 25th November. Let's hope for better weather!

SEND Coffee Morning- Wednesday 26th November

Parents & Carers from Oatlands & Manby Lodge schools are welcome to attend our SEND coffee morning, even if your child does not have a diagnosis. There will be a talk by a Neurodiversity specialist practitioner from Barnardo's.

Reception and Year 2 Christmas Shows

Due to the large number of parents/carers who attended the Harvest assembly recently, we would like to ensure that we are well prepared and know how many people to expect for each performance and therefore ask you to complete our booking forms below by **10am on Thursday 4th December (Year 2) and 10am on Thursday 11th December (Reception)**.

Reception Booking Form <https://signup.com/go/btXqHZL>

Year 2 Booking Form <https://signup.com/go/ZbuyszN>

Please only book a maximum of **2 spaces** per child at one of the shows. You are able to book one adult at each of the shows if you prefer.

Please **do not** attend if you have not booked a space.

Year 1 children will be performing a lovely carol concert at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 10th December at 6pm.

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December 2025

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day is back again this year and we invite children to wear a festive top/jumper over their school uniform in exchange for a small donation

the Save the Children on Thursday 11th December. Children should come to school in normal uniform

Please click **HERE** to donate £2 (or more if you're feeling generous...) and it will go straight to Save the Children. Please donate now and help us reach our target!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/CJD250023833?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Safeguarding Notice

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing in the school or community, please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL). DSL- Tanya Mooney, Head Teacher. DSL- Phil Copsey, Deputy Head Teacher or DSL-Kelly Grindle, Nurture Lead.

Updates to the Website

Admissions pages have been updated