

**December (1) 2025**

Dear parent,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful PTA committee and all parents for their incredible support in making our recent Open Afternoon such a success. It was a pleasure to welcome several new families to our school community, and your efforts truly made the event special.

A big thank you also goes to everyone involved in the Parkgate Village Christmas Lights Switch-On and Tractor Run. This festive occasion was a fantastic success thanks to the dedication of our PTA and the invaluable support from the members of Holestone Young Farmers Club. Your teamwork and enthusiasm brought so much joy to the village and raised £1334.35. Over £500 has been donated to Cash for Kids with gifts purchased and delivered to our nearest drop off point.

We are now looking forward to celebrating together at our Christmas Concert on Tuesday evening—a highlight of the season that promises to be full of festive cheer!

## **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION**

Thank you to those families who have returned their ballot papers to school. This is a reminder that any remaining ballot papers should be returned to the school office no later than **THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER**.

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT – TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER**

To help us prepare seating and refreshments, please complete the Google Form linked below to let us know how many family members will be attending this year's Christmas Concert. Due to limited space, each family will be allocated a maximum of **four seats**. There have been responses from 16 families thus far, any remaining families should complete the form by **Friday 5 December**.

<https://forms.gle/sUPm2DZoxfweeYwt7>

## **LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION**

Date: Tuesday 9 December  
Venue: School hall  
Time: 6.30pm  
Event: *Lights, Camel, Action!* is a modern, musical adaptation of the Nativity story. It features a "dazzling dance show" format with a cast of "nativity celebrities" like funky camels and a disco star, retelling the birth of Jesus with humour and glitz!

**SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 2PM FOR ALL PUPILS ON THIS DATE – Pupils who have PRE-REGISTERED for homework club will be supervised and collected at 3pm/4pm as normal. NO WALK – INS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THIS DATE.**

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Parents are asked to bring pupils (in costume) to school at **6pm** where they will be met and supervised by staff in classrooms. At the conclusion of the concert the PTA will serve refreshments for all.

**\*\*\*CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING –Taking photographs or video footage of the children is NOT PERMITTED. Staff should not be placed in the position where they have to ask parents to delete images/videos and put personal devices away.\*\*\***

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER – THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER**

Official school photographs will be taken by CS Moments on Thursday 11 December.

Appointments for baby and toddler family photos have been issued to parents this week.

Each pupil should wear their school sweatshirt and polo shirt/shirt and tie and should wear their skirt/pinafore or trousers and smart shoes for their photograph. Girls wearing a skirt/pinafore should wear either white knee length socks or black tights.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY P1-P7 – WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER**

Continuing the party atmosphere the pupils will have their Christmas party games on the afternoon of Wednesday 17 December.

Time: 1.00pm - **2.30pm**      **ALL PUPILS SHOULD BE COLLECTED AT THIS TIME**  
Pupils: P1-P7  
Venue: School Hall  
Charge: Free  
Supervision: Staff

Parents are asked to provide **two** lucky dip items. These can be sent into school from Monday 1 December onwards. The value of the gifts should be no more than £1. Any remaining lucky dip items should be sent to school by **Friday 12 December**.

Pupils may bring up to £2 spending money to try their luck in the 'Christmas Lucky Dip'.

This is a non-uniform event. Pupils may choose to wear a Christmas jumper/t-shirt or party clothes appropriate for party games. No fancy dress costumes are permitted.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Playsport will be offered as an afterschool club in February. A google form will be sent out in January to sign up.

## **\*\*SCHOOL MEALS – PRICE INCREASE\*\***

The price of a school meal will rise from £2.60 to **£3.10** per day from January 2026.

## **LAST DAY OF TERM/CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

Date: Friday 19 December

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The last day of term will be a **non-uniform day**. The pupils are encouraged to wear any of the following seasonal attire. There is no charge for this event.

Christmas jumper or T-shirt

Christmas hat

Christmas headgear

Christmas hair accessory

Pupils will also be permitted to bring a treat break on this date.

School will close at **12 noon on Friday 19 December** and re-open to pupils on **Monday 5 January 2026**.

## PTA

The next meeting of the PTA will be held in the school on **Monday 12 January** from 7pm – 8pm.

## SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons begin for pupils in P5-P7 on **Thursday 8 January**. Further information will be included in next week's newsletter.

## SILVER SMASH

Remember to send you silver change every Monday.

## STORY & RHYME – 2025 DATES

Friday 5 December

Friday 12 December

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Post Primary Open Evenings – P6/P7 parents** - A folder has been attached with information from post primaries relating to their open evenings.

**Royal British Legion** – Thanks have been extended to our families for the total of £99.85 raised in this year's poppy appeal.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

05.12.25	Dress Rehearsal 2
05.12.25	Concert costumes returned home
09.12.25	Christmas Concert (6.30pm)
11.12.25	Whole School Photographs
12.12.25	Final lucky dip items sent to school
16.12.25	School Nurse – P1 pupils only
17.12.25	P1-P7 Christmas Party – all pupils collected at 2.30pm
19.12.25	End of Term – school closes at 12pm
05.01.26	Term 2 begins
08.12.26	Swimming lessons begin P5-P7
09.01.26	Pantomime, Grand Opera House
12.01.26	PTA meeting at 7pm

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