



Dates for the Diary

January

Fri 5	Y3 – Y7 children return to school at the normal time
Fri 5	Open Day for prospective Nursery & Y1 children
Mon 8	Nursery, Y1 & Y2 return to school at the normal time
Thurs 18	Cross Country Competition
Thurs 18	7.30pm PTA
Fri 19	Diversity Day with a Focus on Australia
Thurs 25	7.30pm Y6 Parents – Delamont Information Evening
Thurs 25	8.15pm Y7 Parents – Completing the Transfer Forms

February

Mon 5 – Thurs 8	Y7 Transfer Interviews (with Y7 teacher & Mr Loughins)
Mon 5 – Thurs 8	P/T Consultations (2.00 – 4.00pm)
Fri 9	School will finish for Y1 – Y4 @ 1.45 & Y5 – Y7 @ 1.50
Mon 19	School starts again at the normal time
Thurs 22	7.30 BoG

Lost Property

The lost property boxes are full and overflowing. We will return any named lost property to the children over the next few days. **Any unnamed lost property will be placed on the stage in the Assembly Hall from Monday 18 – Wednesday 20 December. Please pop in and claim any lost property which might belong to your child.**



Ho, Ho, Ho! It's the Christmas Holidays

School will finish for all children on **Thursday 21 December @ 12.00noon (Y1 – Y4) & 12.05pm (Y5 – Y7)**

Nursery & Y1 Applications for September 2024

Once again the application process is online. The online portal for applications goes live at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 9 January 2023 and closes at 12.00 noon on Friday 26 January. Further information regarding this process can be found at www.eani.org.uk. If I can be of any help with your application or if you would like to chat to me, don't hesitate to contact me.

If you have a child who is due to start Nursery or Y1 in September 2024, don't forget to sign up for Open Day by scanning the QR code opposite.

If Friday 5 January doesn't suit you, please contact Mrs Lowry in the School Office and she will arrange a time for you to visit school the week beginning Monday 8 January.

Friday 5th January 2024

Open Day

We would love you to come for a tour of our school on Friday 5th January 2024 from 12.30pm. Please scan the QR code and choose a time slot that suits you, or search for our school on eventbrite.co.uk

Alternatively, if this day does not suit, please contact Mrs Lowry in the school office and we will arrange a date & time that works for you.

SCAN ME!

Term 2 After School Activities

Our staff led after school activities (Tuesday & Thursday) will re-commence the week beginning Monday 16 January. This term there will be 6 sessions instead of 8 to facilitate preparation for Matilda the Musical. The 6 sessions will run on the following dates.

- Tuesday 16 & Thursday 18 January
- Tuesday 20 & Thursday 22 February
- Tuesday 23 & Thursday 25 January
- Tuesday 27 & Thursday 29 February
- Tuesday 30 January & Thursday 1 February
- Tuesday 5 & Thursday 7 March

The activities will follow a similar pattern to Term 1 with one change – Choir for Y4 & Y5 has moved to a Thursday.

- Tuesday - Football Y5 - Y7, Hockey Y5 – Y7, Cross Country Y5 - Y7 & Art Y4 – Y7**
- Thursday – Badminton Y5 - Y7, Drama & Song Y5 - Y7, Netball Y5 - Y7 & Choir Y4 & Y5**

Term 2 After School Activities (Privately Run)

If you haven't had the opportunity yet don't forget to sign up for the after-school activities run by private companies. The information for signing up was sent out with the December Newsletter. The activities take place on a weekly basis as follows:

- Monday – Burns Football & Hockey
- Tuesday - Junglenastix
- Wednesday - Irish Dancing & Jujitsu
- Thursday – Burns Lego
- Friday – Burns Basketball & Coding

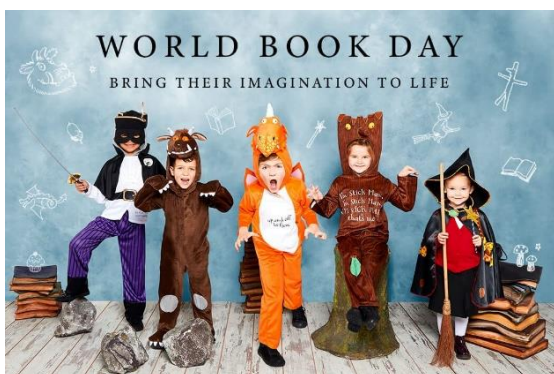
Parent/Teacher Consultations

Parent/Teacher consultations will take place from Monday 5 February to Thursday 9 February.

In order to facilitate the consultations, school will finish for all children at the following times:

1.45pm Y1 – Y4

1.50pm Y5 – Y7



Y6 Delamont Information Evening

I would encourage all the parents **and the children** who will be going to Delamont to come along to the information evening on **Thursday 25 January at 7.30pm**. Mrs Knipe who is leading the residential will provide information on the activities that the children will be taking part in and also the clothing they will require for the trip. Delamont is a wonderful centre that I have used with school groups on several occasions down through the years. The children are in for a great trip.

Y7 Transfer Information Evening & Interviews

The Y7 children will be completing their online applications for their Post Primary schools over the next couple of months. It is vital that you complete the application form correctly and accurately ensuring that you include all relevant information, particularly in relation to each school's specific admissions criteria. On **Thursday 25 January at 8.15pm Y7 parents** are invited to an information evening when I will discuss how to complete the application form and outline the transfer process over the next few months, highlighting key dates.

For your information, the online application process (for applying to Post Primary School) will open on Tuesday 30 January @ 12 noon and close on Thursday 22 February at 12 noon.

As part of the application process you will also be invited to a short parent/teacher consultation with Mr Addis/Mr Baird and myself (**Monday 5 – Thursday 9 February**). The teachers will update you on your child's progress in class (as they would do every February in parent/teacher consultations) and I will be there to support and advise you regarding the application process.

World Book Day

World Book Day is the beginning of March and we will be thinking about reading and celebrating books. As part of this day we will encourage all children to dress up as their favourite book character. This is a fabulous day which the children really enjoy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support so far this year and I hope that you have a lovely Christmas with family and friends.