



## December 2025 Newsletter

We hope you enjoy reading this final newsletter, as always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

### Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – we invited Rev. Tom Grant to speak to the children about the Nativity story.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** is our final day of term, and we will be performing our Nativity play at Clipston Village Hall. Further information below.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** is the first day of next term. We look forward to seeing you all again then!

### Topics this month

This month we will be focussing on all things Christmas and Winter!

### Christmas show – it has (very nearly) arrived.....

The Christmas Nativity show will take place on our final day of term, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. You will have all received a letter with your child's role (and words for preschoolers). The children have worked so hard practising so we do hope you will enjoy it!

Here are some last-minute reminders:

1. If your child usually comes to Stepping Stones on a Friday, please bring them in as usual. They can be wearing their costume or bring it with them. Please bring them in a coat. Please do not bring any other bags, gloves, drinks, etc., as we will be walking to the Village Hall and it will be difficult to carry too much extra.
2. If your child does not usually come to Stepping Stones on a Friday, please bring them in their costume to the Village Hall at 10:20 am.
3. The show will start at 10:30am prompt and will be finished by 10:50am.
4. An adult should be there to be with your child from 10:50am. If not the child's parent, then please notify us who it'll be.
5. Refreshments will be available for sale from our wonderful Committee after the show (cash or card) so please do stick around to enjoy some festive cheer!
6. Once the show is finished the children will be returned to their families and an adult must remain with their child(ren) at all times in the Village Hall.

Please ask us if this is not clear, or if you have any other questions.

### Advent Calendar

Each day during Advent we will be opening the doors on our advent calendar. Each child will get a turn to open a door and take home the book inside. We hope that they enjoy reading them at home.

### Allergies

Please ensure your child's packed lunch does not contain NUTS. We currently have a number of children with severe nut allergies, so please, please be very careful what goes into your child's packed lunch. This includes cereal bars and chocolate spread that contains nuts. Many thanks.

### School applications

A reminder to apply for your child's primary school place on the gov.uk website. Applications close on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 for a September 2026 start.

If you need any help with your application, please just ask.

### Outdoors

We will continue to make full use of our outdoor space daily. Please ensure your child comes with appropriate shoes and waterproof coat to play outdoors in all weathers. As the weather gets colder, please also send your child with a NAMED hat and gloves. We recommend cheap supermarket gloves which are thin, so easy to play in, but if they get mucky or lost it's not a disaster.

**Finally, we wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

### Term dates

Autumn term second half	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Christmas break	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026
Spring term first half	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Spring half term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
Spring term second half	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Easter break	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Summer term first half	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026
Summer half term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Summer term second half	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

### Notable dates

Teacher training days: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Bank holidays: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

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