



Head's Newsletter - December



I can't believe Christmas has come around again already! It doesn't seem like two minutes since the corridors were full of glitter last year and unsuspecting adults were walking round with sparkles on their faces as they helped the children with their Christmas cards and decorations. Please remember that we will be having the Christmas Service for both schools on Friday 19th December. For some of our youngest children in both schools, this will be the first time they have been in the local church, so I am excited to see their faces when they see how big it is! The Christmas service is always lovely and it really gets grown-ups in the mood for Christmas when they hear the children singing to some of the classic carols. It would be lovely to have lots of grown-ups at the service, so if you are able to come along please do so.

Miss Williams and I were lucky enough to take some of our year 6 children from both schools to Ely Cathedral earlier this week so that we could all join in with the DEMAT carol service. Children from all 38 DEMAT schools were there and it was a joy to hear the combined voices of all the children when they sang in that wonderful building. There were bible readings, choir songs and a blessing which all took place in front of a huge Christmas tree – it was a great start to the Christmas festivities! We had several members of the central DEMAT team and also adults from the Cathedral and other schools commend our children on their behaviour and how polite they were – it was a real treat getting to share that experience with the children.



We have been super busy in both schools this term with lots of learning, trips, visitors and talks. We had children from both schools attend the cross country qualifiers in November, and everyone put all of their effort into their run. Once again we were commended on how well the children behaved and how polite they were, which is always a pleasure to hear. The children said that they had a great time and are keen to take part in more running!



Our year 6 children have completed the residential trip to Hilltop again this year. Unfortunately, the weather seemed to turn bitterly cold just before the trip, so the children had to wrap up warm to carry out their activities. This didn't stop them from having huge amounts of fun though! I have heard some tales of children staying awake until 4am chatting to their friends and having fun...then not really wanting to get up for their breakfast the next morning. The children all came back thoroughly exhausted, but said that it was an amazing experience. They took part in

tree top walks, hanging from the zip wire, doing rock climbing and jumping off the power fan amongst many other activities. The trip was a great success – and I bet all of the children slept well when they came home on the Friday night!



The Key Stage 1 children at Anthony Curton had a visit from some paramedics and an ambulance earlier this term. The children had a wonderful time learning about what some parts of a paramedics job is and getting to see inside a real ambulance. They even got to hear the sirens and saw how a patient might be looked after if a paramedic was treating them.



As you are aware, due to the weather, we had to hold the Harvest Festival in the school halls last half term. We know that this was a disappointment to some of you, as it is a nice time to get together in the church and spend time being thankful for everything that we are lucky enough to have. As a gesture of goodwill, we recorded the service and sent the video to parents on a link which expired and couldn't be shared. We did this for safeguarding reasons as we try our hardest to keep our children safe. Unfortunately we have been made aware that some of our parents have recorded the video on their mobile phones and have shared it through Whatsapp. Due to this we will not be recording any more school services to share with parents. We feel really let down by this act from grown-ups, as we try hard to share experiences with families in a safe way.

Anthony Curton parents - Please can we ask parents to drop off children at the classroom doors if you have any doubt that your child won't walk directly into school after leaving you. We have found that some children are lingering around corners before entering into their classrooms (particularly years 4 and 5) as they are able to be out of sight from parents and class teachers. We would hate for any children to not turn up in the classroom, when parents have dropped them off at the gate. So, if you don't fully trust your child, please drop off once the class teacher has sight of your child and is greeting them at the door.

Please also remember to call the school by 9am if your child is off school for any reason, this really helps our ladies in the office when they need to close the registers at 9:00am.

Dates for your diary:

Anthony Curton

Wednesday 3rd December Year 2 Learning Workshop 2:30pm

Thursday 4th December Year 4 & 5 Kings Lynn Historical Trip (Children need own packed lunch)

Tuesday 9th December ACFA Christmas Panto – Hunstanton

Wednesday 10th December ACFA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 11th December Reception and Year 1 Nativity 2:30pm (Costumes provided by school)

Friday 12th December GenR8 Assembly

Monday 15th December I Rock Concert (am)

Tuesday 16th December ACFA Father Christmas Visit (am), Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 19th December Church Service 1:30pm – Break up from school.

Tilney All Saints

Thursday 4th December GenR8 Assembly

Monday 8th December FOSA Christmas Fayre

Monday 8th December Flu Vaccination extra session for those children that missed it

Monday 15th December I Rock Concert (pm)

Tuesday 16th December FOSA Christmas Panto Trip Hunstanton

Wednesday 17th December Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 19th December Christmas Church Service 10am

Children Return back to School on TUESDAY 6th JANUARY 2026

Early Warning Dates

Anthony Curton

Thursday 8th January Understanding Behaviour workshop (Schools and Community Team)

Tilney all Saints

Friday 9th January Understanding Behaviour workshop (Schools and Community Team)

Monday 12th January Plough Monday Church Service (Leaving school 10am)

I hope you all have a restful and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards,

Dawn Liddle

Executive Head Teacher

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