



Weekly Bulletin

Autumn 2

WEEK 7 – Friday 19th December 2025

This half term's values are:

COURAGE

Biblical Verse of the Week

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.'"

Luke 2:10



Head's Update

A Busy Last Week of Term!

What an incredible final week we have had with so many highlights.

Monday – We were delighted to welcome Kate Lund, our Hub Director, for our end of term review. We are pleased to confirm that our school priorities are in line with where we should be at this point in the academic year. Together, we reflected on our accomplishments, one being the success we have had with settling into the new class structure that we introduced in September. We also identified our next steps for the Spring term.

Tuesday – Our Christmas Church Service was a wonderful celebration, beautifully led by Fiona and Father Sam. The service explored the Christmas story and its deeper meaning. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to support the children – it was truly an awe-inspiring experience. We remain grateful for the ongoing support from both St Mary's Church and the Congregational Church. Following this we had a magical visit from Santa and his Elf in the afternoon! The children were so excited, and we would like to extend our thanks to Santa and his Elf for making this such a special occasion for our children.

Wednesday – The whole school enjoyed a trip to the Gordon Craig Theatre in Stevenage to watch the pantomime 'Dick Whittington'. It was a fantastic experience for our children, and we would like to thank the PTFA for their generous support in funding this wonderful opportunity.



Thursday – Preschool enjoyed their Christmas party in the morning and it has been so wonderful to see our Preschool children settling in so well into the term and grow in confidence as they become more and more involved with their learning and opportunities in the main school. In the afternoon, we hosted our **Regular Readers' Afternoon Tea** with an increase in numbers from last term, it was wonderful to see so many of our regular readers joined by new faces.

Whilst we take the lead in teaching reading at school, parents play a vital role in supporting children through practice at home. As we approach the busy holiday period, please prioritise reading with your child if you can find time. This is especially important for our younger pupils, who need regular practice to build fluency and confidence, as well as develop their vocabulary and comprehension skills. Even short, regular reading sessions can make a significant difference to your child's progress. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child become a confident and fluent reader.

Friday – We ended the last day of term with a non-uniform day for all the children in Neptune House. This was their reward for collectively earning the most house points over the term. Well done, Neptune!

Thank You

Thank you to all our pupils, staff, governors, PTFA members, and parents and carers for your support in making this term such a success. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**. Mrs Singh



Attendance

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| This week's attendance is: | 98.30% |
| Overall attendance (this year) is: | 96.20% |



Sports Awards of the Week

Acorn: Ernest

Pine: Patrick

Oak: Scarlett



Dance/Gymnastics Stars of the Week

Preschool: /

Acorn: /

Pine/Oak: /

Reminders

Appropriate Communication:

Please can we ask that parents use the official and appropriate lines of communication when wanting to contact the school or specific staff members with enquiries. This includes the office email or teacher Dojos, who will get back to you at a suitable time. Please **do not** communicate via private Whatsapp or text messages.

Online Safety Newsletter and Information



Please read the attached **Autumn Term 2025 Online Safety Newsletter** produced by HfL for your information. With the Christmas festivities just around the corner, children are looking forward to receiving gifts. For many, this may be devices that allow you to go online. Please see the **poster** below for information and further guidance for parents.

Gymnastics Club:

<https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com/brand/after-school>



| Class | Learning Champ | | | Learning Champ | |
|------------|----------------|------|-------|----------------|-----------|
| Pre-School | Ezra | Olly | Sonny | Benji | Guinevere |
| Acorn | Emmie | | | Iyarna | |
| Pine | Delilah | | | Gilbert | |
| Oak | Lily | | | Laura | |



| COURAGE | | |
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| Acorn | Pine | Oak |
| Miller | Isla | Tommy |

Diary Dates (2025-2026)

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| 10 th December | Christmas School Lunch |
| 11 th December | The Ark and Acorn class Nativity 9:30am & 2:30pm performances |
| 11 th December | 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day |
| 11 th December | Open Classrooms Drop in from 3.15 to 4.15 pm |
| 11 th December | Christmas Carol Concert 5.45pm – 7.00pm |
| 12 th December | Santa Scooter Dash |
| 17 th December | PTFA Christmas Pantomime Trip |
| 19 th December | Autumn Term 2 ends at 1:45pm |
| Monday 5 th January | INSET TRAINING DAY |
| Tuesday 6 th January | Spring Term 1 Begins |
| 12 th February | Open Classrooms Drop in from 3.15 to 4.15 pm |
| 26 th March | Open Classrooms Drop in from 3.15 to 4.15 pm |
| 21 st May | Open Classrooms Drop in from 3.15 to 4.15 pm |
| 7 th July | Parent Consultations |

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Thank you for your continued support.