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Friday 27th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Breakfast & Mindful Morning – Parents & Child Activity Morning in school – Early Years & Hydra – Monday 30th November 2026



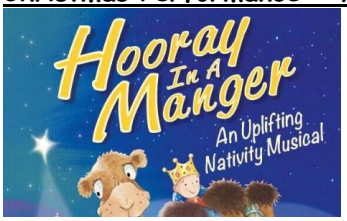
We're excited to invite Parents and Carers to our upcoming *'Breakfast & Mindful Morning Activity session's'* Monday 30th November for families in **Hydra (Year 1 & 2) and Columba (Nursery & Reception classes)**. These sessions were extremely popular last year and well attended. We will be focusing upon the 5 ways to well-being **through engaging activities for you to get involved in with your child.** You are invited to join us for a relaxed morning **where you can enjoy a hot breakfast with your child at 8:30am followed by a number of fun activities. Activities will be based around a Christmas theme and will involve Christmas craft and fun.**

Christmas Carol Concert at School & Christmas Fair/Fundraising – Wednesday 2nd December 2026



On Wednesday 2nd December, all children from Nursery to Year 4 will take part in our Christmas Carol Concert from 10:15am to 10:45am. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the concert, followed by an Indoor Christmas Picnic from 11:15am to 12:30pm, where families can bring their own picnic or purchase food on the day. The celebrations will continue with our Christmas Fair Fundraiser from 12:30pm to 2:30pm, featuring stalls, face painting and a bouncy castle. Families are welcome to attend all or part of the day's events. 🎄✨

Christmas Performance - Hooray in a Manger – Tuesday 8th December 2026



Children in Hydra and Draco Classes will be performing their Christmas production, "Hooray in a Manger", on Tuesday 8th December 2026. There will be two performances, one at 2.00pm and another at 6.00pm, each lasting approximately 40 minutes. Tickets cost £3.00 each and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Orders must be made via the school ticket form and payment completed through ParentPay. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Monday 7th December 2026. Children taking part in the evening performance should return to school by 5.30pm and can be collected at approximately 7.00pm. 🎄⭐

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Christmas Festivities 2026 – ParentPay Payments Now Available!



To help families prepare for our upcoming Christmas celebrations, we have now set up payment items on **ParentPay** for this year's Christmas events.

Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 15th December 2026

We are delighted to once again invite parents and carers to join us for a festive Christmas lunch with their child(ren). Places are limited for Parents/Carers to two per family.
Prices are as follows:

- **Adults:** £4.50
- **Children (not eligible for Free School Meals):** £3.25

We hope that by making these payments available early we will help families plan ahead for our Christmas festivities. Further information regarding performance dates, ticket allocations and Christmas lunch arrangements will be shared in due course.
Please see important changes to Events below:

Important Diary Updates



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Autumn Term (1st Half). Please note that we always try our best to stick to the planned dates and times but on occasion's changes have to be made due to unforeseen circumstances. If this is the case, we will always try to give you as much notice as possible.
Please note dates in blue have been added or changed:

Monday 30th November 08.30am until 11am	Breakfast & Mindful Mornings – Parents & Child Activity Morning in school	Hydra & Columba R
Tuesday 1st December 6:00-8:00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting	Governors
Wednesday 2nd December 10:15 am onwards	Christmas Carol Concert in school followed by 'Winter Lunch', Christmas Fair and fundraising activities – Parents/Carers invited	All classes
Monday 7th December 3:30pm – 4:15pm	Christmas Disco	All classes
Tuesday 8th December 2:00pm – 3:00pm and 6:00pm – 6:45pm	Christmas Performance of "Hooray in a Manger" Afternoon and Evening – Parents/Carers invited	Hydra and Draco class
Thursday 10th December	Visit to See Santa Biddulph Grange	Nursery & Reception
Tuesday 15th December 11:00am onwards	Christmas Lunch – Parents/carers invited	All classes
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Party Day	All classes
Friday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All classes

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	School closes at 3:15pm for the Christmas Holidays	
Monday 4th January 2027	School Opens for the Spring Term 08:45am	All classes

Yours sincerely, Mrs E. J. Pickford (Headteacher) & Team