



We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you all back to school in the New Year on Monday 6th January 2025

PE Days

Nursery – Tuesday
Reception – Tuesday
Year 1 – Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2 – Monday and Tuesday
Year 3 – Thursday and Friday
Year 4 – Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 5 – Monday and Tuesday (Swimming)
Year 6 – Wednesday and Friday

No Class news for:

Reception GD and Year 3 MLK

Taxi for 2024!

My goodness that was quick. What a super year in so many ways, not without its challenges for some of our families, but I hope when the going was tough, you felt we were on hand to help where we could.

The end of the school year has been crammed with fantastic moments, grown-ups in school supporting your children to shine bright like the stars they are. Just fabulous!

So, let's make a deal to enjoy the festivities and rest up ready to make the most of the opportunities 2025 will offer us all.

Merry Christmas, Mr Firth

After School Clubs

After School Clubs for next term will be:

Tuesdays – Karate, Contact Matthew Dobson (Karate Instructor) 07907089941, book and pay direct with him
Wednesday – Pickle Palace - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - £18.00
Thursday - Music club – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - £18.00

Clubs start 07.01.2025 for 6 weeks (no clubs last week of term) 3.15pm-4.15pm

Please contact the school office at highspen@gatedu.org to book a place, consent and payment will then be added to your child's school gateway. Thank you

Nursery – SG – Saint George

Greetings from Nursery. We just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the generous gifts and cards we were given for Christmas. They are much appreciated. Have a very Merry Christmas and see you in the New Year from the Nursery team.

Year 1 – TY – Thomas Young

We wanted to say a huge thank you for all of our very generous gifts and cards we received for Christmas. We hope you have all had a lovely break and are well rested ready for the next half term.

On **Friday 10th January** we have our final forest school session that we missed due to the inset day so please send your child to school dressed in warm appropriate clothing for the woods (waterproof suit/trousers/appropriate footwear). As our forest school session takes over our PE session, please send your child to school in their normal uniform on **Thursday 9th**.

Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale

Firstly a HUGE well done to all Y2 for their AMAZING acting and singing during our KS1 nativity. We are bursting with pride at how well they managed to create long lasting memories for all to treasure.

A few things for next term.....

PE will be on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

Next term in English we will be learning how to follow sets of instructions and in History about the Great Fire of London. To support this, children will be making a Tudor house using recycled materials. Please can you send any cereal / small sized boxes into school for children to use for this project? We need 29 boxes so please send as many as you can, Thank you!

We are also lucky enough to have Hannah from Pickled Palace work with Y2 in January. To help with this, we have organised the children into 3 groups and below are the dates your children will be learning to cook with Hannah. If any parents/carers are available to come along to their child's cooking session, they would be most welcome. Please let Mrs Coates or the office know if you are able to attend your child's cooking session.

Wednesday 15th January	Wednesday 22nd January	Wednesday 29th January
Toby	Frankie	Jessica
Edward	Ayda	Naylah
Daniel	Milana	Alfie
Austin	Jayce	Reggie
Arianna	Sky	Jack
Molly	Robyn	Ellis
Sadie	Rebecca	Leah
Rosa	Scarlett	Leo
Hallie	Peter	Kyra
Jaimya	Jenson	

Finally please can we say a huge thank you for all of your support this term and for your kind Christmas wishes, cards and gifts. We wish you all a very happy Christmas!

Year 4 – FWD – Fredrick William Dobson

A huge congratulations to all the children's efforts in the run up to Christmas, there have been lots of things for them to do and they have made everyone proud. Here's hoping everyone has a lovely holiday break and a well-earned rest. I can confirm that when we return PE days will be the same as the autumn term, we will have swimming on Tuesdays and our PE session on Wednesday. All children come to school dressed in the appropriate outfit. Take care and happy holidays.

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson

Hi all! Thank you everyone for all your support this term. Happy holidays and enjoy the break. See you all in the new year 😊

Year 6 – MY – Malala Yousafzai

We just wanted to say how proud we were of the children in their performances this week as well as a HUGE thank you to the children who have given their time to be in choir or volunteered to be readers for the Remembrance or Christingle Service. We also had an amazing time in our party on Wednesday. However, I definitely think we are all ready for a rest. Have a wonderful Christmas with your families and look forward to seeing you in the New Year. Please note that PE has changed to Wednesday and Friday.

On **Friday 10th January** we have our final forest school session. Please send your child to school dressed in appropriate clothing for the woods (waterproof/appropriate footwear). Spare clothes, footwear and a carrier bag should also be brought to school to change in to on our return. Thank you!

If you would like a paper copy of this letter for your fridge please call to the office and collect one.