



1st December 2025

December is always a special and busy month as we prepare for the joy and celebration of Christmas. At our Church of England school, this season holds deep significance as we reflect on the meaning of Advent—a time of waiting and preparation for the coming of Christ. Advent reminds Christians of hope, peace, joy, and love, symbolized through the Advent wreath and candles.

We were delighted to come together for worship led by Rev. Caroline, who shared the importance of this season and its message of anticipation and faith. Two of our worship leaders helped create the beautiful Advent wreath, a central symbol of this journey towards Christmas.

Nativity

Our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 classes are currently bustling with excitement as they prepare for their upcoming Nativity shows. The children have been working hard, and I'm sure they will deliver a wonderful performance.

Early Years Nativity— Wednesday 3rd December at 10am

Key Stage 1 Nativity— Wednesday 10th December at 2pm and 5.30pm

Via Road Safety

Recently, all our classes were visited by Via, who delivered an excellent road safety session. I was particularly proud to hear their positive comments about our pupils' behaviour and engagement during the presentation.

Website

We are very excited to have a new school website—still at the same address www.stpetersprimarymansfield.co.uk. There will be updates made in the coming weeks. AN exciting feature is that it can be translated in to any language so we hope it will be accessible to all our families.



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Celebration of learning

A reminder that all parents are invited to look at pupil workbooks at 3pm on Friday 12th December.



ESAFETY

Our online safety attachment this time is supporting families in using the online world safely at Christmas. We hope that this may be useful to you ensuring you have a safe and happy Christmas.

KEY DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM

- 03.12.25 10am FS Nativity
- 03.12.25 Flu vaccinations
- 03.12.25 Christmas Fair
- 04.12.25 Y3 swimming
- 10.12.25 KS1 Nativity at 2pm and 5.30pm
- 11.12.25 Y3 swimming
- 12.12.25 Celebration of learning at 3pm
- 16.12.25 Apple class trip to White Post Farm
- 17.12.25 Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day
- 18.12.25 Christingle at St Peter's Church 10am
- 18.12.25 Year 3 swimming
- 19.12.25 Last day of term

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

ATTENDANCE

Our current attendance is 94.1% for this academic year. Our aim as a school is for 95% attendance so we are nearly at target!

We understand that there are times when your child is too unwell to attend school. Please ensure you contact the school office by 8.30am if your child is going to be absent. We will also contact you should your child become unwell in school.

In line with our attendance policy, please note that term-time holidays will not be granted unless for exceptional circumstances: supporting evidence is required.

The Public Health Agency have created the helpful guide above for deciding whether your child is well enough to go to school.

Following our safeguarding audit, monitoring letters will be sent every 3 weeks if your child's attendance falls below 90%. If you require any support or would like to discuss your child's attendance, please make an appointment to see Mrs Thompson or Mrs Kaluza.

The following illnesses can be managed safely with self-care and do not require to see a GP routinely.

The web pages below offer clinically approved information on how to recognise them:

Conjunctivitis: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/conjunctivitis/>

Hand, foot and mouth disease: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>

Chickenpox: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Common cold: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/common-cold/>

FREE CHRISTMAS PARTY

A warm, family-friendly Christmas celebration hosted by Thrive Together.

SILENT DISCO

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

CHRISTMAS STALLS
(PLEASE NOTE: CHRISTMAS STALLS ARE SUBJECT TO COST.)

HOT DOGS & CANDY FLOSS
(HOT DOGS AND CANDY FLOSS ARE SUBJECT TO COST.)

THE GRINCH IS JOINING US FOR FESTIVE FUN!

INCLUSIVITY MATTERS – THAT'S WHY WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE A SENSORY AMBULANCE JOINING US AT THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, COMPLETELY FREE FOR EVERYONE TO USE.

DATE: WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER
TIME: 5:00PM – 7:00PM
LOCATION: SOUTH MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, NGG 18 4NG

Logos for Thrive Together Neurodiverse Consultancy, Mansfield Town Council, and a disability confident logo are also present.

Thrive Together Christmas Party

HAF Program

Free for children eligible for free school meals.

Express Coaching Winter Camps

Free for benefit related FSM

Dates & Times -Aimed at 5-13years

<p>Monday 22nd December Ultimate Christmas Party</p> <p>Bull Farm -10.45-1pm & Asquith 1.15 - 3.30pm @Mansfield Civic Centre (Meet there)</p> <p>Bellamy -9.30-2pm @ South Mansfield community Centre</p>	<p>Tuesday 23rd December Bowling Christmas Party</p> <p>Bellamy 9.30-1pm (Coach Travel included)</p> <p>Asquith -11.00-1.30pm @Mansfield Superbowl (meet there.)</p> <p>Bull Farm - 12.30-3pm @Mansfield Superbowl (Meet there)</p>
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www.expresscoaching.co.uk

Thrive Together

Thrive Together is a nurse led support service meeting in the community centre every Tuesday.

What we do:
Nurse led specialist support offering :

- Neurodiversity advocacy
- 1:1 and group support tailored to individual and family needs
- Advice on diagnosis pathways, EHCPs, PIP/DLA and hospital passports
- Support to access qualifications, volunteering opportunities and employment

Thrive Tribe
Support for Neurodivergent Individuals & Families (no diagnosis required)
Everyone welcome
South Mansfield Community Centre NG18 4NG
Tuesdays 9.30-12.30 (term time)

For more information

Facebook: ThriveTogetherNeurodiversity
Email: hollychamberlain@thrivetogether2020.onmicrosoft.com

We are Here to Help
Thrive Together provides a safe and supportive space where you can gain knowledge, confidence and practical help.
Children are welcome.

Thrive Together
Neurodiverse
Consultancy

disability
confident

SPORTS HALL

ATHLETICS

Well done to the children who represented children tremendously: living out our school values. St Peter's came in second place!

Christmas Parties:

Little Pips— Thurs 18th December (morning)

Apples—Thurs 18th December (afternoon)

Year 1— Thursday 18th December

Year 2— Thursday 18th December

Year 3—Friday 19th December

Year 4— Friday 19th December

Year 5—Friday 19th December

Year 6—Friday 19th December



Year 2

In Year 2, the children were developing their skills making Christmas characters move using pivots.



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