



Dear Families,

This will be our final newsletter of 2024 ahead of a busy Christmas week next week; please come and join us on Wednesday afternoon for some collective Christmas fun from 2pm. We will be using the main gate and the cloud gate so please can you enter and exit that way (unless, for whatever reason, you need to come through the office which is obviously fine!)

**Wednesday is Christmas jumper day so the children are welcome to dress up in a festive jumper on this day. Please note, every other day is still FULL UNIFORM next week.**

Our list for Spring After School clubs has gone out this week so please can I encourage all children to sign up for at least one activity in the Spring term; this is a great way for the children to learn new skills, develop new interests and make new friends.

Thank you to all those parents who moved their children over to bring water to school rather than juice. All the children are now aware that after the Christmas holidays everyone is just drinking water so they shouldn't be asking for other options to bring into school.

For those who are celebrating,, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to working with you again, in partnership, in 2025.

Regards,

Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher



<i>DECEMBER</i>	
<i>Monday 16th December</i>	<i>Choir singing at local care home</i>
<i>Tuesday 17th December</i>	<i>Christmas Disco fundraiser—more info on page 4</i>
<i>18th December</i>	<i>Christmas lunch and Jumper Day. Celebration Afternoon - parents/carers invited in @ 2pm</i>
<i>19th December</i>	<i>Christmas church service - years 2 to 6 from 1.30pm to 2.30pm</i>
<i>20th December</i>	<i>Break up for Christmas</i>
<i>JANUARY</i>	
<i>Monday 6th January</i>	<i>Back to school</i>
<i>Tuesday 22nd April</i>	<i>Extra non-pupil day—school closed for children</i>



## Attendance Awards

We are working really hard to make sure all our pupils are in school, every day and on time. Obviously we all get sick, every now and then, but if we are well, we need to be in school!

Well done to **Dolphins,, Warriors and Little Tigers** classes for excellent attendance this week.



CLASS ATTENDANCE		HOUSE ATTENDANCE	
Little Bears	96.51%	Christie House	87.79%
Little Lions	93.89%		
Little Foxes	86.34%		
Little Tigers	97%	Darwin House	91.68%
Unicorns	83.12%		
Dolphins	97.82%		
Little Horses	89.63%	Kingsley House	90.98%
Eagles	96.67%		
Swans	92%		
Herdsmen	89.87%	Singer House	95.68%
Heroes	83.97%		
Hunters	91.3%		
Warriors	97.39%		
The winner is ... <b>DOLPHINS</b>		The winner is ... <b>SINGER HOUSE</b>	



## STARS OF THE WEEK



	<b>Little Stars</b>	Scarlett for always coming into Nursery with a big smile and participating in our Christmas songs with gusto!
	<b>Little Bears</b>	Evelin - for great behaviour for learning and always being helpful at tidy up time!
	<b>Little Lions</b>	Skylar-Rae for being so helpful at tidy up time
	<b>Little Foxes</b>	Hanna for her increased effort in her learning and becoming a more independent learner.
	<b>Little Tigers</b>	Riley S - for making good choices and staying in the classroom. Keep it up Riley!
	<b>Unicorns</b>	Reggie for working really hard on his learning and listening to adults when they are trying to help!
	<b>Dolphins</b>	Eilidh for her fantastic writing this week!
	<b>Little Horses</b>	Jacob for always showing our Ellacombe values and being a great friend to everyone in the
	<b>Eagles</b>	Emili for always having a go at solving a problem, no matter how difficult it may be!
	<b>Swans</b>	Sanvi for always trying your best in every lesson and for being such a kind and helpful member of the class.
	<b>Herdsmen</b>	Ewan for his fantastic writing this week and for being a role model for others.
	<b>Heroes</b>	Kolby for putting 100% effort into all subjects.
	<b>Hunters</b>	Mia- for her effort and perseverance in all of her learning.
	<b>Warriors</b>	Dylan- for always showing a positive attitude to his learning and challenging himself in his work

## ROWCROFT RUDOLPH RUN

This Wednesday we took part in a sponsored Rudolph Run, to help raise money for our local hospice, Rowcroft.

So far we have managed to raise **£1,161.49**.

This is an amazing amount, thank you .





**Christmas Dinner**  
**Wednesday 18th December**

*Roast turkey with all the trimmings*  
*Roasted vegetable parcels*  
*(suitable for vegans & vegetarians)*  
*Christmas biscuit*

*Please order and pay on the My Child at School app by:*  
*10am on Tuesday 17th December*

**Please remember to book your Christmas dinner.**

**PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS**

We are delighted to share our first parent carer drop-in which is part of the pilot of the new Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project.

This group is a friendly place to come and meet other parents in the schools taking part who also have children with additional needs (your child doesn't need a diagnosis to attend).

We are keen to hear about your experiences of school and to understand what helps/could help your child.

**Tuesday 17th December**  
 19:00-20:00  
 Online via teams  
 Please book via the QR code or at <https://shorturl.at/okTWp>

**Parent carer online drop-in**

**CHRISTMAS DISCO**

**On Tuesday 17th December we will be holding a Christmas Disco.**

EYFS to Year 2 - 3.30 - 4.30  
 Year 3 to Year 6 - 4.30 to 5.30

The cost is £3 which includes a drink and candy cane.

You can purchase tickets on the MCAS app, under 'Products' then 'Disco Tickets'. Please could you purchase them by Friday 13th December. Any problems please pop in to the office.



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# The Ellacombe Weekly

13th December 2024



**SportyStars**  
@ ACORN YOUTH  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

**MULTI  
ACTIVITY  
HOLIDAY CAMP**

**GLOW SPORTS** **BUBBLE FOOTBALL**  
**ARCHERY TAG** **INFLATABLES**  
**NERF WARS** **MULTI SPORTS**  
**ARTS & CRAFTS** **& LOTS MORE**

**XMAS HOLIDAYS**  
**8:15AM – 5:15PM**  
**AGES 5 – 12**

**2ND & 3RD JANUARY**  
**FLEXIBLE DAYS AVAILABLE**  
**BOOKINGS VIA [SPORTYSTARS.CO.UK](https://sportystars.co.uk)**

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