

St. Faith's Church of England Infant and Nursery School Family Newsletter



23rd October 2025



Dear parents, carers, families and friends,

What a fabulous half term! It has been long, and the children are getting tired and ready for a rest, but it has been full of fun, enjoyment, achievements and pride. We are so proud of the children and how they have settled into their classes. We have loved our family events, especially our Grandparent Afternoons, and look forward to a busy term ahead, full of festive fun!

Our first family event is Family Reading on Friday 7th November. You are invited to join your child to share books in their classroom, between 8.50am and 9.10am. If you cannot stay with your child, please do not drop them off early on this day. We hope to see many of you there.

Looking Ahead: Christmas Around the World

There are some Diocesan upcoming Christmas Carol Services at the Cathedral, which will be called **Christmas Around the World**. These services will celebrate the joy of Christmas through both traditional British elements and the rich customs and traditions from other cultures around the globe. As part of the service, they are looking for children and adults who would be willing to be recorded:

- **Reading Bible passages in languages other than English**
- **Praying in their home languages**
- **Sharing family customs or traditions from different cultures that are part of their Christmas celebrations**

This is a wonderful opportunity to show children that Christmas is celebrated in many beautiful ways around the world —and that their stories, languages, and traditions are a vital part of our shared celebration. If you would like to be a part of this for the Diocese, do let us know and we can put you in touch with them. Thank you.

Have a lovely half term holiday and thank you for your continued love and support.

Warmest wishes
Amanda Konrath,
Head teacher

Can you help?

The Early Years classes would love any uncarved pumpkin donations after half term, of all shapes, sizes and colours! If you can help, then they will be gratefully received after half term.

West End Lights

At the beginning of December we take part in the brilliant West End Lights. We are on the hunt for glass jars – jam jar size is perfect. Please do wash them out and bring them in when you have any! Thank you.

Diary Dates

Monday 3 rd November	Back to school
Wednesday 5 th November	Open evening for new families 5pm
Friday 7 th November	8.50am - 9.10am Family Reading
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day and launch Anti-bullying week
Monday 10 th November	Natterhub/Internet Safety Talk for families
Saturday 15 th November	Open day for new families
Wednesday 19 th November	Maths in Action morning
Friday 21 st November	Children in Need and Friends of St Faith's cake sale
Friday 21 st November	World Hello Day
Tuesday 25 th November	Drop in's for families to look at children's work
Wednesday 26 th November	We Are Wonderful Wednesday
Monday 1 st December	8.50am - 9.10am Family Reading
Monday 1 st December	Cloverleaf residents visiting for a singalong
Wednesday 3 rd December	2.20pm Nursery Family Film Afternoon
Thursday 4 th December	9.30pm Year 2 Christmas Play
Thursday 4 th December	2.15pm Year 2 Christmas Play
Friday 5 th December	West End Lights
Tuesday 9 th December	10am Reception Christmas Play
Wednesday 10 th December	9.30am Nursery Singalong
Wednesday 10 th December	2.15pm Reception Christmas Play
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 12 th December	School Council visiting Cloverleaf
Friday 12 th December	2.15pm Year 1 Family Film Afternoon
Monday 15 th December	10am Church Service
Monday 15 th December	2.20pm Reception Family Film Afternoon
Tuesday 16 th December	2.15pm Year 1 Singalong
Wednesday 17 th December	9.30am Year 1 Singalong
Wednesday 17 th December	2.15pm Year 2 Family Film Afternoon
Thursday 18 th December	Party day
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term

Illness

As the cold weather approaches, we will see an increase in illnesses, coughs and colds. As you know, attendance at school is so important. If you are unsure whether to send your child to school, you can always call and chat to Kerry or Juliet in the office, or visit <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> for information.

If you send your child to school and they are under the weather, we will look after them and call you if they need to go home. We can also administer Calpol or other medicines, if you have filled in a form in the office.

Online Safety

We have had conversations with some children when films meant for an older audience have been mentioned. Please ensure that your child is only watching age-appropriate films and playing on age-appropriate games. Thank you.

NSPCC

The below link has some good strategies in supporting families manage and support their children's anger, how to behave themselves when they react etc.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/arguments-conflict-family-tension/?utm_old=arguments

Health and Safety

Another gentle reminder about the appropriate use of equipment. The apparatus in the Robert Parker Park should be used as intended and we ask that children **do not** climb on top of the equipment, if that isn't the purpose of the equipment.

Also, there was an incident with our lovely plesiosaur chair this week. When too many children were clambering on top of it, it fell over. We remind you that this is a chair for you to sit on, possibly fitting 2 children on it, seated. It isn't built for children to climb on.

Thank you.