



Headteacher's Weekly Update: Friday 12th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a great week and it has been lovely to see lots of you at the performances of the **Year R and KS1 Nativity**. The children were absolutely brilliant and we are so proud of their efforts and the stunning performances they put on this week.

Christmas Service Thursday 18th December 2pm: KS2 will be leading our Christmas service next week at the Abbey. All are welcome to attend the service and it would be lovely to see you there. It is not a ticketed event but please leave the reserved rows free for the children to sit in.

Christmas Family Celebration Event: We will be holding a Christmas Family Celebration event on **Tuesday 16th December between 3:30pm and 4:30pm** and you are all most welcome to join us for a bit of Christmas cheer as a school family with games, Father Christmas, mince pies and biscuits and a Christmas Tombola. Thank you for your generous donations for the Christmas Tombola today. **Tickets cost £2 per child and £1 per adult.** This admission fee gives everyone free access to the games and activities (Tombola and Refreshments not included). We are aiming for the event to be cash free so just bring your cards and if you can't please ensure you bring coins. Thank you to those who have offered their help for the event.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday afternoon and getting together as a school community to celebrate Christmas and raise some helpful and necessary funds for the school.

Christmas Dinner Day: Tuesday is also Christmas Dinner Day. Orders should have already been placed for this. We're looking forward to the delicious smell of a Christmas dinner wafting through school and celebrating Christmas together.

Winter Illness and Hand Hygiene: As you will have seen in the news and possibly experienced first hand, seasonal illnesses and viruses are very high at the moment. We are working hard to clean surfaces regularly and encourage excellent hand washing and hygiene whilst also providing good ventilation throughout school. Please also encourage your children with regular reminders to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly. It is not easy at this time of year but good ventilation is also really important. If your child is unwell please keep us updated including any diagnoses made by the Doctor so we can accurately monitor illness across school.

Parking Issues: Liz Wagner has only heard from a couple of parents about issues with parking around drop off and pick up time. We know parking near the school can be difficult sometimes. We also know a number of you are eager to do something about this and we are keen to continue looking for ways to solve this with the council. If you have specific examples of difficulties and the impact of parking restrictions in the area then please email Liz Wagner, our Chair of Governors, with the details so that we can talk through with the council possible ways to improve the situation for all concerned. You can contact Liz on elizabeth.wagner@romseyabbey.hants.sch.uk Please have **communicated the details with Liz by Wednesday 17th December.**



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INSET Day: We start the Spring Term with an INSET day on Monday 5th January so the children return to school on Tuesday 6th January. There is also an INSET day on Monday 2nd February.

Year R 2026 Applications: We are in the window for parents to make applications for Year R places in September 2026. The deadline for applications is the **15th January 2026** so always wise to get this sorted before Christmas so it doesn't get forgotten. If you know of any parents with children due to start school in September 2026 please do encourage them to book in a tour with me and get their application complete. The links below take you to the place to apply and provide video guidance on what you need to do. Thank you

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>
<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/education/Online-application-guidance.pdf>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xi7j34AXtw4>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxVvcIX2o_s

Dates for your diary: https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhIIGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit?tab=t.0

Prayer: I'll finish with a prayer which you are very welcome to join us in praying as we think of those who are poorly or facing difficult family situations at the moment...

Dear God,

We pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, children, staff and family members. We ask that their recovery would be swift and that they would all be feeling much better very soon. We pray for those facing tough situations with loved ones and ask for your peace and strength for them and encouragement and good news over the coming days and weeks. We pray for an uplifting and really positive end to the term ready for Christmas!

Amen

Have a great weekend!

Kind Regards

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