

Dear parents/carers,

Brrr! The weather has definitely changed but at school we are not perturbed. Just a reminder that children can dress warm for outside PE lessons. Black leggings/black jogging bottoms, school jumpers or school black hoodies and hats can all be worn if wanted. Mr Sheldrake, our professions sports coach from Altas can often be seen sporting his hat and grippy sports gloves when teaching so the children won't be alone!

Y6 Shine at Tag Rugby Competition

Our Year 6 children took part in an exciting TAG Rugby competition, representing our school with energy, teamwork, and determination.



The children were split into two teams and faced strong opponents from other schools. After each match, points were added up to decide where the teams would play in the playoff finals. Both of our teams showed incredible spirit throughout the day — encouraging one another, working together brilliantly, and showing grace whether in victory or defeat.

It was wonderful to see the children enjoying the event so much. Their enthusiasm was clear both on and off the pitch, and they demonstrated values to be proud of: resilience, respect, and teamwork.

At the end of the competition, our teams finished in **5th place** and **13th place** out of more than 15 schools — a fantastic achievement!

We are so proud of every child who took part. They represented our school with pride and showed that sport is not just about winning, but about enjoying the experience, supporting one another, and learning together.



Christmas Tree Festival

Our wonderful School Council and C5 decorated a Christmas tree for the Eastington Tree Festival. The children created book covers and blurbs for the 25 days of advent — they worked cooperatively as a team to share ideas and so everyone could contribute. We're really proud of our School Council, C5 and Mrs Yorke for taking real care in creating such a brilliantly decorated tree for the school.

The Tree Festival is now over and the tree is in the front entrance of the school—please do have a little look the next time you pop in.

Boccia

Our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils have been having a fantastic time taking part in Boccia sessions with Atlas Sports on Monday afternoons. This five-week course has quickly become a highlight of their week.



Boccia is a seated game that encourages precision, strategy, and teamwork, and the children have taken to it brilliantly. They've picked up the rules with impressive speed and are already beginning to develop their own techniques as they grow more confident.

It has been wonderful to see their focus and enthusiasm shine through each session. We look forward to seeing how their skills continue to develop over the remaining weeks!

Lost Property

Mrs Meansworth had a great idea of holding lost property in the front reception area—there is now a basket here where items without names will be put. Feel free to have a rummage if you have recently lost something.

We please still ask that school clothes are named, especially jumpers/ cardigans/coats—children often take items off and if they are named they can be returned easily.

Cricket

We are excited that the Women's T20 Cup will be visiting our school in December—the aim being to positively support girls and women in playing cricket. For your information, Frocester Cricket Club has a thriving children's section for girls and boys. Do have a look at their website if your child is interested.

https://frocester.play-cricket.com/web_pages/youth_section

As a school we have positive links with local cricket clubs and we know many parents love the game too. We are really pleased to have secured cricket sessions with a professional coach for C2 and C3 this year - we hope this encourages all our children to find a sport they enjoy.

Christmas Fair

The PA Christmas Fair will be on **Friday, 5th December after school**. It will be held at school and we hope you can join us. The children are making items to sell: C1 Reception clay T-lights; C1 Y1 reindeer tree decorations; C2 chocolate treats; C3 pom-pom tree decorations; C4 reindeer food and C5 chocolate bark treats. There will be lots of fun activities and we've heard Father Christmas might be making a visit to us as well!



Please collect your KS2 children at the main gate as usual before joining us in the hall for the school fair. If your child is in C1 or C2 please collect your child from the classroom at 3.15pm so we can ensure a safe pick up.

DIARY DATES:

Autumn Term 2

November 3rd: Start of Autumn Term 2 for children

November 5th: Tag Rugby Competition - Y6

November 6th: Flu Immunisation on site

November 10th: Children In Needs day: Bring and Buy Sale & dress up spotty!
Boccia weekly sessions start for Y3 & Y4

November 12th: Open morning for parents with Reception children joining in Sept 2026

November 13th: Y5 Sports Hall Athletics—TBC—**Cancelled** (We'll look for another event for Y5 to attend)

November 19th: Y4 Boccia Competition

November 24th: Final week of clubs

November 25th: Open Afternoon 2.45-3.10pm—come and see your child's work.

December 5th: PA Christmas Fair - 3.15-5pm

December 10th: KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm/5pm

December 16th: Height, weight & vision checks—Rec/Y6

December 16th: KS2 Christmas Performance 5pm

December 17th: KS2 Christmas Performance 1.45pm/5pm

December 18th: Christmas Lunch + Christmas jumper day

December 19th: Last day of term

Spring Term 1 onwards

January 5th: INSET for staff

January 6th: First day for children

January 6th: C1 & C2 whole class glockenspiel lessons with music specialist start this term.

January 8th: C5 first swim session

January 9th: PA Popcorn & PJ Night: KS1

January 16th: PA Popcorn and PJ Night: KS2

January 28th: Life Education

January 28th: Sports Hall Athletics Y1—TBC

January 29th: PA Rags-to-Riches Collection

January 29th: Life Education

February 13th: PA Cake Sale—C4

March 5th: World Book Day: Dress up as favourite character/PA Book Sale after school

March 2nd: Parent Evening—details to follow

March 5th: C5 Final swim session

March 11th: Parent Evening—details to follow

March 12th: C4 first swim session—details to follow

March 22nd: PA Egg Hunt

March 27th: PA Cake Sale—C3

March 27th: Final day of Term 4

April 13th: First day of Term 5

Thank you for your continued support, **Zoe Avastu** **Headteacher**

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