



'How wonderful, how pleasing it is when all God's people come together as one.'

**Belonging & Respect
COMPASSION AGAPE STRENGTH PEACE SERVICE**

END OF TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fun-filled Christmas week we have had – one that I hope has provided the children with some wonderful **end-of-term memories**. Our **Christmas lunch** from Fresh Start on Tuesday was very successful. All the children made Christmas hats and were treated to crackers, creating a lovely festive atmosphere. This was followed by Maple and Sycamore making Christingles in preparation for one of my favourite occasions – the **Christingle service** at church. The children truly excelled, delivering their lines confidently, singing beautifully, and creating a magical moment as the lights were dimmed and the Christingles were lit while Away in a Manger was sung.

I am always amazed by the huge array of Christmas jumpers, and Wednesday was no exception! The **Homework Gallery** was once again filled with an impressive range of creative work, including family trees, rockets, ships in bottles, maps, fact files and symmetrical patterns, to name just a few. We then welcomed members of our village community for our **community tea**, where residents were served refreshments and treated to singing from the pupils. This was highly praised and a real joy to see.

Thursday was a tale of two halves, beginning with the **Rock Steady concert** in the morning, which showcased some brilliant musical talent, followed by our end-of-term **church service** with communion in the afternoon, reminding us of the key messages of this special time of year. Last night, the choir were once again excellent as they performed at **Evenley** for the annual Christmas tree singing event.

Today we concluded the term with our traditional **Santa Run** this morning – perhaps better described this year as a mud run! This afternoon, the children enjoyed **glow-in-the-dark dodgeball** at the village hall. Phew! Is anyone ready for a holiday? Today we also announced the total amount raised from the **child enterprise event** – an incredible sum. A huge well done to everyone involved; I am truly amazed.

Finally, I would like to wish **Mrs Tite** all the very best as she leaves Croughton and embarks on her next chapter, teaching KS2 pupils and focusing on her passion for maths. I am sure you will all join me in thanking her for everything she has given to the school over the past seven years and wishing her every success.

Thank you as always for your continued support, wishing you all a fabulous Christmas Break and every success for 2026. Kind regards, Mrs. Sarah Smith

| | Headteacher Value | Ready, Respectful, Safe | HOUSEPOINTS |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| OAK | Ozzie H | Charlie & Scarlett | AIR - 1606 |
| CHESTNUT | Orla P | Arno & Noah | EARTH - 1333 |
| SYCAMORE | Struan H | The whole class | FIRE - 1463 |
| MAPLE | Jordan G | Alyana & Lola-Rae | WATER - 1578 |

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs. S. Smith **Deputy Safeguarding Leads:**

Mrs. K. Green & Mrs L. Tite **Governor responsible:** Rev'd Sara Cliff

Attendance figure - Whole school for academic year: **94.98%**
Authorised Absence: 3.9% Unauthorised Absence: 1.12%
Class attendance: **OAK 97.2% CHESTNUT 92.1% SYCAMORE 93.4% MAPLE 96.9%**
Attendance letters will be sent in January to those pupils with attendance less than 90%

Diary – WB 5th JANUARY 2026

START OF TERM 3

Monday

INSET DAY

Tuesday

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1.30pm Epiphany service at Church

Wednesday

Swimming – selected Y456

Thursday

Whole School Pantomime trip –
packed lunch needed or Fresh Start
packed lunch to be ordered. ETA to
school 5pm.

Friday

Village Carol Service – Sunday 21st December 4pm. Thank you to those who have already responded - it would be great to have a school presence at this service, and we would love to sing a Christmas song as well which the community always enjoy.

Stowe Open Day – Monday 22nd December – 10am-4pm.

Free entry to the garden to admire the Stowemen – don't forget to vote for ours! On arrival at the garden entrance, all you need to state is 'Stoweman Open Day' for free entry.

READING CHALLENGE This has been so popular with so many children on their journey at various points! I have handed out 100 raffle tickets already! The 4th checkpoint can first be reached on 16/12 with two more achievable in the holidays!

SEN Coffee Morning – The next session will be on Tuesday 10th March 2026 8:45-9:45am

Future dates:

10.3.26 9.6.26