



St Swithun's Half Termly News

Week ending 20th December 2024



Valuing individuals
Aspiring and achieving together in faith

St Swithun's C of E Primary Academy's Vision

Love bears all things
Believes all things
Hopes all things
Endures all things
(1 Corinthians 13:7)



Our Gospel Values for Spring Term are: COURAGE and FORGIVENESS

Our Character Traits for Spring 1 are: CREATIVITY and TOLERANCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term is always my favourite in school. It is one of the busiest half terms with church services, nativities, discos, Christmas tree festivals and much more. It has been lovely to see our children getting involved in all the activities both within school and the wider community. I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff who have gone above and beyond to make this time truly special for the children. Also, thank you Reverend Julie and Reverend Reuben who have worked with school and the children to make the services and nativities a real success.

As you are aware, Mrs Snowden is expecting her second baby in the new year. She will be returning to school in January and working alongside Mrs Sheldon who has been appointed to cover Mrs Snowden's maternity leave. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Sheldon to the St Swithun's team. We also welcomed a new member of staff this half term, Mrs Jones joined the school as a Midday Supervisor.

Please continue to support your children at home through the encouragement of daily reading and helping with any homework tasks or extended activities. We will be looking at planning some more theme days moving forward so please look out for these as we would like you to visit us and be a part of the experiences on offer.

We wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you have a lovely Christmas break, and we look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday 6th January 2025. **A reminder to parents Monday 13th January is an Inset day school will be closed to children.**

Mrs Howlett





6th January – All children return to school

10th January – Swimming starts again for Rufford children

13th January – INSET Day

3rd – 7th February – Children's Mental Health Week

7th February – Number Day

11th February – Safer Internet Day

14th February – Last Day of Term

NB: Whilst we will make every effort to keep to the above dates, sometimes events need to be moved. We will inform everyone through class Dojo should this be the case.

Key Messages

PE kits

Please make sure that your child has a full PE kit in school every Tuesday and on their specific PE days. Overall, I am really pleased with what I am seeing so thank you. At present, there are only a handful of children who do not have the correct kit in school. We are working with parents and carers to remedy this. KS2 children can bring their kit to school on a Monday, leave it in their locker and take it home again on Friday. As we move into the winter months, children should also bring warmer outer layers such as tracksuit bottoms and a thicker top to put over their white t-shirt.



Jewelry

Earrings - children are permitted to only wear studs and these must be removed for PE and swimming sessions. All other non-essential items of jewelry should remain at home. Watches are permitted but children must understand that they are responsible for their watch so I would urge that they don't wear anything too expensive or something that's deemed to be a family treasure.

EVENTS TEAM

Please look out for events shared on Dojo throughout the next half term.