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| Monday 8th | Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performance |
| Tuesday 9th | Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performance |
| Wednesday 10th | Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Show |
| Thursday 11th | Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Show |
| Monday 15th | Reception (RB) Nativity |
| Tuesday 16th | Reception (RLI) Nativity |
| Wednesday 17th | Christmas Dinner |
| Wednesday 17th | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Friday 19th | Last Day of Term |



Ambition ♦ Respect ♦ Kindness

Dear families

We are looking forward to the start of our Christmas performances next week. The children have been practising hard and the schools are filled with Christmas songs. Please remember to bring your tickets along with you for your chosen performance.

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed the parent survey. There is still time to give us your views. We are very grateful for your feedback. The links are below.

Infant School: [Prettygate Infant School— Parent Survey](#)

Junior School: [Prettygate Junior School—Parent Survey](#)

School Meals

Week commencing 8th December we will be eating meals from Menu 3.

Litter Pick

Thank you to everyone who joined in with the community litter pick on Friday. It is good to see so many people working together to keep the areas around our schools clean and tidy.

Christmas Cards

Our Christmas post boxes will be appearing around the schools in the next few days. If your child will be sending Christmas cards this year, they can post them in the post box for their year group. Please ensure your child's class is clearly identified on the envelope.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday 17th December we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day in aid of St Helena Hospice. Children can come to school in a Christmas jumper for a small donation to help this very worthwhile charity. Please remember that donations are purely voluntary and jumpers do not need to be specially bought. An old jumper with some tinsel or other decoration on it will be just fine.





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Colchester United Players

Last Monday we welcomed two Colchester United footballers, Jaden Williams and Milton Oni, along to our Multi-Sports Club. They joined in the activities and gave the children some helpful tips. They then held a question and answer session with the children.



Christmas Trees

Our schools are looking very festive with our lovely real Christmas trees. A big thank you to Poplar Nurseries for their kind donation of a Christmas tree for our schools.

Facebook

Have you joined our Facebook page. Please click the link below to find the school's page and give us a follow:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1GXMUF47TC/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



Volunteers needed at Forest School:

We would love to welcome new volunteers to our junior Forest School sessions. You don't need any previous experience, just lots of enthusiasm! We are particularly looking for people on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. If you are interested, please contact either office as soon as possible so that Mrs Jowers can have a chat with you and we can organise a DBS, if you need one. Please consider joining our team, without your help Forest School sessions may be cancelled. Thank you.

Online Safety Parent Workshop Thursday 11th December

The 2 Johns will be back on Thursday 11 December, at 8.00pm with one of their popular online sessions. This is your chance to hear the latest insights, tips, and must-know updates to help keep children safe online — just in time for the holiday season. Save the date and register now by scanning the QR code via [this link](#).

Family Nativity Trail

On Sunday 7th December, Plume Avenue Church are holding a Nativity Trail around Prettygate. For more information, please see the flyer on our ['News and Events'](#) page on the school website.

Plea for Socks, Tights and Underwear

Our infant school would be very grateful for donations of socks, tights and underwear for their spare uniform cupboard. If you have any that your child no longer wears, please take them to the infant office.





Friday ARK Assemblies

Each Friday, we hold an assembly to celebrate our school values of ambition, respect and kindness. Class teachers choose one child from their class who has demonstrated all three values consistently. A certificate is presented in the assembly and their parents are invited to come along. See the photos of this week's winners below!

| Class | Name of Child |
|-------|------------------------------------|
| RB | Madeleine H |
| RLI | Matilda P |
| 1T | Oscar S |
| 1S | Zaid A |
| 2MB | Ella B |
| 2N | Harrison B |
| 3FJ | Aurora D |
| 3G | Roll over to next week |
| 4K | Jacob S & Roman D (rolled over) |
| 4M | Lydia A |
| 5D | Joshua A-V & Effie F (rolled over) |
| 5RG | Charlotte B |
| 6L | Shreeya A |
| 6MH | Grace W |



House Points:

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| Jupiter – 569 | 1st |
| Mars – 573 | 2nd |
| Pluto – 325 | 3rd |
| Venus – 275 | 4th |

Golden Broom Award

Every other week, one infant class and one junior class are awarded the Golden Broom in recognition of their efforts to tidy up at the end of lunchtime. This week's winner is class 2N. Well done!

