## Dates for the Diary

**27th Nov** – Non uniform day – rainbow raffle donations
**8th Dec** – Rainbow Raffle day
**Fri 11th Dec** – 9.30am Church Service – Year 2 will be leading the service
**Fri 11th Dec** – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
**Fri 18th December** – Last day of Term
**Christmas Holiday**
**Mon 4th Jan 2027** – INSET day
**5th January** – Back to School
**15th–19th February** – half term
**Mon 22nd February** – INSET day
**Thurs 25th March** – Last day of term
**Fri 26th Mar–9th April** – Easter hols
**12th April** – Back to school
**3rd May** – Bank Holiday Monday
**31stMay-4th June** – Half term
**21st July** – Last day of term

## Penguin Parents Evening

Penguin Parents Evening will be held on **Monday 30th November.** There will be a signup sheet on the Penguin door for you to choose your appointment time.

celebration WORSHIP

If it is your child's birthday next week, you are welcome to attend!

**Friday 27th November**

**Families of Ladybirds/Bears/Zebras/Tigers**

Please only come to your child's key stage worship, and make sure your phone is on silent and not in use during the worship, thank you.

## Croft on the Heath

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| Mon 23th Nov | Tigers/Zebra/Bears |
| Tues 24th Nov | |
| Wed 25th Nov | Ladybirds/Penguins |
| Thur 26th Nov | |
| Fri 27th Nov | |

**Please make sure your child has their wellies, warm, waterproof coat and a pair of old tracksuit bottoms in a named bag for their Croft Day.** It will often be muddy and/or wet and the children need to access outdoor learning with all the right kit!

# Newsletter 11

ST. MARY'S C.E. (A) FIRST SCHOOL

Learning to love
Loving to learn

20th November 2026


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## Breakfast Club

We have changed our breakfast offer from Monday – breakfast will now be included in all bookings and will be available up to 8.15am.



## Worship

BREAK THE SILENCE #ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

In worship, we have been taking part in anti-bullying week and wearing our odd socks to show that we are all unique – Jordan helped us to see that bullying is not ok, and we need to Break the Silence – encouraging our children to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.

## After School Club

Wednesday 25th November
Book on Parent Pay!!




Our Bears & Tigers enjoyed a visit to the Library this week. (Zebras morning was torrential rain, so we postponed! and KS2 will be going next week) Our children proudly represented our school with excellent oracy, knowledge about non-fiction and super behaviour.



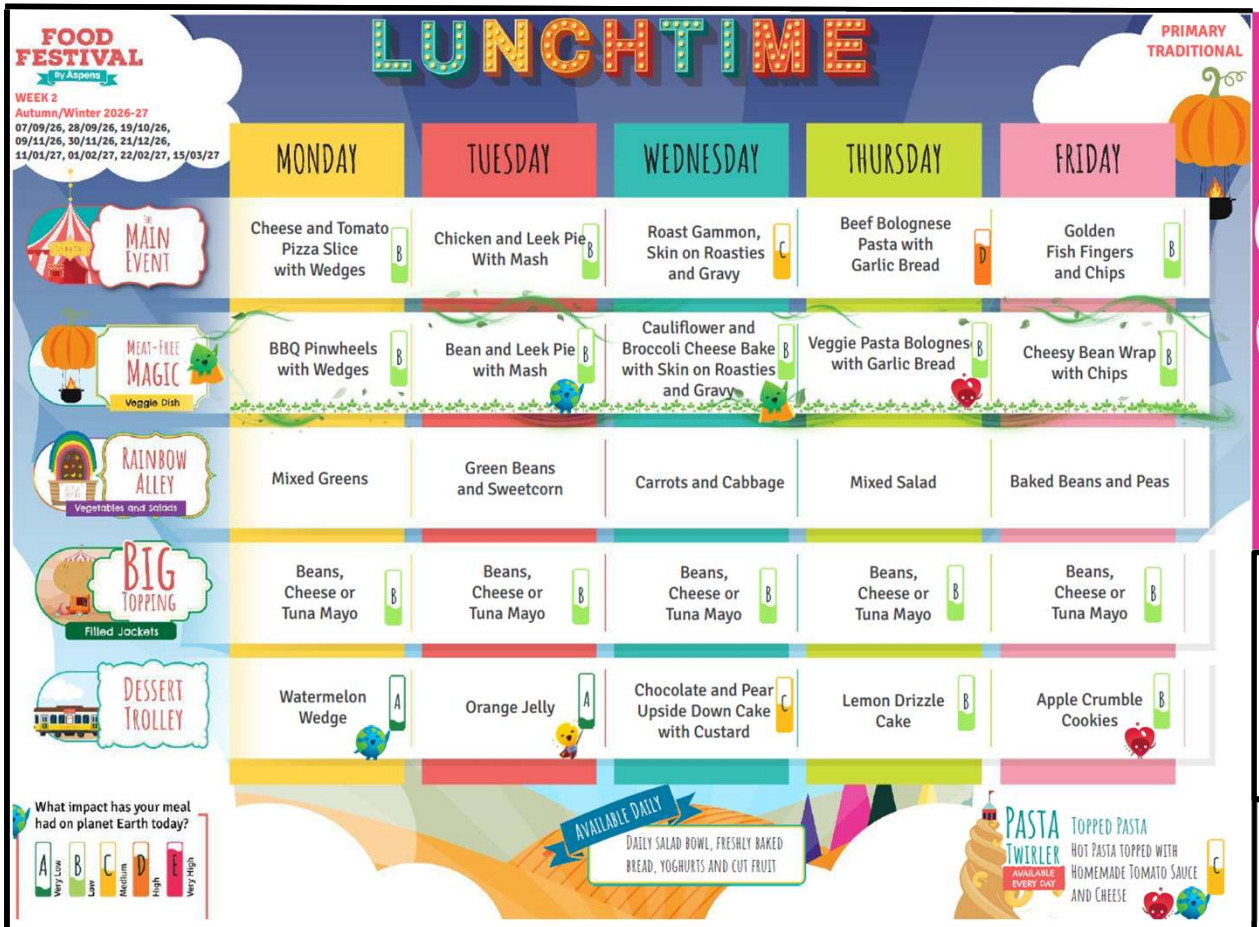
ATTENDANCE MATTERS every school day counts.

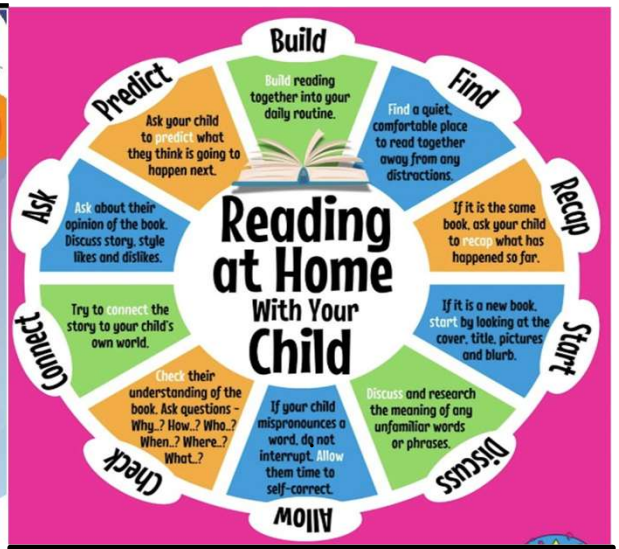
## Attendance in School

This week's attendance is

**95.6%**

Without lates and holidays, our attendance would have been 96.4%
**21 children have arrived late this week.** Please come to school on time. The doors close at 8.55am – set off 5 minutes earlier –that might just make all the difference.
Thank you




## Reading at Home

This is so important and makes such a difference to your child's reading progress. Please listen to your child read and enjoy that time together (and sign their reading diary for extra dojos!)

## EYFS Nativity Play
## Penguins & Ladybirds



Monday 14th Dec 2.00pm
Wednesday 16th Dec 2.00pm
More info nearer the time

## Friday 27th November - Non-uniform Day

### And please donate a Raffle Gift if you can!

We will be asking for your kind donations towards our Christmas raffle hampers, which the PTFA team will make up and raffle off on Tuesday 8th December. It is a Rainbow/Christmas Raffle. Each class will be asked to donate **one gift of a particular colour** on Friday 27th November, in exchange for wearing non-uniform! Thank you!

More info about raffle tickets nearer the time.

**White-Butterflies** **Red – Ladybirds** **Orange – Leopards**
**Yellow – Bears** **Green – Tigers** **Indigo/Black- Giraffes**
**Blue – Penguins** **Violet/Purple – Zebras** **Silver/Gold-Crocodiles**

## School Trip to the Theatre




Children from EYFS to Year 4 are going on a trip to the Regent Theatre on Tuesday 15th December to see Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs. Parents have had an email about it, and we are able to offer it at a discounted price, with a big thank you to the PTFA for subsidising some of the cost. Payment is on Parent Pay. Butterflies and Penguins will be having their own exciting day in school too!