

Dates for the Diary

- 6th Jan 2025 - INSET day for staff
- 7th Jan - Back to School
- 7th Jan - Art Week
- 27th Jan - Story Telling & STEM week
- 14th Feb - Church Service
- 17th-21st Feb - half term
- 24th Feb - INSET day for staff
- 25th Feb - Back to School
- 11th April - Last day of term
- 28th April - Back to school
- 5th May - Bank Holiday Monday
- 26th May-30th May - Half term
- 18th July - Last day of term
- 21st July - INSET day for staff



The Big Little Nativity

We were very proud of our Penguins, Ladybirds and Bear Cubs who performed a beautiful nativity for their families. They brought joy to our hearts.



Carol Singing

This week, the Tigers went to St Mary's Mount Nursing Home and the Sing & Sign choir went to The Hermitage Care Home, to sing Christmas Carols for all the residents. Everyone enjoyed themselves.... old and young!



Christmas Surprise!

What a lovely surprise to see the Christmas Llamas on Tuesday on The Croft. And then, to be surprised by the Grinch!! With the help of Santa and Mrs Claus, every class managed to change the Grinch's outlook on Christmas, and convinced him to be happy!



(Thank you to the PTFA fundraising for the gifts from Santa, and the Llamas)

On Wednesday, we enjoyed carol singing on The Croft, and the children and staff from St Josephs came to join us. We had a lovely time singing and dancing together in true Christmas spirit!



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Learning to love
Loving to learn

Thank you so much....

After our Disco, our Rainbow Raffle and our Winter Soiree, we have raised a grand total of £1951. Thank you so much to all of our families who so generously donated to help our school. Huge thank-you to our fantastic PTFA for all their hard work.

Worship

As we continue our journey through Advent, we have lit the third candle which symbolises Joy and the Shepherd's candle. Our Autumn Worship Teams led worship on the playground on Wednesday to remind us of the gift of Jesus at Christmas, and to share the gifts from the Uttoxeter Churches - chocolates for everyone. Thank you to the Churches of Uttoxeter for your kindness.



After school clubs will start in the week beginning 13th Jan. Sign-up letters will come out in the first week back. Multi-Sports Y4, Football Y1,2,3,4, Choir Y2,3,4, Art & Craft Y1&2

We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Thank you for all your support and kindness this term. We hope you enjoy all the festivities and quality time with your families and friends, and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7th January 2024.



St Mary's Church

Sunday 22nd December
6.00pm Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December - 4pm Crib & Christingle service. Children may come dressed in Nativity costumes to be part of the story.

Christmas Eve Communion
11.15pm - midnight

Christmas Day Communion
10.00am



FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL Week 1

Autumn Winter 2024-25:
2/9, 23/9, 14/10, 4/11, 25/11, 16/12, 6/1, 27/1

| Day | Main Event | Meat-Free Magic | Rainbow Alley | Big Topping | Dessert Trolley |
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| MONDAY | Margherita Pizza Slice and Wedges | Veggie Pepper and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice with Wedges | Sweetcorn | Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo | Toffee Frozen Yoghurt |
| TUESDAY | BBQ Cheesy Chicken | Cheesy Bean Wrap | Apple Slaw and Wholegrain Rice | Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo | Sweet Potato Brownie |
| WEDNESDAY | Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Quorn Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Peas and Carrots | Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo | Forest Fruits Jelly Pots |
| THURSDAY | Lasagne | Vegetable Lasagne | Green Beans | Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo | Cookie Dough Apple Crumble |
| FRIDAY | Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips | Veggie Burger and Chips | Baked Beans | Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo | Jammy Thumbprint Biscuits |

AVAILABLE DAILY:
DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT

PASTA TWIRLER:
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce and Cheese

Celebration Worship



In the first week back, it is Celebration Worship for KS2 parents. If it is your child's birthday, you are welcome to attend (we celebrate all the birthdays up to the Sunday)

Friday 10th January - Families of Crocs/Giraffes/Leopards

Please pop your phones away, and on silent, once you have signed in. This helps to safeguard all our children. Thank you.

7th January - Art Week

We come back to school, and begin our Art Week, using 'Take One Picture' - an initiative by The National Gallery. We will be studying the painting by Canaletto, "A Regatta on the Grand Canal".

Family Learning (advanced notice!)

Come and see how your child learns fluency in reading and is learning to write effective sentences using Colourful Semantics. One family member is welcome to join their child in their English lesson, there will be a booking form sent out next half term.

Monday 13th Jan 9-10am - Tigers
 Tuesday 14th Jan 9-10am - Zebras
 Weds 15th Jan 9-10am - Y1 Bears
 Monday 20th Jan 9-10am - Crocodiles
 Tuesday 21st Jan 9-10am - Giraffes
 Friday 24th Jan 9-10am - Leopards

Croft on the Heath

Here is the rota for the rest of this term. Don't forget your wellies, old trousers, warm hats and gloves



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| Mon | Tigers 13/1, 27/1, 10/2 | Giraffes 6/1, 20/1, 3/2 |
| Tues | Zebras 14/1, 28/1, 11/2 | Leopards 7/1, 21/1, 4/2 |
| Weds | Y1 Bears 14/1, 29/1, 12/2 | Ladybirds & Bear Cubs every week |
| Thurs | Penguins every week in the morning | |
| Fri | Crocodiles 10/1, 24/1, 7/2 | |

Swimming

Crocodiles are having their first swimming lesson on Tuesday 14th January Don't forget your swimming kit!!



Mini Me Mindfulness

Holiday Club in our School 23-24 Dec & 2-3 Jan



<https://mini-me-mindfulness-staffs.classforkids.io/>