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For every child a chance to shine*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spirituality:

A few highlights from last week in Forest School:

The most amazing mushrooms were discovered, including lots of blue roundheads and glistening inkcaps and some beautiful lichen. The children had fun playing with the willow canes and showed great teamwork. Finally, the slow worms were out and were very obliging for photos!

Teaching, Learning and Enrichment:

We had a visit from the English Hub on Tuesday 11th November to observe the teaching of Read Write Inc phonics. Danielle was very impressed with the progress made by the children and commented on how well they had adapted to the new teaching strategies and groupings. It was a pleasure to showcase the phonics teaching at Layston.

Children in Need

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our families. You raised a grand total of £100.80 for Children in Need!



FOLS Non-uniform day

Thank you for all the contributions for the Christmas Fayre tombola. Our school office is overflowing with your generous donations! We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 21st November at 3:30pm.

Dates for diaries

Here are a few key dates for the first half of the autumn term. We will update you as and when additional dates are added with regard to school visits, visitors in school and FOLS fundraising events.

Layston Christmas Fayre	Friday 21 st Nov 3:30pm onwards
Occasional day - school closed	Friday 5 th Dec
The Christmas production	Wednesday 10 th December 1:30-3:00pm, Thursday 11 th December 1:30-3:00pm Friday 12 th December 5:30-7:00pm.
YR Christmas Nativity	Tuesday 16 th December at St Peter's Church at 9:30
Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day	Wednesday 17 th Dec
End of term	Friday 19 th Dec 1:30pm



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Attendance: 07/11/25-13/11/25

YR 98.5%

Y1 88.15%

Y2 98.33%

Y3 100%

Y4 98.52%

Very well done to our Y3 class who have managed 100% attendance, amazing!

Christmas Fair

On Friday 21st November at 3:15-6:00pm FOLS will be holding our annual Christmas Fair.

There will be a range of stalls, including Forest School's handmade Christmas decorations.

FOLS have been in contact with Father Christmas and he has made time in his busy schedule to visit us.

Christmas production

For this year's production Years 1-4 children will be taking part in Olivia. Each family will be given 2 tickets to use over 3 performances. Play performances will take place on Wednesday 10th December 1:30-15:00, Thursday 11th December 1:30-15:00 and Friday 12th December 17:30-19:00. Play tickets will open to Year 4 parents on Friday 28th November at 6pm. Booking will open to all other parents on Monday 1st December at 4pm. Please note any tickets booked outside of these dates and times will be removed.

Reception children will be performing the Nativity at St Peter's Church for their Christmas performance on Tuesday 16th December. For this performance YR parents will be able to access the online booking system from Monday 2nd December at 6:00pm. These will be limited to two tickets per family due to restricted numbers in the church.

Occasional day

Just a reminder that we have an occasional day in line with other local schools on **Friday 5th December** and therefore school will close and you can enjoy a long weekend.

Gentle reminder

Please may we remind our families that we are a non-smoking site and this includes vapes. We ask that you do not smoke or vape on or outside the school site. Thank you for your cooperation.

Best wishes

Adele McMurrough
Headteacher