



Dear parents and carers,

As we conclude the Autumn term, December offers an important moment for reflection and planning in the school community. Christmas is fast approaching and we know that everyone will be looking forward to a break.

We want to thank you for your continued support of the school and of how you have worked with us to ensure your child has good attendance. We know a few of us are picking up coughs and colds but remember it is important that our children are in school. See page three of the newsletter for when children should and should not be in school.

Thank you to all of our school staff who work tirelessly to ensure that your children make accelerated progress, feel safe and grow as people.

We wish you all the happiest of holidays.

Best wishes, Mrs Mark- Richards & Mrs Webb



### Key Dates December:

Thursday 4th: Choir Carol Concert at The Royal Garrison Church 6pm

Monday 8th: Community Nurse in (see Mrs Embleton-Horner if you would like an appointment)

Monday 8th and Wednesday 10th: Year 6 Parents Evening

Wednesday 10th: Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party —full

Friday 12th: Talavera Treat- Pantomime- Selected Children

Friday 12th: Autumn Term extra-curricula clubs finish

Tuesday 16th: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day 5 & 6 and Pangolins

Wednesday 17th: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day 3 & 4

Friday 19th: The Royal Garrison Church—Christmas Celebration- **Early finish at 13:30**

**(Pre-order lunch for this day—a form will be sent shortly)**

### Key Dates January:

Monday 5th: **Inset Day**

Tuesday 6th: **Children return to school**

Wednesday 7th: Year 4 Saxon Workshop

Monday 12th: Community Nurse in (see Mrs Embleton-Horner if you would like an appointment)

Monday 12th: Spring Term extra-curricula clubs start

W/C 12th: Anti-Bullying/Anti-Prejudice Week (details to follow)

W/C 19th: House Event—Spelling Bee (details to follow)



### Be Bright Be Seen

Earlier this month, we highlighted the importance of road safety with a themed day: 'Be bright be seen'. This is a road safety campaign that encourages pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers to increase visibility, especially in low-light conditions, by wearing bright or reflective clothing and using lights.

#### To be seen:

- wear fluorescent clothing during the day and reflective gear at night
- while cyclists should also ensure their bikes have working lights and reflectors.

## Online Safety: Being Smart with Screens

As technology evolves, so does the need to help children use it safely and positively.

Through our computing curriculum, we teach children about "Digital Balance" — understanding how to enjoy technology safely without letting it take over our free time.

At home, you can help by:

- Talking regularly about what your child enjoys online and who they might be chatting to (even in games)
- Using BBC Own It and Childnet for fun videos and games that teach safe online habits
- Encouraging "tech-free times" — for example, no devices during dinner or before bed
- Setting up devices with child-safe settings and age-appropriate content filters

For guidance and support, visit:

[www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/cp440njz78zt](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/cp440njz78zt)

[www.internetmatters.org/](http://www.internetmatters.org/)



### Keeping children safe when playing Roblox

#### Pop-Ups in Roblox

We have been made aware of a pop-up that is appearing on Roblox, encouraging children to download an app called pollybuzz (in some cases spelt pollyfuzz). The app seems quite simple where children are asked questions, and it generates an Artificial Intelligence 'friend' - this starts off quite innocently but then begins to show extreme content.

It may be helpful to remind children about not clicking on pop-ups in games and to report anything that is worrying or inappropriate to a trusted adult.

Please let us know if you require any support.



### TT Rockstars Day

TTRS Day in school was filled with excitement as children practised their maths skills through fun challenges and games. Classrooms buzzed with friendly competition and everyone tried their best to beat their previous scores. By the end of the day, children felt proud of their progress and enjoyed celebrating their achievements together.

Teachers also joined in battling each other to be crowned the champion of lower and upper schools!

Well done Miss Coombs and Mrs Heaton.



## Attendance and Penalty Notice

**Leave of Absence Forms** The [Leave of Absence Request Form \(LOAF\)](#) has been updated to reflect a policy change. Schools are now authorised to issue Penalty Notices to parents who attempt to avoid penalties by scheduling holidays that fall below the threshold, including during weeks containing Bank Holidays or INSET days.

As a school we still follow Hampshire's policy with regards to unauthorised absence. We very much value your child's attendance and the impact this has on their education.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Every student. Every day.





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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



# *Aldershot Garrison Carol Service*

Joined by The Waterloo Band,  
Bugles of 7RIFLES and guests.

Thursday  
04<sup>th</sup> December  
2025  
1830-1930hrs

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*Schools participating:*

***Cambridge School, Marlborough Infants, Talavera Infants,  
Talavera Juniors, Wellington School.***

The Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Claycart Road, Aldershot GU11 1QA



**FREE**



**FARNBOROUGH  
AND ALDERSHOT**

**CHRISTMAS**



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# EVENTS DIARY

**Sat 15 Nov**  
Noon to 5.30pm



**Aldershot Christmas Cracker**  
Aldershot Town Centre

**Sat 22 Nov**  
10am to 3.30pm



**Farnborough Frost Fair**  
Queensmead, Farnborough

**Sat 6 Dec**  
9am to 4pm



**Farnborough Christmas Craft Fayre**  
Queensmead, Farnborough

**Sun 7 Dec**  
Noon to 4pm



**A Winters Gift**  
The Landing, Farnborough

**Wed 10 Dec**  
6.30 to 8pm



**North Town Carol Concert**  
Community Base, North Lane, Aldershot

**Sat 13 Dec**  
10am to 3pm



**Aldershot Christmas Craft Fayre**  
Wellington Centre, Aldershot

**Sat 20 Dec**  
10am to 3pm



**Farnborough Young Business Showcase**  
The Landing, Farnborough

**Sat 20 Dec**  
5.30 to 6.30pm



**Carols in the Bandstand**  
Princes Gardens Bandstand, Aldershot



[www.rushmoor.gov.uk/eventsdiary](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/eventsdiary)



Plus free parking  
on Sunday 7, 14  
and 21 December

Some exclusions  
apply. See  
website