

Dear Parent/Carer



Christmas Cards

If your child would like to send a Christmas card to their friends or teachers, the classroom Christmas card post boxes will be open from Monday 1st December.

EYFS and KS1 Children's Christmas Performances

This year our EYFS children will be performing Christmas Counts and our KS1 children will be performing Everyone loves a baby.

Costume letters have already been sent home in your child's book bag. If you would like support with finding a costume, please speak to your child's class teacher.

You will be able to sign up for two tickets to see your child's Christmas performance through Parent Mail. Please complete the form in Parent Mail. Please indicate which performance you would like to see by 2nd of December. If we are unable to honor your request, our office team will contact you.

Dates of all performances can be seen below. **Please note that younger siblings will only be able to attend the performances indicated and that no one will be admitted after the start of the performance.** To attend the performances, please enter through the Infant pedestrian entrance and take a left towards the external entrance of the Infant School Hall.

Date	Time	Performance
Tuesday 9 th December	2pm – 2:45pm	EYFS Christmas Production - Parents can bring along younger siblings to this performance.
Wednesday 10 th December	9am – 9.45am	KS1 Christmas Production - no children allowed at this performance.
Thursday 11 th December	9am – 9.45am	EYFS Christmas Production - no children are allowed at this performance.
Thursday 11 th December	2pm – 2:45pm	KS1 Christmas Production - no children allowed at this performance

Friday 12 th December	9am – 9.45am	KS1 Christmas Production - Parents can bring along younger siblings to this performance
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Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 10th December

On Wednesday 10th December the children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers to school, school uniform is not required to be worn on this day. The children and staff will also be able to enjoy a Christmas lunch on this day. If your child usually has a packed lunch and you would like them to have Christmas lunch, please fill out the form on parent mail by the 25th November 2025.

Nursery children - If your child usually comes into Nursery at 12.10pm on a Wednesday and would like to have a Christmas lunch please let the office know. You will then be able to drop them at the school office at 11.25am. If your child is not here by 11.30am there is a possibility that they will be unable to join Nursery for lunch. If your child is usually picked up from Nursery at 11.40am on a Wednesday and would like to stay for the Christmas Lunch, please collect them at 12.15pm from the Nursery gate.

Class Parties - Wednesday 17th December

The children and staff will celebrate the approaching end of term with a class party in the afternoon on Wednesday 17th December. No snacks or change of clothes are required for the Class parties.

St John's Christmas Church Service - Thursday 18th December at 10am

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be visiting St John's Church on Thursday 18th December for a Christmas Church Service. The children will begin to leave the school at 9.15am and should all arrive for the beginning of the service at 10am.

In order for the children to be able to walk safely to and from St John's Church we would like to ask for parents to volunteer to walk with the children from the school to the church. If you are able to support with this, please could you email the school office and let us know.

If you are unable to walk with us to the church and would still like to attend, parents are requested to arrive from 9.45am for the service to begin at 10am. The service should last 45 minutes.

Christmas Tree Donation

 We're feeling extra festive at The Hermitage Schools thanks to the generosity of Ottershaw Christmas Tree Farm, who have kindly donated two beautiful Christmas trees to help us celebrate the season 

Ottershaw Christmas Tree farm has a huge selection of 3 – 14ft freshly cut trees from £10. Open 27th November. Visit Father Christmas for FREE with purchase of any tree (or £10 without tree purchase). Please see website, www.mauricemandry.com for his visiting times & T&Cs. Find us by the Ottershaw roundabout (near Chertsey & M25 Jct 11) - <https://www.instagram.com/ottershawchristmastreefarm/>

HSA Updates

Call for Craft Supplies: Help Build Santa's Sleigh!

Rachel, is building the spectacular, show-stopping centrepiece for the fair: a magnificent, brand new Santa Sleigh! But even Santa needs supplies.

Can you spare any of the following items? If these are cluttering your cupboards or you're happy to donate, please drop them to the school office.

We urgently need to stock up on paint and hardware to complete this epic build!

Supplies Needed	Details & Why
Paint!	Red (lots required), Black, Gold, and Brown acrylic or wall paint for that authentic Christmas finish.
Picture Frames	Old, loved, or vintage-style frames (various sizes)
Small Hardware	Small hinges, tiny bolts, and about 5 small screw-in hooks.
Finishing Touches	About 5 Christmas stockings, a can of clear spray varnish.

Grotto Sales Closing Soon

This is your final call! Sales for the Grotto close at **11 pm sharp on Saturday 29th November**. Tickets cost £4.50 per child (price includes a gift from Santa).

Feeling Lucky? Enter Our Online Christmas Raffle!

Our online raffle is overflowing with incredible prizes! From delicious local treats to fantastic family experiences. Enter for just £1 per ticket, every ticket purchased helps us fund vital resources for the school. Keep an eye on our prize page as we're adding new surprises daily—grab your tickets now for a chance to win big!

Ready to Join the Fun?

Get those essential Grotto visits booked, and snag your raffle tickets all in one place! **Visit:** www.pta-events.co.uk/hopa

We Need Your Elf Power! Volunteers Make the Magic Happen!

A fair as wonderful as ours simply cannot happen without our amazing community stepping up. Our dedicated Class Reps have worked wonders organising their stalls, but we still have essential, volunteer slots to fill.

This is an urgent plea! Please, if you haven't yet signed up, reach out to your Class Rep today to secure your slot. Just half an hour of your time is the difference between keeping a stall buzzing with happy children or regrettably having to close it down. Let's work together to ensure every child has a magical, fun-filled experience!

Kind Regards

The Hermitage Schools and HSA