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Newsletter 15 – 19th December 2025

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Open Morning- (please email or ring the office to book)

7th January 2026 at 9:15am



Dear Parents and Carers,



We loved welcoming Father Christmas to school today. Max, the school dog, loved helping!

Wow, what a week in the life of St Ives Primary School! Firstly I would like to say as the Headteacher how proud I am of all the children for taking part in some spectacular Christmas productions. The KS2 children far surpassed our expectations of them in 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' panto at the Merryfield Theatre, Verwood Hub this week. All the children really were quite spectacular with incredible talent on show and what an experience for our young people to have, performing in a professional theatre, a memory they will never forget! KS1 were amazing and our very youngest children deserve the biggest cheer, Nursery got up on stage, sang, danced and smiled through their song! It was lovely to see such joy, fun and happiness amongst our children, something I am sure you would all agree all our children deserve and need for their positive and emotional wellbeing.

As I look back over the term, I cannot believe what we have achieved in such a short space of time! The highlights have been:

- New Reception and Nursery children starting
- Trips and Year 4 residential
- A wealth of sporting & music achievements and events
- Happy and healthy children
- Children's Christmas Performances – what super performances and such talent! I hope you all enjoyed these!
- Children's progress and learning – every child has moved forward in their learning

I know at this time of the year there is pressure to create a perfect 'magical' Christmas. I know that as parents you want to give your children the magic of Christmas and ensure he brings the best presents and sometimes that means a bit (or a lot in some cases!) of stress for you. As a Headteacher I want to share something with you:

When your child/children arrive back to school in January they tell us all about the Christmas holidays. They tell us about the days when the whole family stayed indoors and watched TV or went for a walk in the freezing cold. They tell us about being with Grandparents and then being excited when you come back from work. They tell us about how you let them snuggle in bed, how you played cards and took them swimming one day and forgot their towel! They tell us about New Year's Eve and how they stayed up until midnight, how they loved staying in their PJ's some days and about a trip out another day. They mention their gifts, but for them Christmas is you and your love, time and routines and feeling safe. Time with you is their favourite present.

Hot Meals ordering deadline

Please note that the deadline for orders for the first week back is **Christmas Day** and for the 2nd week back is **New Year's Day**. We have been advised that if you do not receive an email receipt, your order will not be confirmed.

Christmas Tree

The school has a beautiful Christmas tree that is looking for a home. If you would like it please contact the school office. It seems such a shame for it to waste away and not be enjoyed post school closing.

New half termly books for KS2 classes:

The children's half termly book will change after the break. Please can you ensure your child has their own copy ready for the first day back for their lessons. Please make use of the SISA book loan scheme where you can borrow a book for £2 and return it at the end of the half term.

The new texts for each class are as follows:

Year 3: The Iron Man by Ted Hughes
Year 4: Podkin One Ear by Kieran Larwood
Year 5: Wonder by R.J.Palacio
Year 6: Rooftoppers- Katherine Rundell



Ringwood Library – Holiday Activities & Food (HAF)

Ringwood Library will host a fun Winter Wonderland Christmas Show on **Tuesday 30th December**. This free event is part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which supports families who usually receive free school meals. Please share this with anyone who might benefit. We'd love to see lots of children join in!

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PE Kit days for January 2026

YR – Wednesday & Thursday
Y1 – Wednesday & Thursday
Y2 – Wednesday & Thursday
Y3 – Monday & Wednesday
Y4 – Monday & Thursday
Y5 – Monday & Thursday
Y6 – Monday & Thursday

WOW Days for the Spring term – some pre-warning for costumes!

- YR - WOW Day on Tuesday 6th January. Our theme is 'Amazing Africa'. The children can come dressed as African animals
- Y1 - WOW Day on Friday 9th January. Our theme is Paws, Claws and Whiskers, the children can dress as an animal of their choice, more information on SeeSaw
- Y2 - WOW Day on Friday 9th January. Theme is "What's your super power?" The children are invited to dress as Superheroes!
- Y3 - WOW Day on Friday 9th January. Our theme will be Heroes and Villains, Please come dressed as a hero or villain, they can be fictional or real, Florence Nightingale, Robin Hood, Batman or Darth Vader etc.
- Y4 - WOW Day on Friday 9th January. Theme is "I'm in the Rainforest, get me out of here!" The children are invited to dress as explorers or Rainforest animals.
- Y5 - WOW day on Friday 9th January. 'May the force be with you!' is our theme in January, can the children please dress as scientists or Star Wars themed and in trainers please
- Y6 - WOW Day on Thursday 8th January. Theme is "Darwin's Delights" and teaches the children about Charles Darwin and his work on The Theory of Evolution and Natural Selection. The children will be invited to come into school dressed in clothing appropriate to the theme; explorers, scientists, animals linked to Darwin's theories such as monkeys or finches.

Interschool Photographic Competition

Ringwood School is excited to host the Interschool Photographic Competition 2026, which is set to be bigger than ever! This year's theme is Perspective, inviting students, parents, and carers to explore creative viewpoints and interpretations. Entries (up to three JPEG images, minimum 2MB, no AI) are open across age categories from Year R to Adult, with fantastic prizes including a £500 digital camera kit for Photographer of the Year. Full details are on Ringwood School's website, and entries must be submitted by **Friday 30th January 2026** to photocompetition@ringwood.hants.sch.uk. See poster attached.

Reminder

No tramlines in hair in January please!

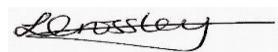
Dates

January 2026

5th School reopens for Spring Term

On behalf of Governors and Staff I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley
Headteacher



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