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Class News

Nursery	- have been making porridge as part of our favourite story The Magic Pot.
YR	- have loved their PE session with the sports ambassadors this week learning to control a football.
Y1	- have been exploring 3D shapes during our Maths learning.
Y2	- have enjoyed Wellbeing Week, particularly Yoga and art with Heidi.
Y3	- have had lots of fun doing Yoga as part of Wellbeing Week.
Y4	- have loved Wellbeing Week, especially toasting marshmallows.
Y5	- have enjoyed designing bookmarks for their Year 1 buddies.
Y6	- have thoroughly enjoyed the variety of activities on offer for Wellbeing Week, including toasting marshmallows, mindfulness Art, Yoga, watching a movie and wearing our PJs!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fabulous 'Wellbeing' Week full of mindful Art, Yoga, Forest School and wearing pyjamas to school!

Elf Hunt

The school council are organising an elf hunt for **Tuesday 2nd December** to raise money for our charity Greyfriars's Community Centre. It is £1 to enter and the children will be teaming up with another class to complete the hunt! Please bring money in on the day. Thank you for your support.

Photographs

The proofs of your child/ren's school photographs have been sent home and Fraser Portraits have started to receive orders. If you would like to order any photographs, please ensure these are placed by **midnight Sunday 30th November**. Orders will then be received approximately two weeks after this deadline. For any late orders there will be an additional postage fee.

SISA

SISA are hosting a Non Uniform day on **Friday 5th December** with a request for coloured hamper items to be donated, please see the list below for each year group's colour theme;

Nursery – Noir Noel
Year R – Golden Glow
Year 1 – Candycane Pink
Year 2 – Sugarplum Purple
Year 3 – Winter Blue
Year 4 – Holly Green
Year 5 – Snow White
Year 6 – Berry Red



Donations to be handed in to class teachers please. There will be 2 hampers raffled at each of the Christmas performances!

Christmas Lunch Order Reminder

Please note that the cut-off for Christmas lunch orders is **midnight on Monday 1st December**.

Neighbourhood Plan

As you will have read in last week's newsletter, our parish is creating a Neighbourhood Plan. This is a community project to guide future building and protect green spaces in St Leonards and St Ives. It helps decide where homes, shops, and facilities should go, making sure changes suit our area. We'd love the school community to get involved! Parents can complete the questionnaire using the link below. Children can enter a special competition to share ideas for the parish's future. The most creative entry (written or drawings) wins a family mini golf ticket and two mini Range Rover sessions at Moors Valley! Remember the deadline for completion of the questionnaire and competition entry is **Friday 28th November 2025**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4MsAUN90Me>

Nursery Open Morning for prospective families

We currently have some spaces in our nursery. Come and see it in action at one of our nursery open mornings at 9.30-10.30 on the following dates: (Please book via the school office)

Wednesday 26th November
Monday 1st December

New PE Kit days for November 2025

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

Online Safety

Tracking devices like AirTags and SmartTags were designed to help people find lost belongings, but they've also opened the door to worrying forms of misuse. Their compact size and subtle design make them easy to hide, which can lead to the unwanted tracking of people without their knowledge. From stalking and bullying to potential misuse by peers, these gadgets bring a range of risks that trusted adults must stay aware of.

This guide examines the growing popularity of Bluetooth trackers, the most common ways they're being misused, and how to spot signs that a child may be affected. With practical tips on detecting hidden devices, using the right apps, and starting important conversations, it's a vital read for parents, carers and educators looking to stay ahead of a fast-moving issue.

Winter Uniform

A gentle reminder that trousers must now be worn until March 1st. No shorts please. With the colder and wetter weather upon us please remember a coat!

Dates for Diary

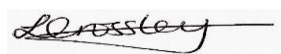
November

27th Book your Nativity/Panto Tickets on Bookwhen
28th SISA Christmas Fair

December

1st Treehouse Theatre
10th Christmas lunch (please order via Forerunner)
16th 2.00pm KS1/Nursery Performance
17th 9.30am KS1/Nursery Performance
17th KS2 Christmas Performance @ Verwood Hub (4pm & 6.45pm)
18th Carol Service @ All Saints Church @ 1.30pm
19th School closes for Christmas 1.00pm – Nursery
1.05pm – Key Stage 1
1.15pm – Key Stage 2

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley
Headteacher

