

Good afternoon,

We are over the halfway point of Term 2 now and unsure how that has happened! It means we are in full swing of learning our Christmas Carols/Songs though and it is lovely hearing all of the children practising their songs. They will sound fantastic when they show off their singing in a few weeks time at our Carols by Candlelight!

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,
Mr Spencer & The Tadpole Team

Date	What?	Who?	Additional info
Week Commencing 27 Nov	Teacher Run clubs on this week, Colouring and Cartoon Club		
Tuesday 28th November	Swimming	Y3	Please note this is the last week, information and dates for next term will be issued next week
Sunday 3rd December	St Andrew's Church: Christingle Service 10am	ALL	See below
Week Commencing 4 Dec	Teacher Run clubs on this week, Colouring and Cartoon Club		Please note this is the last week for teacher run clubs
Wednesday 6th December	FOTF Winter Fayre & Carols by Candlelight	ALL	Winter Fayre 3.30-6pm Carols by Candlelight 5-5.30pm Hot Food and Drinks available to purchase throughout *Eco Committee - Christmas Jumper Swap will now take place within WInter Fayre
Thursday 7 December	Year Reception Nativity	YR	Morning performance 9.30am start Afternoon performance 2.30pm start Limit to two tickets per performance More details will be issued next week
Friday 8 December	Year Nursery Christmas Celebration Morning	YN	From 9.00am Letter sent to YN parents
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children charity	ALL	
Friday 15th December	End of Term 2		Usual finish time at 3.30pm, Lilypad after school club will be open as usual
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS		

Wednesday 3rd January	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3		
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News from St Andrew's Church: Christmas is coming

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas at St Andrew's Church and very much hope you will be able to join us. You will find the poster with all our Christmas service attached, but I want to draw your attention to our Christingle service on 3rd December at 10am (which is earlier than usual). This is also an entirely voluntary opportunity to bring a new toy to be donated to those in need in Swindon via the Boxes of Hope project at this service.

We are also having a carol service particularly suitable for children on Christmas Eve at 10am.

Hope to see you soon.

Sally

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FOTF Winter Fayre & Carols by Candlelight Event

We have been very busy behind the scenes getting everything ready for this year's Winter Fayre and Carols by Candlelight and we are pleased to announce that our lovely school caterers, Sodexo will be opening up to provide hot food at the event including Hot/Veggie Hot Dogs, Pizza, Chips, Mince Pies and delicious Homemade Cakes

We have lots of exciting stalls and activities planned and already confirmed are:

Crakes cakes

Elf Christmas shop

Crystal's & More

Julie's knits and bits

Tadpole Farm Eco Committee

Netty Noo Crafty Crafts

Sweetpea Creations

Summerhouse Sews

Face painting

Dick and Bob's - coffee cart and sweet treats

Village Vinyls

Tadpole Farm young carers

Winter Raffle - STAR PRIZE *NINTENDO SWITCH SPORTS *

Tombola

Take your own Christmas Photo

Christmas Treasure Hunt

St. Andrews church and Rev. Sally

And maybe even some surprises throughout the afternoon!

Don't forget raffle tickets are coming home this week and you can return them with cash or parent pay payment up until Tuesday 5th December but tickets will also be available at The Winter Fayre until 17:30, information has already been sent out this week.

If you can spare any time at all to volunteer please fill out the google form:

<https://forms.gle/uKk4s4hHwQUmwqHC6>

If you have any questions or queries in relation to stalls or activities please email:

friendsoftadpolefarm@outlook.com

Can't wait to see you all there!

The FOTF team 😊

Calling all Tadpole Farm bookworms

Do you love reading and really want to share a particular book to a friend so they can enjoy it too?

If this is you, then we want to hear from you!

We are looking for book reviews from our fantastic readers of Tadpole Farm to help spread the reading bug to others. All children are welcome to create their own book reviews.

Things to include if you create your own:

- Name of the book
- Name of who is reviewing it (first names and year group only please!)
- How many stars would you rate it out of 5?
- What your favourite part was
- Why would you recommend it to a friend?

Various templates can be accessed online - but we are happy for you to be creative and set out your book reviews as you would like to.

Please send these into woodpeckerclass@tadpolefarmcepa.co.uk or hand your paper copies to your class teacher.

We cannot wait to see your reviews!

Harvest Festival Donations

*We would like to say a big "THANK YOU" for supporting our Harvest collections again this year. In total, a hugely impressive **11,641.30 Kgs** was donated. This compares very favourably to the previous two years and will help us continue to help those who are most in need in our local community. 68 school, pre schools & nurseries and 37 churches supported us, so please thank your families and church members for their much needed support.*

Currently, we are giving out in excess of 122 Tonnes of stock to those in need. This equates to roughly 98,000 meals. We receive around 92 Tonnes of donated food but this is not meeting the increased need as we are feeding approx. 10,900 people, a number which has risen dramatically over the past 18 months. As a result, we have had to spend almost £2,000 a month on stock this year to be able to meet the increased demand, so your generosity during Harvest is more welcome than ever.

Please know that your support helps us greatly, especially in these colder months where people are spending more on fuel and less on food.

Pass on our thanks to EVERYONE involved.

Best wishes. Swindon Food Collective

Swindon Borough Council are looking for more childminders

Please see attached a flyer from Swindon Borough Council with details of how to enquire if you are interested in becoming a childminder in Swindon

Donation of Boys Trousers/Joggers

We are in short supply of boys trousers/joggers of all ages, if you have any spare please do drop these off at the office. Many thanks

Christmas Jumper Swap - Wednesday 6th December

The Eco Committee would like to invite you to this year's Christmas Jumper Swap. Each year, thousands of Christmas jumpers end up in landfill after being worn only once. So this year, recycle your old ones and get a new one while feeling good about your carbon footprint! Both childrens and adults jumpers are welcome. Please ensure donations are clean and in good condition and are in school by **Thursday 30th November** ready for the Eco Committee to organise ahead of the Winter Fayre.

Community News

Please see attached a flyer for Christmas at Steam being held next weekend