

Dear parents and carers,

What a busy time of year this has been! Thank you for attending our school nativities; the children were excited to see you. I think you'll all agree that they did a fantastic job! They looked amazing, sang beautifully and performed with brilliantly. There were a number of happy tears as some of the audience left! I would like to extend a big thankyou to staff, for their hard work and commitment in making the nativities such a success.

This is our final week at school, and all the staff wish those of you celebrating, a very Merry Christmas though we wish you all an enjoyable break and Happy New Year.

School and nursery close on **Friday 19th January 2025 at 1.15pm**

School and nursery reopen to children on **Tuesday 6th January 2026.**

Please don't forget that the school gates are open at **8.40am every day, ready for an 8.45am start.**

All children should have **100%** attendance.

School is open for **190** days of the year for teaching and learning.

This leaves **175** days for holidays, family gatherings and other special occasions.

Help your child to be successful in learning for life, by supporting great attendance.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Foxcubs	97.7%	98.2%	94.21%	84.21%	81.05%	98.5%	
Hedgehogs	95.00%	96.1%	99.00%	65.00%	75.00%	93.95%	
Owls	97.1%	97.1%	95.48%	90.65%	79.68%	96.75%	
Rabbits	93.5%	96.9%	86.51%	87.93%	46.55%	91.35%	
Badgers	92.3%	88.5%	88.28%	83.10%	82.35%	77.93%	
Squirrels	98.1%	99.6%	93.38%	89.08%	88.24%	97.87%	

In school, on time, every day

Our school attendance currently stands at **91.6%**. Sickness has definitely had a part to play, though affected classes have since bounced back. Please note that sadly, not all low attendance is due to illness.

In 2026, we will be aiming for every child to be in school on time. If you already make This happen-well done! You are giving your child the best start in life.



We understand that some events are out of our control e.g. traffic. However, 5 minutes late every day over the course of the school year accounts for 3 days! If your child is consistently late more than 5 minutes, then this equates to even more days of lost learning.

School opens at 8.45am, with gates closed at 9.00am. School finishes at 3.15pm.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 17th December-Christmas jumper day and school dinner.

Thursday 18th December-class parties

Friday 19th December- School closes for the festive season at 1.15pm.

Tuesday 6th January -School and nursery re open to children

School Jumper Day!

This year's school jumper day ties in with our Christmas dinner. Children may wear a Christmas jumper or other alternative. There is no cost involved!



FESTIVE FUN!

FREE ENTRY

TREDWORTH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AND
ST JAMES CHURCH WELCOME ALL TO A
FESTIVE FUN DAY AT ST JAMES CITY FARM

ARTS AND CRAFTS WITH KULCHALEE
MEET SANTA
SEE THE FARM ANIMALS

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SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER
1PM UNTIL 4PM

**ST JAMES CHURCH CAROLS
BY CANDLELIGHT 4 - 4:30PM**

TREDWORTH
RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION



My happy mind

This term we have been learning about our character strengths which make us all unique! By understanding what our character strengths are, we can be at our best!

We all have different character traits that make us unique. It is about who we are, such as being kind or brave.



Don't forget that you can access the materials online. Just go to

<https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources>

to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and the school authentication code which you can obtain from the office.

Hatherley News!

In **nursery**, the children performed a Nativity to their families. They worked hard to learn all of the songs and actions and their performances were amazing! As a reward they all had hot chocolate afterwards.



Wow what a week it has been! **Foxcubs** and **Hedgehogs** have performed their nativity of 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'. They have all worked SO hard, we are all so proud of them. They all looked fantastic! All children learnt the words to the songs and performed these brilliantly. Some children even learnt lines - they were so brave in front of the audiences. Well done

In **Rabbits**, the children have been exploring dance in their PE lessons. We started with a lively routine to the song "*Splish Splash*," where the children loved wearing their bath hats and creating their own imaginative dance moves. We also danced to "*Under the Sea*," with each child choosing three sea creatures to inspire their movements. We've enjoyed watching some fantastic shark, octopus, and jellyfish dances throughout the term!



In **Owls**, we have been learning lots of new things but have particularly enjoyed becoming historians to explore things that have happened in the past, focusing on Guy Fawkes. We had a lot of fun acting out the key events of the Gunpowder Plot. We acted out making a secret plot and sneaking into the cellar of the Houses of Parliament.

In **Squirrels** this term, we have been enjoying lots of new learning! Happy Minds and Life Education lessons have linked up wonderfully as we value differences. We have been learning about our character and how it helps us to be our very best self! We've also enjoyed dance with Mrs Reed.



In **Badgers** we have been sorting 3D shapes in maths. To help us we used their faces, vertices and edges.

In music, we have been using instruments to copy the pulse and rhythm of music. This has helped us to tell stories with music such as Goldilocks.

