



# Peartree Spring Primary School Newsletter — 19/12/2025

## School Meals

**KS2 children** - The price of a school meal is £3.45 per day, £17.25 per week, unless your child is in receipt of Free School Meals. Ordering your child's lunches and payments are to be made via SchoolGrid. **Please note** - children's meals **MUST** be paid for in advance, unless you have set up a direct debit with SchoolGrid. **SchoolGrid** - If your child is absent from school due to illness, it is the parent's responsibility to cancel their own child's lunch by 8.50am on the day, otherwise you may incur a charge for the meal. **Special Dietary Requirements** - Please be advised that if your child has any special dietary requirements, you will need to apply for a special menu for your child directly through Hertfordshire Catering Limited (HCL). Special menus available include Dairy Free, Vegan, Egg Free & Vegetarian, Pork Free, Beef Free, Beef & Pork Free and Pescetarian. To apply, simply go to <https://specialmenu.hcl.co.uk>

**REMINDER** - Due to some of our children having severe nut allergies, please do not put items in your child's packed lunch box that contains nuts, this includes Nutella.

**Free School Meals** - If you think that your child/ren could be entitled to Free School Meals please apply directly through the HCC Website - [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals).

## PE Noticeboard

**Bowling** - Last week some of our children attended the KS2 10-Pin Bowling Festival. They developed their communication and teamwork skills. Well done to Isaac for achieving the highest score in our group.



**Futsal** - Well done to the Year 6 boys and girls who took part in the Futsal competition recently. It was great to see both teams supporting and encouraging each other to do their best. Well done!

## End of Term

(early finish)

**End of Term** - Children finish school today, **Friday 19th December 2025** at 1.30pm. There will be **NO** After School Club on this day. Children return to school on **Monday 5th January 2026**. Breakfast club is available from 7.30am - please book via Schoolgateway.

**Christmas Jumper Day** - We raised £288 for this worthwhile charity.

**Carols in your Coat** - Thank you to everyone who came this morning and participated in this event - a great time was had by all. Thank you for your generous donations.

**Christmas Dinner** - Thank you to the HCL team for providing children and staff with a delicious Christmas dinner yesterday.

**Reception WOW day** - The children had a wonderful time riding the on Polar Express on Tuesday.



**MP's Christmas Card Competition** - Today, we had a very special visit from Kevin Bonavia, Member of Parliament for Stevenage. He presented **Eddie H (Year 5)** with a prize for winning his Christmas Card Competition.

**Reception 2026 admissions** - The application process for applying for a Reception place for September 2026 for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31st August 2022 is now open. All the information you need to apply is available on the Hertfordshire County Council website at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions). The closing date for applications is **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

**Staff News** - We will be welcoming Mrs Jackson (Designated Safeguarding / Attendance Lead) and Miss Massey (Teaching Assistant) to the Peartree team in January 2026.

**Message from VaccinationUK** - Respiratory and flu-like cases are rapidly on the rise. We urge you to ensure your child receives the flu vaccination. You have a choice between the quick and painless nasal spray or the Injection which is porcine & gelatine free. This not only protects your children against being seriously ill but also protects vulnerable members of your family and community. We have several community catch-up clinics available. Please use the link to book an appointment: [Vaccination UK Immunisation](https://www.vaccinationuk.co.uk/immunisation) If you previously declined consent for your child when we visited the school, you **CAN CHANGE** your consent. Please call our office on 01462 427008, and we will book a clinic appointment for you.

**Merry Christmas to all our families and best wishes for the New Year!**



# January 2026

| Mon                       | Tue  | Wed   | Thurs   | Fri   | Sat | Sun |
|---------------------------|--|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| 5                         | 6  | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  |
| Children return to school |  | Wednesday Workshops<br>(please book via school cloud) | Year 1 Christmas Performance @ 2.15pm                                     | Year 1 Christmas Performance @ 9.30am   |     |     |
| 12                        | 13   | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  |
| Nile Class swimming       | Year 5 Space workshop<br>(during school day) | Wednesday Workshops<br>(please book via school cloud) | Caspian Class Assembly @ 9.15am via Livestorm<br><br>Thame Class swimming | RRS Career dress up day (more info to follow soon)<br><br>Amazon Class swimming |     |     |



## Whole School Attendance (%)

|      |             |       |
|------|-------------|-------|
| 1st  | Desert      | 98.7% |
| 2nd  | Starfish    | 97.4% |
| 3rd  | Pyrenees    | 97.2% |
| 4th  | Alps        | 96.1% |
| 5th  | Savannah    | 95.0% |
| 6th  | Coral       | 94.2% |
| 7th  | Jellyfish   | 94.0% |
| 7th  | Thames      | 94.0% |
| 8th  | Bumblebee   | 92/1% |
| 9th  | Nile        | 91.9% |
| 10th | Squirrel    | 91.7% |
| 11th | Caspian     | 91.3% |
| 11th | Java        | 91.3% |
| 12th | Rockies     | 90.8% |
| 13th | Ladybird    | 90.4% |
| 14th | Rabbit      | 88.8% |
| 15th | Rainforest  | 87.9% |
| 16th | Hedgehog    | 86.2% |
| 16th | Butterfly   | 86.2% |
| 17th | Amazon      | 85.8% |
| 18th | Rainbowfish | 84.9% |

## Birthdays

**Reception** - Miguel C, Rose T, Pixie D, Ivy W, Phoenix Z, Monroe B

**Year 1** - Tamanna A, Noah H, Noah S, Orla-Louise H

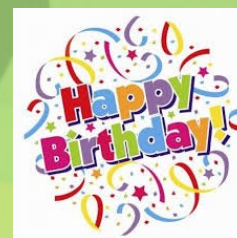
**Year 2** - Isla C, Harry P, Victor C, Elsie N, Sariiyah W

**Year 3** - Christopher O, Jacob S, Amelia L, Addison A, Reece A,  
Makatendek M, Angel D, Freya S

**Year 4** - Holly S, Alice B, Sophie S, Ryan P, Dylan A, Mia-Rose M, Oliver F, Noah K

**Year 5** - Joshua P, Alexander B-M, Leo S, Stella J, Flavius F

**Year 6** - Jake H, Dominic L, Teddy O, Nancy P, Jasiri B-J, Esme W,  
Franklyn W, Grace B, Harry B







### **Rabbit - Charlie L**

for working exceptionally hard in his writing assessment spelling CVC words.

### **Butterfly - Orla H**

for writing a fabulous non-chronological report about London.

### **Jellyfish - Remy M-H**

for his amazing comic strip that explained the events of The Great Fire of London.

### **Desert - Tawhid K**

for his wonderful use of similes and prepositions when describing an image using our senses.

### **Amazon - Ellie B**

for putting in amazing effort with writing a diary entry in English.

### **Caspian - Eddie H**

for his amazing effort artistic skills and winning the Christmas Card Competition from our local MP.

### **Alps - Alex R**

for considering others when making decisions.

## **Stars of the Week**

### **Hedgehog - Phoenix Z**

for showing confidence and being a fabulous participant in our school play.

### **Bumblebee - Florence H**

for her incredible writing where she was able to use 'and' to join clauses together when writing about Big Ben.

### **Rainbowfish - Bobby B**

for his fantastic performance in the Year 2 play.

### **Rainforest - Reggie M**

for excellent independent work, researching the Romans.

### **Nile - Abraham N-W**

for taking such great care with his writing in English and producing a wonderfully descriptive paragraph.

### **Coral - Kaiden P**

for his amazing attitude and determination towards all of his learning this week!

### **Pyrenees - Konstantin R**

for his determination and perseverance when calculating fractions of an amount.



### **Squirrel - Adam D**

for his amazing effort in phonics.

### **Ladybird - Jairus A**

for his fantastic effort when using a number line to count backwards.

### **Starfish - Albie W**

for his excellent effort in maths this week

### **Savannah - Sakura C**

for her exceptional, empathetic descriptive writing about the ending of Winter's Child.

### **Thames - Reggie S**

for your fantastic examples in English, and your diary entry

### **Java - Oliva R**

for the exceptional effort she puts in to absolutely all of her learning.

### **Rockies - Lola W**

for her amazing work in Arithmetic sessions in Maths.



## **Star Children**

**Reception** - Jesse W, Jesse B, Marlie D, Rose T, Ella R, Monroe B, Rayhan K

**Year 1** - Oliver P, Indiana M,

**Year 2** - Meyyan S

**Year 3** -

**Year 4** - Christopher P, Freddie R, Brooke H, Adam Z

**Year 5** - Kara A, Kayden B, Joey B, Evie-Mae B, Ronnie B, Alex D, Bella D, Jaxson H, Kaiden P, Matthew H, Emily B, Mylan B, Aleksandra P, Olivia R

**Year 6** - Jess R, Leonard W, Georgie-Rae H, Jake H, Thomas P, Daphne S

