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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all into school over the next two weeks to enjoy our Christmas plays. The children have been working incredibly hard in rehearsals, and they can't wait to share their performances with you and help start the festive season with joy and community spirit.

Thank you for your wonderful support with costumes and preparations, we are truly grateful for all you do to help bring these productions to life for the children.

Unfortunately, the winter bugs caught up with us this week (staff and pupils). In assembly on Monday, we spoke to the children about the importance of keeping themselves and others healthy by practising good hygiene. This includes catching sneezes in a tissue, covering their mouths with their hands when coughing, and washing their hands thoroughly and regularly. These simple habits help everyone stay well, especially during the colder months. Hopefully, everybody will be feeling better soon.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

The last 2 weeks in school

Early Years

Preschool have had a very wintery time exploring their new book 'The Snow Thief' and learning new words like slippery, frozen and disappeared. Read Write Inc sessions have been fun as we fed the "t-t-t-tiger" only things beginning with 't'! The Reception children have started reading ditties with partners and they are very proud of themselves.

In Maths, Preschool have been counting through rhymes, spotting numbers 1, 2 and 3, and sorting objects like number detectives. Reception have been exploring mass and finding out the capacity of different objects using scales and cubes.

We are focusing on our 5 senses in science and so far, we have found out about hearing, smell, taste and touch. We have been wearing blindfolds to try and guess different smells, such as mint, vanilla and lemon, felt different textures while blindfolded and listened carefully to work out the direction sounds were coming from.

In PSHCE, we chatted about Me and My Friends and used *Elmer* to celebrate what makes us all wonderfully unique and we also created our own colourful patchwork elephants and shared our favourite colours—no two were the same!

And of course Christmas rehearsals and the Elf Workshops are in full swing—Christmas has definitely arrived in Early Years!

Class 2

This week the children have been busy and enthusiastic in their lessons and rehearsals and they were excited to see our special class advent calendars on Monday! We now have a Christmas-themed classroom to enjoy and the children are absolutely loving the festive atmosphere in school.

In Science, we have continued to explore seasonal changes and they have particularly enjoyed observing how the world around us is getting ready for winter. In Maths, we have finished our unit on shapes, and the children have impressed us with their ability to recognise, sort and describe a range of 2D and 3D shapes. In English, we have been sharing the lovely story '*One Snowy Night*', which the children have really enjoyed discussing and using as inspiration for their own sentence writing, focusing on their handwriting and super spelling!

Class 3

We've had a lively and exciting week in Class 3, and we wanted to share a little of what we've been up to! The children have thrown themselves into our Nativity rehearsals with so much enthusiasm. Lines are being practised, songs are getting louder every day, and the energy in the room is wonderful. We can't wait for you to see the final performance! This week's activity day at the Wentworth was a huge hit! The class enjoyed three great sessions: Swimming – lots of splashing, practising strokes, and growing confidence in the water. Bowling – plenty of friendly competition and some impressive strikes! Skipping – the sports hall was full of laughter as everyone tried new tricks and kept the ropes turning. The children showed great teamwork, resilience, and bundles of enthusiasm throughout the day. We are really looking forward to the next few festive weeks in school 😊🎄

Class 4

Class 4 have had a wonderfully productive couple of weeks. In English, we have continued exploring our core text *Snow Sister*, writing witness statements about Pearl's accident and revisiting the difference between direct and reported speech. The children have worked hard to include both accurately in their writing. Their general attitude towards writing has been so positive; real focus, enthusiasm, and pride in their work are shown every day. Their progress since the start of term has been fantastic to see. In Maths, we have been multiplying 3- and 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers — a challenging task with lots of steps — and the children have recognised the importance of secure times-tables knowledge, so please do keep encouraging regular use of Times Tables Rock Stars at home. We have also mastered short division and have begun long division, approaching the step-by-step method with growing confidence.

In French, we have started our *En Classe* unit, using new vocabulary to label our rucksacks, and in Geography the children have created informative Google Slide presentations about the impacts of climate change. Finally, our Christmas play rehearsals are in full swing, and we are incredibly impressed with how well the children have learned their lines. We are now polishing the performance and cannot wait to share it with you very soon!

Pop Up Shop

Thank you to everybody who has made a donation to the 'Pop Up Shop'. Please send any last-minute donations into school by Monday 8th December. Pupils will all have a chance to visit the shop on Friday 12th December where they can choose a gift for a friend or family member for £2. Gifts will then be wrapped by Friends and given to the children to bring home.

Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day / Santa Dash

Thursday 11th December will be a fun-filled day in school. Pupils can attend school in their Christmas jumper and can also bring additional accessories such as hats / headbands for our annual Santa dash. Pam and Susan will be preparing a Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and special festive desserts and we thank them in advance for the time and effort that goes into cooking a festive feast for all the pupils and staff.

Christmas Party

Our Stamfordham Primary Christmas party will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 18th December. Pupils can attend school in non-uniform on that day and can bring a small snack to enjoy during the party.

School Lunches

Week commencing 8th December 2025 – Week 2 new menu

Week commencing 15th December 2025 – Week 3 new menu

The dinner menus are available on the school website.

Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:

Monday 8 th December	Christmas Choir Club – Year 3 - 6 (4 of 4)
Tuesday 9 th December	Swimming for Years 3 & 4 Early Years and Class 2 performance 2pm at The Village Hall
Wednesday 10 th December	PE with Mr Thompson Early Years Pantomime at The Queens Hall Tag Rugby – Year 4, 5 and 6 (6 of 6)
Thursday 11 th December	Yoga – Year 4, 5 and 6 (6 of 6) Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day / Santa Dash
Friday 12 th December	Music with Mr Radford Friends ‘Pop up Shop’

Monday 15 th December	Christmas Service at St Mary’s Church 9.30am
Tuesday 16 th December	Class 3 and 4 performance 1.45pm at The Village Hall
Wednesday 17 th December	PE with Mr Thompson
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas party (pm)
Friday 19 th December	Friends End of Term Christmas Party 1.15pm -3.15pm School closes for the Christmas break at 1.15pm (there will be no Kidzone after school but breakfast club will run as usual)

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 5 th January 2026	School reopens to all pupils
Friday 13 th February 2026	School closes for half term
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Teacher Training Day – school closed
Tuesday 24 th February 2026	School reopens to all pupils
Thursday 2 nd April 2026	School closes for Easter
Monday 20 th April 2026	School reopens to all pupils
Friday 22 nd May 2026	School closes for half term
Monday 1 st June 2026	School reopens to all pupils
Tuesday 23 rd – Friday 26 th June 2026	London Trip – Year 5 and 6
Friday 17 th July 2026	School closes for the summer break 1.15pm