

The Fernwood Flyer

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News and notices from Fernwood Primary and Nursery School.

WOW! It is December next week—where on earth has the time gone?

It has definitely felt wintry this last couple of weeks with snow and ice and festive music on the radio.

We are very grateful to our superb site team who have kept the playgrounds, paths and walkways as clear and as safe as possible.

November has seen us mostly focusing on digging into our new topics, developing writing and improving number fluency. I have seen some tremendous pieces of writing over the last few weeks, a genuine Friday treat when children arrive at my door.

We've also had our Careers Week which culminated in a dress-up day for the whole school and a fair for KS2 where local communities and families came in to talk with the children about their jobs and roles. A huge thanks to those who gave up their time and came in to support us, and to Mr Hill for organising it all.

A few of our children participated in a cross-country event with Mrs Chohan and Mrs Semple; Y3 have been to Wollaton Park to look at human and physical features and explore using maps; Y2 visited the shops on Bramcote Lane as part of them learning about different jobs and vocations; we've dressed up for Children in Need where we raised £1049.20 for this worthwhile charity; Mr Hartley has taken his chess team out to the first tournament of the year—they faced some tough competition and have more games in the new year; and we enjoyed our Christmas Market last Thursday. The Friends of Fernwood did a brilliant job of organising the many stalls and it was great to see many of you there. We raised £1404 for the school through this event. A huge thanks to Abi and the team for this.

There are always photos on Class Dojo but I've posted a few from our snow days over the page. There are also some notices so please do read them.

As we get ready for our various events during December, I want to remind you of a few key aspects:

Celebrating difference is one of the key areas we are so proud of here at Fernwood. Please remember that whilst some children love to perform, for many others it can be stressful. Lights and music and 100s of adults in a hall can be scary and distressing. Some children may need adult support or come and go during the performance.

Please be mindful of those around you when you are seated—if you keep standing to take photos, you block the views of others.

Remember that you cannot post photos/videos of other children on social media without their parents' permission.



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Fun in the snow!



We had a wonderful time in the snow last week—playing, creating and laughing.



NOTICES

ARBOR

Parent Portal & Parent App

Many parents will be aware that, from October 2023, we switched our main data system over to Arbor. The Arbor parent portal and the associated parent phone app ensure that parents can access important information about their children and, in some cases, request updates to the details we hold for you on our systems.

Reporting your child's absence from school

Same-day absences can now be reported via the app. This is straightforward: Go to your child's **PROFILE** then on the menu click **ATTENDANCE** and log the absence there. As previously, all absences must be reported daily. Please note: **this service is for reporting absence only** and should not be used for other communication. School staff will then approve or reject the absence. Once approved, it will be visible in the Attendance tab. Absence requests cannot be edited, only deleted and recreated if changes are needed, and approved absences cannot be deleted.

To activate a text dialogue – most of you will by now have received a text from us and responded which creates a unique number to message the school. If you haven't received a SMS from the school, please let us know.

PARKING

We appreciate that walking to school can be a challenge in cold, wet weather especially if you have to get to work quickly after drop-off. However, Arleston Drive is always busy and we receive regular complaints from our neighbours about people parking over their drives and from our own families where people park on the pavements. It is important that you all model courtesy and respect to our children and help ease the busyness and congestion of the daily drop-off and pick-ups.

SAFETY

Remember that we are a NUT-FREE school—this means no hazelnut spread in sandwiches, no chocolate bars or snack which contain nuts. We have lots of children and staff with nut allergies.

Dojo is a great app but it is for your use as parents only—the joining link is not to be shared with friends or wider family; this is a potential safeguarding issue.

SPONSORSHIP

A huge thanks to Jackson Civil Engineering for their kind donation of our high-vis vests. The children have worn them already and they will be going on tour when we visit other places this year too. Jackson are carrying out refurbishment works to the Sluice Gates at Colwick Country Park and this has helped source the costs for these vests. Thank you also to Mr Tidy for helping us with this.



DATES EYFS/KS1 and KS2

SOME DATES HAVE CHANGED—
PLEASE CHECK THEM.



Mon 2nd Dec—Y3/4 DISCO 18:15-19:45
Mon 2nd Dec—Y1 to St Leonard's Church
Tue 3rd Dec—Reception Nativity: Bumblebees, Ladybirds & Butterflies. 14:30
Tue 3rd Dec—Y1 to St Leonard's Church
Tue 3rd Dec—Y6 to the Comp for sports
Tue 3rd Dec—Y5/6 DISCO 18:15-19:45
Wed 4th Dec—Foodbank donations
Wed 4th Dec—Reception Nativity: Fireflies & Dragonflies 14:30
Wed 4th Dec—Y6 to the Comp for sports
Fri 6th Dec—ELF WALK for Infants @Wollaton Park
Mon 9th-12th Y3-6 Cake Sale—bring £1
Tue 10th Dec—Y1 Christmas Sing! Otters & Foxes 09:00 and Hedgehogs, Squirrels & Badgers 14:30
Wed 11th Dec—Nursery Elf Walk and Christmas Sing! 10:30 and 14:30.
Wed 11th Dec—Area Band concert 19:00
Thu 12th Dec—Y2 Christmas Sing! Seals & Turtles 09:00 and Dolphins, Whales & Penguins 10:30
Thu 12th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner.
Fri 13th Dec—Lighthouse Elf Walk 14:30
Mon 16th Dec—Y3 Christmas Sing! Ash, Elm & Fir 09:00 and Oak & Yew 10:30
Mon 16th Dec—Nursery/Lighthouse/Y3 Christmas Party!
Tue 17th Dec—Y4 Christmas Sing! Acer, Fern & Lime 09:00 and Palm & Pine 10:30
Tue 17th Dec—Reception & Y4 Christmas Party!
Wed 18th Dec—Y5 Christmas Sing! Beech, Birch & Cedar 09:00 and Maple & Olive 10:30
Wed 18th Dec—Y1 & Y5 Christmas Party!
Wed 18th Dec—Y2-Y6 Choir Performance 16:45

Thu 19th Dec—Y6 Christmas Sing! Damson, Laurel & Spruce 09:00 and Walnut & Willow 10:30
Thu 19th Dec—Y2 & Y6 Christmas Party!
Fri 20th Dec—CHRISTMAS BREAK
Spring Term begins on Mon 6th January
If you want to subscribe to our calendar, the [LINK](#) is here—it will synchronise our dates with your own.

Merry Christmas
From St Leonard's Church

Sun 8th Dec - *Christingle* @ 4pm
Sun 22nd Dec - *Carols Round the Pump* @ 6:30pm
Outside the Admiral Rodney
Tues 24th Dec - *Family Nativity* @ 3pm
Tues 24th Dec - *Carol Service* @ 6:30pm
Wed 25th Dec - *Christmas Day Celebration* @ 10am

Keep up to date by checking via our website at www.stleonardswollaton.org.uk

We work with St Leonard's Church closely and they have asked us to share these dates for the festive season.



TERM DATES

AUTUMN 2—Mon 4th Nov to Fri 20th Dec
SPRING 1—Mon 6th Jan to Fri 14th Feb
SPRING 2—Mon 24th Feb to Fri 4th Apr
SUMMER 1—Tue 22nd Apr to Thu 22nd May
SUMMER 2—Mon 2nd June to Fri 25th Jul
INSET DAYS for academic year 2024/25
o Friday 23rd May, 2025
o Friday 4th July, 2025
All other dates for the year on our calendar on the [website](#). **HOME > NEWS & EVENTS > CALENDAR**



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