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MARK RUTHERFORD  
SCHOOL

9<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

### End of Term Arrangements

As we approach the Christmas break, I write to inform you of the arrangements for the end of term on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

After another very busy and successful autumn term we are going to end with students opting to wear a Christmas jumper or accessories, such as tinsel or a Christmas hat. Please do not feel that you need to purchase anything new for this day. Hoodied jumpers, to include those with a Christmas theme, are **not** permitted.

Students are expected to wear **all** uniform items unless they are wearing a Christmas jumper as they then do not need to wear their school jumper. If students do not wish to wear a Christmas jumper, then they are to wear their full school uniform.

We will also be finishing early at 1.20pm. Students will attend lessons periods 1 to 3 as usual before spending period 4 celebrating the festive season in a whole school assembly. Our canteen will be open until 1.45pm for any students wishing to have lunch before they leave. For students who catch one of our school buses, they will collect from the usual bus stops at 1.40pm.

Thank you for your continued support this term, and I hope you will enjoy reading about all of the highlights in our forthcoming end of term newsletter. We are also eagerly awaiting our Ofsted report from our recent inspection and look forward to sharing this with you in the New Year.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming the students back in full correct uniform on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Foster  
Headteacher