

DECEMBER LETTER

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Dear Families,

As we come to the end of this busy term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a fantastic term it has been for all at CKIS. It has been wonderful to see the children continuing to embrace new learning opportunities, challenge themselves as learners and grow in confidence and curiosity. Our children really have demonstrated their 'wings to fly and the confidence to try'.

It has been a joy to see how our children continue to thrive in their learning and development and I am privileged to see their accelerated progress first hand when I am at CKIS on a weekly basis. I would like to thank our wonderful staff who have worked tirelessly to create stimulating and engaging learning opportunities which are focused upon ensuring that every child thrives. Their dedication and creativity have truly shone through, and I am incredibly proud of the teamwork and commitment that make our school such a special place.

We also want to celebrate our children's achievements—this term, these have included our Year two class assemblies, our wonderful Christmas performances, our weekly Golden Learners and our 'Golden writers'. From mastering new knowledge, skills and understanding across our broad and balanced curriculum, to showing kindness, consideration and resilience, they have demonstrated the values that we hold dear at CKIS. Thank you for your continued support at home; it makes a real difference in helping your child succeed.

As we look ahead to the spring term, we are excited about the opportunities and experiences to come. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy a restful and joyful holiday season with your families.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year!

Kind regards,

Mrs James

Executive Head teacher

Merry Christmas everyone!

Mr Owens

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Acting Head Teacher

Children and community at the centre

December is a busy month for our community events. We were so proud of our school choir joining with CKJS on a very wet and windy Christmas light switch on in the village. They sang beautifully and really managed to fill the hall with the spirit of Christmas.

Our Year Two children attended CKJS to attend the Year Five Christmas show and had a great time, I know they can't wait to get on the 'big stage' themselves.

Paul from the Baptist church has been in to share an advent story with the children. He had such a lovely time he has asked me if he can come more often in the new year, so we look forward to more exciting stories!

The Christmas lunch is always a highlight of the year I am sure you will all join me in thanking our amazing catering team for putting together such a delicious treat. I know the staff enjoyed sharing it with the children.

Our PFA Christmas story night was a huge success raising a massive £1646 for the school. The children had great fun with the teachers in the classrooms and the hall was truly buzzing with Christmas spirit!

We have enjoyed welcoming you to the classrooms for our Christmas Wednesday wander. These are always a lovely, informal opportunity to spend time in school with your child.

Kindness and consideration for all

Eco committee

Our Eco Council has been busy this month showing kindness to our environment by planting bulbs and bedding plants around the school. These new plants will help brighten our spaces and attract insects to support local wildlife. When you visit the main entrance, see if you can spot our beautiful new flowerpots!

The front of school in the morning

I have received complaints from parents regarding children running around and causing problems charging into adults and younger children while waiting to be let in to school in the morning. It can be very busy and is unsettling for children if children are running around during this time. Please be kind and keep your children close, the front of school isn't large enough to be treated as a playground in the morning.

Sickness and winter flu

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To help keep everyone healthy, please remember to keep children at home for **48 hours** if they are unwell, including after the last episode of vomiting, diarrhoea, or fever. This helps reduce the spread of illness and keeps our school community safe. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

A (hopefully) final parking update

A quick thank you for respecting The Merryfellow and not using their carpark on a Friday. This has meant they are happy for us to continue to use their car park for the rest of the week. This will be kept under review.

Inspirational learning that challenges and excites

Our classrooms have been full of festive fun this month with springing snowman, nativity stables and reindeer antlers at fore. Our forest school elves have been busily beavering away creating some fantastic Christmas decorations, while also raising money for the PFA. The Kindergarten show, Reception nativity and KS1 carol concerts have given all the children a chance to perform, and we are so proud of their efforts.

Spring Term 2026 – La Jolie Ronde French & Spanish – Year one & Year two

Please see the message below regarding lunchtime French and Spanish classes from the French and Spanish teacher Moira Jallow.

I'm offering your child the chance to join French and Spanish classes at CKIS. I am a native Spanish and fluent in French, mum of 2 who loves learning languages. I'm not alone in my passion to help children learn and love to become French and Spanish speakers; I'm teaching the multi-award winning La Jolie Ronde programmes.

The programme is designed to enhance your children's learning skills and to challenge them, in order for them to excel at the language and develop their language confidence and skills to the highest level possible. If you have any questions, please email moirajallow@gmail.com.

Please see [here](#) for further information. The school will not be able to assist you with enquiries regarding these externally provided lessons.

Striving to reach our true potential

Next term

Next term the learning across the school will be built around the theme of 'Planet Earth's Great Lands'. Our children in Reception will be finding out all about hot and cold lands, Year One will be thinking about rainforests and how we can protect them and Year Two will be thinking about the history of the local area.

CKIS Website

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Please remember that our website contains detailed information regarding our CKIS curriculum, including the new learning leaves for next term. We are passionate about children reaching their true potential and we know how important working with parents and families is in achieving this. The 'Learning leaves' on the curriculum pages provide a child friendly overview of the learning in each subject this term. These can be great for discussing learning at home.

If you have concerns regarding the progress of your child, please contact your class teacher/s as these are always best addressed by working together.

Upcoming Dates

Friday 19th December 2025 - End of Term 2

Monday 5th January 2026 - Start of Term 3

Friday 23rd January 2026 - Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday 28th January 2026 - Orange Class Assembly to parents

Wednesday 4th February 2026 - Purple Class Assembly to parents

Tuesday 10th February 2026 - Height, Weight and Vision check for YR

Wednesday 11th February 2026 - Height, Weight and Vision check for YR

Wednesday 11th February 2026 - Green Class Assembly to parents

Friday 13th February 2026 - End of Term 3

Monday 23rd February 2026 - Start of Term 4

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 - Y2 Feet First Dance Festival

Thursday 5th March 2026 - World Book Day

Thursday 5th March 2026 - Reading Wander

Monday 9th March 2026 - Start of British Science Week

Wednesday 11th March 2026 - Science open classroom with pupils

Wednesday 18th March 2026 - Parents Evening

Thursday 19th March 2026 - Parents Evening

Friday 27th March 2026 - End of Term 4

Monday 13th April 2026 - Start of Term 5

Saturday 25th April 2026 - PFA Car Boot Sale

Wednesday 6th May 2026 - Red Class Assembly to parents

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Wednesday 13th May 2026 - Yellow Class Assembly to parents

Wednesday 20th May 2026 - Blue Class Assembly to parents

Friday 22nd May 2026 - End of Term 5

Monday 1st June 2026 - Start of Term 6