

# Royston Weekly



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Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our parents and carers evenings. It was brilliant to see so many of you. If you would still like to speak to your child's class teacher about how your child is progressing in school, please arrange a time to meet with them by contacting the school office. Last week, we had so many parents in Foundation stage arrive for our Maths workshop about using Number Bots at home. Please keep supporting pupils at home by regularly encouraging your child to access Number Bots in Reception to Year 2 and TT Rockstars Year 3 to Year 6. We also raised £118.65 for children in Need last Friday. Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful charity.



We are also delighted to share that we have been awarded the Equal Access to school award. This is due to the positive work Miss Bailey and Mr. Hague have done to support girl's access to sporting opportunities. A huge well done to them.



## Christmas Fair

Please remember it is '**Dress Down Day**' this **Thursday (21/11/24)** as we ask for **donations of chocolate** for the chocolate tombola. If any parents would like to work with school to support in preparation for the event or help on the day, please drop an email to [roystonstjohn@smat.org.uk](mailto:roystonstjohn@smat.org.uk). Alternatively, please catch Miss Bell or Miss Hines on the classroom door. If anyone would like a stall at the fair, these are available for £15. Please email the school to book one or again speak to a member of staff. Our **Christmas Fair** will be held on **5<sup>th</sup> December**. This will be a great community event and will also raise money to support school. You really are a wonderful community, and we thank you for your support!

## Attendance

A priority of school this year is to raise school attendance. We have already made a huge difference this year and overall school attendance to date is 96%. Our school target is 97% so there is still work to do to raise our attendance. Over the next half term, we will be working closely with the EWO to look at late arrivals. Arriving late at school not only affects the learning of your child but disrupts the learning of the whole class. Please ensure that children arrive through the school gates before 9:00am. Letters will be sent to families who are persistently late from the EWO this week and will be monitored.

	Attendance to date
Reception	95.4%
Year 1	96.8%
Year 2	94.9%
Year 3	96.0%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>97.9%</b>
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6	96.8%

<b>Above 97%</b>	<b>Fewer than 6 days absence a year – Excellent attendance</b>
<b>95%</b>	<b>Less than 10 days absence</b> – pupils are likely to achieve their targets and will be well prepared as they move through school
<b>90%</b>	<b>19 days absence</b> over the year = missing a month of school and pupils may fall behind in maths, literacy and key skills for life and it will be difficult for them to achieve their best. Our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) will become involved.
<b>85%</b>	<b>29 days absence = 6 weeks absence over the year</b> , it will be very difficult for children to keep up and achieve their best. This is very poor attendance and our EWO will be involved until attendance improves.
<b>80% and below</b>	Pupils are <b>missing a day of school every week</b> making it almost impossible to keep up with their learning. This is very poor attendance and will be referred to our EWO for further action to be taken.

## DIARY DATES

### November

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Non uniform day (pupils are kindly requested to bring in chocolate for the Christmas Fayre)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Fire safety talk for Year 3 pupils

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November- Year 6 Athletics event at Holy Trinity PM.

### December

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Advent Mass in Church 2:15 pm (parents and carers welcome)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Choir to attend a community singing event 5.00 pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fayre 3:30pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December- Rocksteady Concert 10.00am

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – School Choir to sing at Westmeads 1:30 pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Party Day with Party Food Selection for lunch

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Christingle in Church 2:15 pm (Parents/Carers welcome)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and 2 Wriggly Nativity 2.00 pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and 2 Wriggly Nativity 10.00 am

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – School Choir to sing at Gathering Mass 1:30 pm (parents and carers welcome)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Years 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Through the Decades 10.00 am

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Reception and Year 6 Nativity 2.00 pm in church (parents and carers welcome)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Years 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Through the Decades 2.00 pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day before Christmas Holidays

### February

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Young Voices (school choir)

### March

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March- class photos

### School Ties

School ties will be on sale from today from the school office. Please ensure your child is wearing a tie as it is an important part of our school uniform.

Elastic Tie - £5.00

Clip On - £5.50

### Christmas Performances

Seats will be on sale at £2.00 per seat through Parentpay for your child's Christmas performance of 'Wriggly Nativity' for Years 1 and 2 on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 pm or Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am. Years 3,4 and 5's 'Christmas Through the Decades' performance will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 pm. There are no limits to the number of seats you can purchase for this event.

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