

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank-you for everyone who came along to our Parent Do day this week—it was great to see so many parents/carers working alongside their child/ren in class. It's always a lovely way to start our Christmas events in school.

We are now in the midst of Christmas play rehearsals—the hall is fully in use, and Christmas songs can be heard at many points during the school day. Please make sure you have returned your slip to request your tickets for the performances.

A huge thank-you, again, to Friends of Priory—our Year 5 and 6 discos were well-attended yesterday evening—with the children dancing and singing with great enthusiasm.

Have a good weekend.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Keefe

### Governing Body News

As you will be aware we are now starting the recruitment process to find Mrs Keefe's replacement and we would very much appreciate your thoughts on the next Head Teacher. Earlier this week you would have received a letter about our survey that we would ask you to complete by 5pm on 12th December.

At this weeks Governing Body meeting we were pleased to note that pupil attendance continues to improve. It is important for all pupils attend and we thank you for supporting this on going task.

We were pleased to hear about the continued developments in OPAL. We also approved policies relating to Business Continuity, Suspensions and Exclusion, and reviewed our Behaviour Principles.

Steve Hardy  
Chair of Governors

### Christmas Present Room

It's back! Thank-you for sending in the orders for children to shop at the Christmas present room. This will take place on 11th and 12th December.

All presents available for purchasing are currently on display in the entrance area for children to have a look at, ahead of the shopping day.

### Diary Dates

Years 4 and 5: Chaos Science Workshops	10th December
Panathlon Bowling	10th December
FOPJS Christmas Present Room	11th—12th December
Christmas Lunch	11th—12th December
Year 3 Christmas Performance	17th December 9.30am
Year 5 Christmas Performance	17th December 2pm
Year 6 Christmas Performance	18th December 9.30am
Year 4 Christmas Performance	18th December 2pm
Christmas Jumper Day	19th December
Christingle Assembly	20th December
End of Autumn Term	20th December
Christmas Holiday	23rd December—6th January
Spring Term Starts	7th January

### Healthy Snacks

It is great to see our tuck shop running smoothly. Our Year 6 children are really rising to the occasion of running this enterprise for the school. Well done!

The snacks provided are all healthy choices—it is open each Friday breacktime.

Alongside this, all snacks sent into school should be healthy, and recommend fruit or veg sticks.

We have noticed that there are some crisps and chocolates are being sent in. Please note that we do not allow these.

Thank-you for your support.

### Christmas Performances

Please make sure you book your tickets for the children's Christmas performances. Tickets will be issued very soon, and you will need to bring this with you on the day.

# Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter

## December 2024

### A Message From Me

Hello everyone and happy December! I am moving to a new role at the end of this term, and I would like to express my thanks to both school staff and families who I have supported in last 4 years. Please contact the school office from January 2025 if you would like support from the EIFA team and they will give you the details.

### Activity Idea Celebrate your child at Christmas

Write down some awesome things that your child has done this year: Important events, achievements, starting a new hobby or club, learning to swim or ride a bike, creating some amazing art or writing a cool story etc  
Tear them up and put the 'tickets' in a jar (which you can decorate with glitter/tinsel)  
Then on Christmas eve, turn the lights off and the fairy lights on and enjoy taking out the 'awesome' tickets and talking through and remembering them together.



### Ideas to try - Sensory differences

Christmas can be a tricky time for children who have sensory differences. Whether it's different smells, bright lights, sounds, tastes, these can be hard for children to manage, and they become overwhelmed. Here are some top tips to help them:

1. Plan in advance. Explore opportunities to go to events at a quieter time or see if they offer a SEN specific session.
2. Consider the length, size and venue. How long do you plan to spend there, what's the environment like, how busy will it be, is there a 'quiet space' offered where they can take a break if needed.
3. Wear ear defenders. Encourage your child to use ear defenders, ear plugs or earmuffs to help them manage loud noises. You could also ask if they would like to wear earphones and listen to their favourite music/story.
4. Use regulation tools. Distraction is a great way to help children cope with sensory input that they find distressing. Fidget toys, things that smell nice, fabric they enjoy, a tight hug, can all be helpful. You could build a 'sensory bag' to have at home or take with you when things might get tricky.

Source: [www.futurestepsol.co.uk](http://www.futurestepsol.co.uk)

### Parent Workshops

We are running three online workshops for parents in December:

Supporting your child with feelings of worry, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6pm – 7.30pm

Sleep, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 12-1pm

Supporting your child with feelings of anger, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 6pm – 7.30pm

Book here: <https://forms.office.com/e/c8SPp62Fi1>

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint ([www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk](http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk)) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer)



# Merry Mosaics

## Family Workshops

**Saturday 7th December**  
 3x Workshops - 10:00am to 11:15am, 12:00pm to 1:15pm,  
 and 2:00pm to 3:15pm

Design and create festive mosaic tiles with professional mosaic artist, Zena Brackenbury, by pressing real glass tesserae into air drying clay. Use your beautiful creations as hanging or table decorations, even presents!

£12.00 for 2 at a table, £16.50 for 3 at a table,  
 £20.00 for 4 at a table

Tickets numbers include adults - making their own creations!  
 (There must be at least one adult per table)  
 Aimed at children aged 5+

Limited places - online booking essential  
<https://the-norris-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>



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**CHESTERTON** COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
**SWAVESEY** VILLAGE COLLEGE


[CAMBRIDGEUNITED.COM/CAMPS](http://CAMBRIDGEUNITED.COM/CAMPS)

## CAMBRIDGE UNITED CHRISTMAS SOCCER SCHOOLS

23RD, 30TH, 31ST DEC 2024 AND 2ND & 3RD JAN 2025

23RD DEC MERRY MONDAY  
 30TH DEC MAGICAL MONDAY  
 31ST DEC TINSEL TUESDAY  
 2ND JAN TIDINGS THURSDAY  
 3RD JAN FESTIVE FRIDAY

REGISTER HERE AND SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW!!



OR EMAIL KRISTI ON [KRISTIM@CAMBRIDGEUNITED.COM](mailto:KRISTIM@CAMBRIDGEUNITED.COM)




## THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7-13 who love to sing. The Singing School was established to give children the opportunity to experience great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

Pupils will learn some beautiful music and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory and history. Families are most welcome to come and listen to an informal concert at the end of each day.

For more information and to book, please see [www.oxbridgesingschool.com](http://www.oxbridgesingschool.com)

Sat 21 & Mon 23 December 2024  
 St Catharine's College,  
 Cambridge

## CAMBRIDGE UNITED FC'S INFLATABLE FOOTBALL TARGET



### COMING TO A CHRISTMAS SOCCER SCHOOLS NEAR YOU SOON !!


VENUES INCLUDING:  
 CHESTERTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
 COLERIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
 COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE  
 SWAVESEY VILLAGE COLLEGE

DATES:  
 23RD, 30TH, 31ST  
 DEC 2024  
 AND 2ND & 3RD  
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Next Week's Lunch Menu: CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAYS ARE ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY




# Week Three Menu - Final

Served weeks commencing:  
18/11/24, 09/12/24, 20/01/25, 10/02/25



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Cheese & Ham Pizza Potato Wedges Salad & Coleslaw	Mexican Chicken Rice Peas & Broccoli	CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAYS		Fish Fingers Chips Baked Beans/ Garden Peas
VEGETARIAN	Bean Fajita Potato Wedges Salad & Coleslaw	Macaroni Cheese Peas & Broccoli	CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAYS		Vegetable Fingers Chips Baked Beans/ Garden Peas
JACKET POTATO PASTA DISH	Pasta with Optional Homemade Tomato Sauce and/or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAYS		Pasta with Optional Homemade Tomato Sauce and/or Cheese
SANDWICH/ BAGUETTE	Sandwich with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo, Cheese or Ham	Baguette with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo, Cheese or Ham	CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAYS		Wrap with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo, Cheese or Ham
DESSERTS	Shortbread	Chocolate Sponge Custard	CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAYS		Fresh Fruit Friday

CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAYS—SEE LETTER



**AVAILABLE DAILY:**

- Choice of Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread,
- Seasonal Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Fruit,
- Fruit Yoghurt and Fruit Jelly.

