



Dear parents/ carers

Welcome back for the 2nd half term of the year! I hope you were all able to have a fun and – at times – relaxing half term break.

This half term is always very busy and full of events/ activities – please do keep an eye on the newsletters to make sure you don't miss anything!

Uniform:

An apology – I should have reminded families prior to the holiday that from October half term children should be in full winter uniform. This is:

- Grey skirt, grey knee-length shorts, grey straight-leg trousers or grey pinafore
- White long or short sleeved blouse/shirt
- Maroon and gold school tie
- Maroon cardigan or jumper (plain or embroidered with the school logo)
- White, grey or black socks/maroon or grey tights
- Black sensible school shoes

Children should no longer be wearing polo shirts or gingham dresses. They should be wearing a tie daily. **Please make sure all items are named** – this way if they are misplaced they will find their way back!

Also – as the weather is getting cooler – if you have them, it is a good idea for children to have plain black joggers/ hoodies in their PE kits for PE on colder days as there still will be times over the winter months they are outside!

Water bottles:

Keeping hydrated is really important.

To support this we are now allowing children to have diluted low sugar fruit squash as well as water in their bottles in class. If your child has squash in their bottle this must be taken home daily to wash – and it can only be re-filled with water during the day – we do not have bottles of squash available to use during the day.

Parent's Evening:

Booking is now live via the Arbor app. If you have any difficulties doing this, please do speak to Miss Wilmott in the office.

Class Dojo:

I have really enjoyed seeing the pictures put up by all classes on Dojo – I am sure you have too. If you have any trouble getting access to Dojo – please let us know and we can provide other ways of getting you connected to your child in school.

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Admissions 2026:

This is now open for Reception and Year 3 in 2026 – if you have children due to start – please do make sure you apply in plenty of time. And if you have friends/ family with children who are due to start Year R – or who are due to finish infant school and will be starting Year 3 in September 2026 – please do tell them all about our lovely little school.

Tours for prospective parents (with or without their children) are every Monday between 10 and 11am or 1 and 2pm.



PTFA Christmas Fayre:

I have heard great things about last year's fayre – and the plans I have heard so far about this year's means that it will be even better!

Please support the Christmas Fayre by:

- Putting the date – Thursday 4th **December** after school – in your diary/ online calendar
- **Bake or buy** some cakes for us to sell
- **Buy** raffle tickets (on sale after school on Thursdays)
- On Friday 21st **November** it will be a non-uniform day for donations of chocolate for the Christmas Fayre

It promises to be lots of fun!

Also – Trevor (our PTFA's secretary) and his family every year have a large Christmas light display on his house..... this year there is a donation box outside for the PTFA – go and see them – they're amazing (poster below – and video to follow on Dojo!) – get into the Christmas spirit early!

Photos:

All children should have come home with their order forms for the individual and family photos. Please order any photos directly with Wrates.

Best wishes

Graham Lobb

Headteacher

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- w/c Monday 10th - Anti-bullying week
- Tuesday 11th - Remembrance Day
- Wednesday 12th - Year 5 Celebration of the Word Anti-bullying theme (9:15am – preceded by Y5 breakfast at 8:30am)
- Monday 17th - Parent's Evening -- available to book now!
- Tuesday 18th - Parent's Evening -- available to book now!
- Wednesday 19th - Year 3 Retreat Day
- Friday 21st - World Youth Funday (details TBC)
- Non uniform day for donations of chocolate for the Christmas Fayre
- w/c Monday 24th - UK Parliament Week
- Wednesday 26th - Year 3 Celebration of the Word (9:15am – preceded by Y3 breakfast at 8:30am)
- Friday 28th - Advent Celebration of the Word (2:30pm)
- December:**
- Monday 1st - Mass (St Ralph Sherwin) 11:00am at Church
- Wednesday 3rd - Year R Retreat Day
- Thursday 4th - PTFA Christmas Fayre (after school)
- Wednesday 10th - KS1 Performance 10am
- Thursday 11th - KS1 Performance 2pm
- Tuesday 16th - Christmas party day
- Wednesday 17th - Panto
- Thursday 18th - Christmas Lunch (and Jumpers)
- Friday 19th - Carols around the Tree (10am and 2pm)
- Break up for Christmas holiday



3 Barret Street
Christmas Lights 2025 in Association with
Saint John Fisher
Parents, Teacher and Friends Association.



Please allow me a moment to say welcome to the Christmas Light display here at 3 Barrett Street 2025.

For the last 5 years we have created a display for you all to enjoy and each year we have tried to do bigger and better, making your visits each year more enjoyable than the last. This year including a bench for you to take a seat and take your own photos with the display in the background.

This year we have been in discussion with the PTFA at one of the local schools one of which both of us are very active members and the possibility of us asking for donations in which any funds raised would go to fund projects that the PTFA are currently working on to help benefit the children at the school.

The PTFA are a registered charity (charity number 1027255), who work throughout the year raising funds, this being through school discos, Summer and Christmas Fayres, this years Christmas Fayre being held on Thursday 4th December @3.30 at St John Fisher school Alvaston.

Please if you would like to donate then we have a Post Box by the front door that this can be posted into, we would like to thank you for all your support.

Many Thanks and Merry Christmas



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