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Dear Parents,

Christmas has certainly hit Hawkinge Primary School this week – the children have really enjoyed sharing Christmas cards with each other and have enjoyed seeing the Christmas trees up in the classrooms.

The Nativity was superbly performed by KS1 and Reception children who clearly really enjoyed their performance. They smiled throughout and some even enjoyed a little dance on stage! It never ceases to amaze me how confidently they perform to a sea of hundreds of faces. Thank you to the many people who came along to support their little one at their performance.

Many thanks must also be given to all staff involved in making it run so smoothly – a special mention to Mrs Rand who always does such a good job of making it look so easy!

Below are the remaining key dates for the end of term.

Can I remind you that if you haven't completed the link regarding food for the Christmas parties can you please do so? Preferably by the end of today, giving me time to buy the food over the weekend for the parties. Thank you.

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| • 15th December | Year 5 & 6 Landing Pad – car park gates open at 2:15pm |
| • 15 th December | EYFS Christmas party <i>(no need to provide anything / do anything – just for your info)</i> |
| • 16th December | Year 3 & 4 Landing Pad – car park gates open at 2:15pm |
| • 17th December | Christmas Lunch |
| • 17 th Dec– | Years 3,4,5& 6 Christmas parties <i>(no need to provide anything /do anything– just for your info)</i> |
| • 18 th December | Year 1 & 2 Christmas parties <i>(no need to provide anything / do anything – just for your info)</i> |
| • 19th December | Last day of term |

As we look ahead to Term 3 Miss Pearson will be starting her maternity leave on Friday. If anyone has spotted her around the school, I am sure you would agree that it is looking like Friday would be a good day to start it! We will keep you posted when the baby arrives. As you know Miss Yarrow will then return from maternity leave to take the role as class teacher in 'Miss Pearson's' class. (Great timing team – thank you!!) Miss Yarrow has been in school each week this term and has taught the children so I am expecting the handover to be smooth.

Unfortunately, Miss Milborrow (Year 3/4) is not able to return to school in January. In the meantime, we are thrilled to have appointed Mr Bishop as the class teacher – supported by myself, Mr O'Brien and Miss Hanner. His name will be familiar to you as he left in October – but was very keen to come back! ☺

On the reverse of the newsletter is the curriculum overview for Term 3.

I will not be writing a letter next week – they often get lost in the muddle of Christmas cards and excitement of the last day..... however, myself and the team would like to wish you all a peaceful, calm and fun filled Christmas break.

See you in 2026! (January 5th!!)