



# TEMPLE SOWERBY CE SCHOOL

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th December

Dear Parents,

It's already been a busy week of Christmas activities and we're looking forward to our Christmas party and a visit from Santa later on today. For our last newsletter of 2025, we just have a few updates and reminders about what is happening in school for the remainder of the term.

But first can I ask all parents to spend a few minutes completing our [Annual Parent Survey](#) – all results are shared with governors and it is a great way of letting us know what you think about our school.

### Christmas Activities

- **Reverse Advent Calendar** - thank you for all of the generous donations of produce for this year's Reverse Advent Calendar. The last chance for donations will be Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December before all of the food will be taken to Upper Eden Food Bank.
- **Nativity** - this year's Nativity will again be performed in the village hall and will take place on Wednesday 17th December at 1.30pm. All are welcome to come along. Elements of the nativity (but not the full performance) will also be included in our end of term Christmas service.
- **Village Carol Singing** - on Thursday 18th December, children in KS2 have been invited along to The Kings Arms in Temple Sowerby at 2:30pm for an hour of Carol singing. Parents and members of the community are welcome to come along.
- **End of Term Christmas Service** – our traditional end of term service will take place at 1.30pm on Friday 19th December at St James' Church. FoTSS will be serving refreshments from 1.15pm onwards as well as after the service. As usual, we will be bringing the children back to school after the service to collect their things – parents can then collect them from the main entrance as soon as they are ready. There will be no after school club on this day.

### Fundraising

Thank you for everyone who generously bought the children's fantastic crafts at the craft fair. We raised £285 for Anko-ma Outreach. We are aware there are a few parents who did not get the chance to purchase your child's crafts. If you would like some items please get in touch with Mrs Capstick on [emma@temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:emma@temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk) to arrange purchasing them.

A reminder that Mrs Capstick is holding Felt Workshops on Monday at 5-7pm and 7-9pm. You can book this using this link <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/99798>, booking closes on Sunday evening. Invite a friend and make a nice Christmassy evening of it.

Another huge well done to all of the Year 6's for their fundraising. Please return the money you have raised to Mrs Capstick on Monday, we will announce the total amount raised next week.

**Music Tuition** – for those children who have attended music lessons (guitar, drums or keyboard), charges have been added to Parentpay for the term, rather than the usual invoices.

**Clubs** – as mentioned, there will be no Band Club on the last day of term. After Christmas, our after-school clubs for the spring term will remain the same (Mon – Craft, Tues – Dance, Wed – Art, Thurs – Film Club, Fri – Band Club). **However, please note that they will recommence on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January.** If any parents need childcare on the first 3 days of the new term (7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Jan), please let us know.

Kind regards

Mr Laithwaite, Headteacher

**Important dates for this half-term:**

Date	Time	Event
Every Friday	9.15–10.30am	Temple Sowerby Tots
Every Tuesday	PM	Guitar tuition
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	Nativity performance in village hall (Pre-school, Rec, Y1)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	AM	Christmas trip to Rheged Cinema — Arthur Christmas and school choir carol singing at The King's Arms
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	Christmas Service – St James' Church
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> December	4.00pm	Village carol service—St James' Church

**Key dates for remainder of the year:**

Date	Time	Event
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Afternoons	Swimming week 2
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Leave in morning	Young Voices
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> March	4.00 – 5.00pm	FOTSS Spring Disco
Week beginning Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Mornings	SATs Week – Year 6
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	After school	Temple Sowerby Kwik Cricket tournament
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4-6 Residential trip
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June	PM	Sports Day
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	All day	Transition Day (awaiting final confirmation)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	After school	FOTSS Summer Barbecue
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Summer trip – whole school (awaiting final confirmation)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July		Leavers service (AM) and end of term service (1.30pm)