



# Ironville and Codnor Park Primary School Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Believe Achieve Succeed

### Christmas Holidays

This is the last newsletter of the year. The children and staff break up today for the Christmas holidays. School reopens on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. The staff would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Wrens and Shining Start Visit

The children in Wrens and Shining Start had a wonderful trip yesterday to watch The Tortoise and the Hare. They all fully enjoyed it and were a credit to the school.



### Christmas Table Decoration Challenge

Thank you to all of those that got involved in the Christmas table decoration challenge. We were absolutely blown away by the response and had 39 entries! Mrs West, Vice-Chair of Governors, found it very difficult to judge the table decorations. Congratulations to our winners Brodie Andrews, Saunderson Family, Kason Cunning, Harrison Wright, Harvey Higgins and EL.

### Christmas Lunch

What a busy but fun lunchtime on Wednesday! Thank you so much to Miss Thomas and Miss Barker for making 166 wonderful Christmas lunches! The lunch was delicious.



### Diary Dates

#### December 2025

19<sup>th</sup> Finish for Christmas

#### January 2026

5<sup>th</sup> INSET day  
6<sup>th</sup> School reopens  
Week 6<sup>th</sup> 100 life skills  
12<sup>th</sup> Homework begins  
12<sup>th</sup> After school clubs begin  
12<sup>th</sup> Non-uniform day for 100% attendance  
16<sup>th</sup> Swimming and music tuition starts  
28<sup>th</sup> Time for You  
30<sup>th</sup> Reading for pleasure day

#### February 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> National Story telling week  
6<sup>th</sup> Resilience day  
Week 9<sup>th</sup> Children's Mental Health week  
10<sup>th</sup> Internet Safety day  
12<sup>th</sup> Heroes and Heroines party  
13<sup>th</sup> Interim reports  
13<sup>th</sup> Finish for half term

New dates in blue

# House Teams and Attendance Rewards

This term, our House Teams have worked incredibly hard to improve attendance. Each week that a House achieved 96% or above, they earned a reward ball on the chart. The reward balls accumulated toward different rewards, motivating everyone to aim high. Below is a list of what each House won:

Calke Abbey won a cake and relax session and the overall attendance for the term was 95.7%

Chatsworth won a campfire and s'mores session and the overall attendance for the term was 97.82%

Hardwick won a trip to a local park/games and the overall attendance for the term was 95.59%

Kedleston won a 30 minute break and the overall attendance for the term was 94.5%

The overall attendance for the autumn term for the whole school is 96%



Headteacher's Award  
 etwise Ezra Bonner

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 Wrens - River Proctor  
 Robins - Leora-Arianna Fenwick  
 Kingfishers - Arlo Dawson  
 Kestrels - Aaron Birkinshaw  
 Eagles - Lacey Coals

Wonderful Writer  
 Ezra Bonner

# Christmas Performance

Reception, Year One and Year Two children performed their Christmas production to a live audience last Thursday! All of the children, staff and parents/carers thoroughly enjoyed it. The children were magnificent and did us proud and the staff did a fabulous job. Well done!



## Village Christmas Light Switch On

What a fabulous turn out for the Community Christmas Tree Light Switch On and super singing from our choir at the start of December.



### Safeguarding

If you have a concern regarding child protection or safeguarding please contact:

**The Designated Safeguarding Lead** – Mrs Grundy and Mrs Bowler (Fridays)

**The Deputy Safeguarding Leads** – Miss Sharpe, Mrs Coulston, Mrs Bowler, Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Moore

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