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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are welcoming back children who have been isolating over the past couple of weeks. New cases have slowed down so we are hopeful that the peak of the outbreak has passed. Our current numbers are that there are 6 children isolating, 3 in Year 6 (all towards the end of their 10 day period), one in Year 4, one in Year 3 and one in Year 1.

We will continue to avoid large gatherings in the next few weeks and will make a decision about whether we can have an audience for the Nativity plays by next Monday, 29th November.

**Christmas Fair – Now online**

Sadly, we have had to call a halt to the physical Christmas Fair at the end of this week.

We are however running a Virtual Christmas Market.   The Virtual Market will run from Thursday 11th November until Christmas Eve, the cost of a “stall” is £5 and you can advertise as much as you like during this time.

Here is the link to our Virtual Christmas Market

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/187051760261344/>

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The Christmas Raffle is still taking place, thank you very much for all the generous donations for the hampers, they are all assembled in the staffroom looking delicious and very tempting to the staff!

We will draw the raffle in assembly on Friday afternoon.

**Christmas Holiday Club at the Abbey**

Here’s the booking link for the Christmas Multi-Sports Camp from 20th to 23rd Dec.

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/19843-734230/>

**Christmas Tree**

We are very grateful to Melbury Vale Winery for kindly donating our Christmas tree again this year, do pay them a visit to choose your tree. Thanks also to Grace’s parents for getting the tree to our school, it will go up at the front of school soon.

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

 **September 2021 to August 2022**

**Autumn Term**

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| Autumn half term | Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021 |
| Autumn term ends | Friday 17 December 2021 |
| Christmas holidays | Monday 20 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022 |

**Spring Term**

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| INSET DAY | Tuesday 4 January 2022 |
| Children start back | Wednesday 5 January 2022 |
| Spring half termINSET DAY | Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022Monday 14th March 2022 |
| Spring term endsINSET DAY | Thursday 7 April 2022Friday 8th April 2022 |
| Easter holidays | Monday 11 April 2022 to Friday 22 April 2022 |

**Summer Term**

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| Children start back | Monday 25 April 2022 |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 2 May 2022 (May Day Bank Holiday) |
| Summer half term | Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022 |
| INSET DAY | Monday 6 June 2022 |
| Summer term ends | Friday 22 July 2022 |
| Summer holidays | Monday 25 July 2022 to Wednesday 31 August 2022 |