



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Value of Autumn Term 2: Respect



★ ★ ★ I'm Gonna Shine ★ ★ ★



★ Wednesday 18th December – 1.30pm & 5pm ★

Tea, Coffee & Mince Pies available

**Please note there is a max of 2 seats per family, per performance**

### Dates for the Diary

- 18th Dec, Nativity in the School Hall, 1.30pm & 5pm
- 19th Dec, School Christmas dinner & films. Christmas jumpers/ clothes optional
- 19th Dec, Y3 / Y4 Indoor Athletics at THS
- 20th Dec, Christmas party (AM)
- **20th Dec, School closes at 1.15pm**
- 6th Jan, School re-opens
- 9th Jan, Y5/ Y6 Indoor Athletics at THS
- 16th Jan, Y1/ Y2 Handball at THS
- 5th Mar, World Book Day
- 9th-11th Mar, Y3/4 Condoval Hall Residential
- 16th-18th Mar, Y5/6 Condoval Hall Residential

### School Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair this year. It was lovely to see so many parents and extended families attend, have fun and raise money for the school. An extra special thank you to Friends of Utkinton for their tireless fundraising and hard work to ensure this year's fair was a great success. We wish you all a restful weekend!

### Lunch Menu - Week Commencing 16th Dec



We have a change to the lunch menu for next week. The choices for the week are as follows:

**Monday:** Meatballs or Deli Sandwich

**Tuesday:** Cheese & Ham Pinwheel or Jacket Potato

**Wednesday:** Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy or Deli Sandwich

**Thursday:** **Christmas Lunch**

**Friday:** Fish & Chips or Deli Sandwich

### After School Clubs

All after school clubs for the Autumn term have now finished. We hope the children have enjoyed taking part in the clubs we have been able to offer. A new list of clubs will be sent out in the New Year.

### Last Day of School

Don't forget, school closes for the Christmas break at 1.15pm on Friday 20th December. If you are unable to collect your child at this time but have made arrangements for a family member or friend to collect them, please let Mrs Wright or your child's class teacher know. Thank you.

## School Attendance

On Tuesday, the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) for Cheshire West and Chester Council visited our school to carry out a register inspection. In the inspection, the EWO looked at school attendance, lateness and persistent absenteeism.

The government benchmark for good attendance is set at **95%**.

Utkinton St. Paul's attendance for the Autumn term is currently at **91.54%**. Attendance for each class is broken down as follows:

Year Group	Attendance %	Number of instances where a pupil is late after morning registration
Reception	94.18%	12
Year 1&2	91.40%	2
Year 3&4	91.16%	51
Year 5&6	91.85%	125



We will be working over the Spring and Summer terms to improve the overall attendance of the school and we seek your support in helping us to improve punctuality and reduce lateness to school on a daily basis.

## School Accounts Reminder

Please can all dinner money, before and after school care and payments for school trips/ residentials be settled before we break for the festive period on **Friday 20th December**. If you have any queries regarding your school account, please do contact Mrs Wright in the school office.

## School Bus Service



We are pleased to advise that we have been given permission to offer a morning school bus service to all pupils of Utkinton St. Paul's CofE Primary School. From the expressions of interest that we have already received, Miss Pleavin and Mr Allman will devise a morning bus route with a view to the new route beginning in January. Timings and cost will be communicated out as soon as possible. If you are interested in your child using the service and you haven't already expressed an interest, please contact Miss Pleavin or Mrs Wright as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Church Services at St. Helen's Church, Tarporley

Sunday 15th Dec 6.30pm St. Helen's Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols.

Sunday 22nd Dec 10am St Helen's Holy Communion and DIY Nativity.

Christmas Eve 4pm St Helen's Blessing of the Crib - a short very popular service to build and bless our nativity scene in St. Helen's Church.

Christmas Eve 11.30pm St Helen's Midnight Mass - Welcome in Christmas Day by candlelight.

Christmas Day 10am St Helen's All Age Holy Communion –join us for a service of celebration fun and surprises.