



December 2025

Newsletter



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

Welcome to our December Newsletter! As we step into this joyful season, we invite you to take a moment to explore this month's updates. You'll find important information, highlights of our Christmas celebrations, and ways to support your child's learning journey. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Governors, Parents, Staff, and children for all their support throughout the last term. We wish you a holy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday, 6th January 2025.

Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with peace and happiness!

Mrs Barnaville & Mrs Gallagher

Nativities

The Reception and Nursery Nativity performances truly filled us with the joy of Christmas. The children were wonderful, sharing the story of Jesus' birth in such a meaningful and heartfelt way. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the Reception and Nursery staff for their incredible dedication—not only in preparing the children so beautifully for these special celebrations, but also for all the care and support they have given since September.



Girls Football Team

Unfortunately, the girls' football match scheduled for last Tuesday had to be cancelled. However, we're delighted to share that they won their previous match with an outstanding score! This achievement missed our last newsletter, so a big belated congratulations to the team. We're confident you'll keep up the winning streak! A huge thank you to Miss Sutton and Mrs Marriott for their fantastic support.

School Council

On Thursday 9th December, some of our School Council representatives attended the Annual School Council Conference at the University of Bedfordshire with other schools from across the town. Together they discussed different ways that Luton Borough Council could consider to make the town a safer place.



Carol Service

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Carol Service on Thursday, December 12th. It was, as always, a truly special evening. Congratulations to the choir for their beautiful singing and to the readers who reminded us so powerfully of the true meaning of Christmas. We are also deeply grateful to Miss Clarke and Miss Callanan for their wonderful leadership in guiding the choir and preparing the readers.

Rocksteady Concert

Our little Rockstars, who take part in Rocksteady sessions with Adam every Thursday put on a concert to show case what they have been doing since starting in September, and what a performance! They thoroughly enjoy their sessions and it showed. If you are interested in enrolling your child onto these sessions please see the attached document.

Christmas Jumper and Dinner day

On Wednesday, the children and staff enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch. It was lovely to see the children wearing their Christmas jumpers, and they enjoyed the celebration. A big thank you to Grace and the kitchen staff for preparing such a lovely meal. Thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit the children.

Attendance

Please see below the attendance data for November

Please remember to consult our Attendance Policy for the correct process and time frame for you to request any Leave of Absence for your child. Under the new guidance, Leave of Absence can only be authorised by the Head Teacher in the most exceptional of circumstances and in accordance with your School's Attendance Policy.

A gentle reminder: Absences immediately before or after school holidays will be reviewed. We may ask for supporting information to help us record them accurately.

Class	%
Bears	91.4
Tigers	93.5
1M	95.9
1P	92.1
2M	94
2P	94.4
3M	98.6
3P	95.9
4M	98.3
4P	97
5M	98.7
5P	98.3
6M	97
6P	97.2
Total Average	95.9

Mass times

Please find below details of mass times at St Martin de Porres Church over the Christmas period

Wed 24th Dec 4.00pm 1st Mass of Christmas (A short Mass, ideal for those with small children who need to be put to bed early on Christmas Eve)

12.00am Solemn Midnight Vigil Mass (carols from 11.30pm)

Thurs 25th Dec 9.00am & 11.00am

Fri 26th Dec 11.00am

Wed 31st Dec 7.00pm

Thurs 1st Jan 10.00am

Pantomime

On Monday, the children were treated to a performance of the pantomime Aladdin. They thoroughly enjoyed it, and a great time was had by all... Oh no it wasn't! Oh yes it was!

Goodbyes

It is with heartfelt sadness that we say goodbye today to Mrs Reeve, Mrs Newton and Mrs Imran.

Mrs Reeve (known to many as Miss Doyle) has been a valued member of our teaching team for 10 years and is now relocating. We wish her every success in her future endeavors. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Miss Tourabaly, who will be joining us as the new teacher for 3M.

Mrs Newton has dedicated 20 years to the school as our Senior Midday Supervisor. While she is stepping down from this role, we are pleased that she will continue to be part of our community in her other role on the cleaning team—so you'll still see her around!

Mrs Imran has worked with us, first as a mid-day supervisor then as a Teaching Assistant for 2 years.

A huge thank you to Mrs Reeve, Mrs Newton and Mrs Imran for everything they have done for the school and the children in their care. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and you will be greatly missed.

COMMUNICATION

If you have any concerns or queries about your child, please contact the class teacher via email at help@smdpluton.co.uk. Teachers are unable to speak with parents on the playground at the end of the day, as their priority is ensuring children are dismissed safely. They are often required to attend meetings, training, or clubs after school. They will respond to your message when they are able to give you the time and attention your query deserves.

All school communication is sent via parentmail—please ensure you are signed up to receive updates so you don't miss important information. While Class Dojo is used within school for classroom activities, it is not a platform for parent-teacher communication. This helps us keep messages consistent and avoid overwhelming families with information from multiple sources. Messages sent to teachers via Class Dojo will not be read or responded to. If you have any concerns relating to your child, their class teacher will be more than happy to help but this needs to be emailed to help@smdpluton.co.uk and they will respond at their earliest convenience.

*'What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.'*