



07 January 2025

'...many members, but one body, as it is with Christ.' 1 Corinthians 12:12

Dear Parents & Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had an enjoyable break. We are excited for the new term, and we have lots to look forward to. You will find attached a list of key dates for the Spring Term, so please read this carefully and make a note of the dates. Some parents find it useful to stick it to the back of a kitchen cupboard door or something similar, so that it is easy to refer to and remember what is coming up.

Swimming on Fridays

As you know, we have been able to secure swimming for this term at Jack Hunt pool. Swimming will take place every Friday this term, except the final half day of School. JD1 will be taken by coach, do their swim and return to School in time for lunch in the dining hall. JD2 pupils will have a later lunch than usual; on Fridays we will order our lunch with the canteen, and collect named takeaway boxes to eat in JD when we return. JD2 pupils will be eating at around 1.40pm. Parents may wish to send in a banana or similar for a snack to ensure children have the energy they need to enjoy the swimming lessons.

As we said before the holidays, all pupils need to have a swimming hat. Please ensure that you have one in time for Friday's lesson. Girls need a plain black one-piece costume, while boys need black swimming trunks or jammers. Please do not send boys with black swimming shorts, as they are very difficult for pupils to learn to swim in due to how much drag they have in the water.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Ludford
Head of Junior Department

Junior Department Key Dates Spring Term 2025

Tue 7 Jan	School re-opens for pupils	
Fri 10 Jan	Swimming JD1 and JD2	
Mon 13 Jan	JD School Council meeting - 11.15am	
Wed 15 Jan	Food Bank Collection	
Fri 17 Jan	Swimming JD1 and JD2	
Fri 24 Jan	Swimming JD1 and JD2	
Fri 31 Jan	Swimming JD1 and JD2	
Wed 5 Feb	Year 6 NHS Height and Weight Checks	
Fri 7 Feb	Swimming JD1 and JD2	
Tue 11 Feb	Safer Internet Day - activities and factual updates in School to promote safety online	
Wed 12 Feb	Food Bank Collection	
Thu 13 Feb	Parents' Consultation meetings throughout the day and after School	
Fri 14 Feb	Swimming JD1 and JD2	
Fri 14 Feb	Open Afternoon for parents - starts at 2.30pm, which allows JD time to eat lunch after swimming	
HALF TERM: Monday 17 - Friday 21 February		
Fri 28 Feb	Swimming JD1 and JD2	
Mon 3 Mar	JD School Council Meeting - 11.15am	
Tue 4 Mar	Shrove Tuesday pancake races at JD - parents welcome from 8.25am; races start at 8.35am	
Thu 6 Mar	World Book Day - Come in normal uniform - JD2 in School JD1 trip to Twycross Zoo - rainforest focus	Cost TBC
Fri 7 Mar	Swimming JD1 and JD2	
Wed 12 Mar	Food Bank Collection	
Fri 14 Mar	Swimming JD1 and JD2	
Fri 21 Mar	Swimming JD1 and JD2	
Thu 27 Mar	JD1 Hiking Day in Bourne Woods	No cost to parents
Fri 28 Mar	Swimming JD1 and JD2	
Wed 2 Apr	JD2 Hiking Day - Borough Hill Fort in Rutland within the School day. Sturdy clothing, School hoody and backpack to hike, packed lunch needed. Food Bank Collection	No cost to parents
Thu 3 Apr	Easter event	
Fri 4 Apr	No swimming today	
Fri 4 Apr	Last day of term - midday pickup from JD, time to be confirmed.	Cathedral Service 9.45am. There is limited seating for parents which will be on a first-come, first-served basis.