



Chilham St Mary's CE Primary School

Friday 20th December 2025

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to the end of a very long Autumn Term, we have lots of excited and tired children (and staff!) Please read this newsletter, full of news from the events which have happened this term in school. There has been lots going on!

Please have a restful and happy Christmas. If you do need to get in touch over the Festive Break please email: headteacher@chilham.kent.sch.uk

Nativity performance

What an absolute delight it was to watch the Nativity performance in St Mary's Church. The children acted and sung so beautifully and made us incredibly proud. The staff worked extremely hard to put together a performance which I know is an annual highlight for families.



'Things I am proud' of worship

We began a new slot in assembly last term where children are invited to speak to the school about their hobbies and things they are proud of. Please encourage your children to volunteer to share with us. We really want to celebrate the amazing things our children are doing outside of school.

Christmas Fair

We were delighted with the success of the Christmas Fair. Thank you all so much for your support. In total with the PTA raffle and stalls run by the school we raised over £1000.

Christmas community Performances



We are always proud to represent our school at singing events, especially during the festive period.

We took part in the St Nicholas' Service at Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday 7th December, which was a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

The switching on of the Chilham Christmas Tree lights is always a fun and memorable evening. Around 20 of our children sang loudly and proudly, spreading festive cheer throughout the community.



Attendance and lateness

Please do let us know by telephone if your child is ill by 8.30am each morning. If you wish to make a leave of absence for an exceptional circumstance, please email into the school office and we will look at each case individually before writing back to you to let you know if this will be authorised or unauthorised.

Our school day begins at 8.55am. We have changed some timings within our school day. Worship will be everyday from 9.05am in the Worship Hall. If your child is late to school, you will need to let Miss Arnold know you are here and then walk your child up to the Worship Hall to be received by a school adult.

Our visit to see Santa at Chilham Castle



We were lucky to be invited to Chilham Castle on Monday afternoon to sing to the staff and meet Father Christmas. The castle staff meet us at the door and we were greeted with a roaring fire and beautifully decorated room to spend time in. He generously gave each child a Christmas Colouring mug.



Parental professions and jobs

We are thinking of holding a week in the Summer Term around careers and aspirations for the future. If you have a job you would be willing to speak about in front of our children in an assembly, we would love to hear from you.

Clubs for Term 3

<u>Day</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Club</u>
Monday	Mr Mankelow	Singing
Tuesday	Ms Cole	Art & Craft
Wednesday	Miss Callow	Board Games
Thursday	Mrs James	Construction
Friday	Miss Dolan	Bench Ball @ Sports Hall

Thank you to Mr Croucher for running our after-school football club this term. Also, to Rev Sue and Mrs Ladley for running JAM club.

Curriculum Topics for Term 3

The children will begin new learning topics next term. If you do want to make anything for your classroom linked to these topics, please feel free to.

<u>Wrens</u>	Travel and Transport
<u>Hérons</u>	Kings and Queens
<u>Martins</u>	Rainforests
<u>Peacocks</u>	Exploring Eastern Europe

Forest school

Forest School for term 3 will be for Peacocks class on a Thursday afternoon.

Clothing:

With the exception of very severe weather – high winds and thunderstorms – please assume that the children will be taking part in outdoor forest school activities on their allocated day. Therefore, it is essential they have the appropriate clothing to wear, ideally including waterproof over-trousers and jackets.

Children should come to school in their forest school clothes on their allocated day. They do not need to bring school uniform as they will go straight home in forest school clothes. **However, they must have a pair of shoes so they can change out of their Wellies or muddy boots/shoes.**

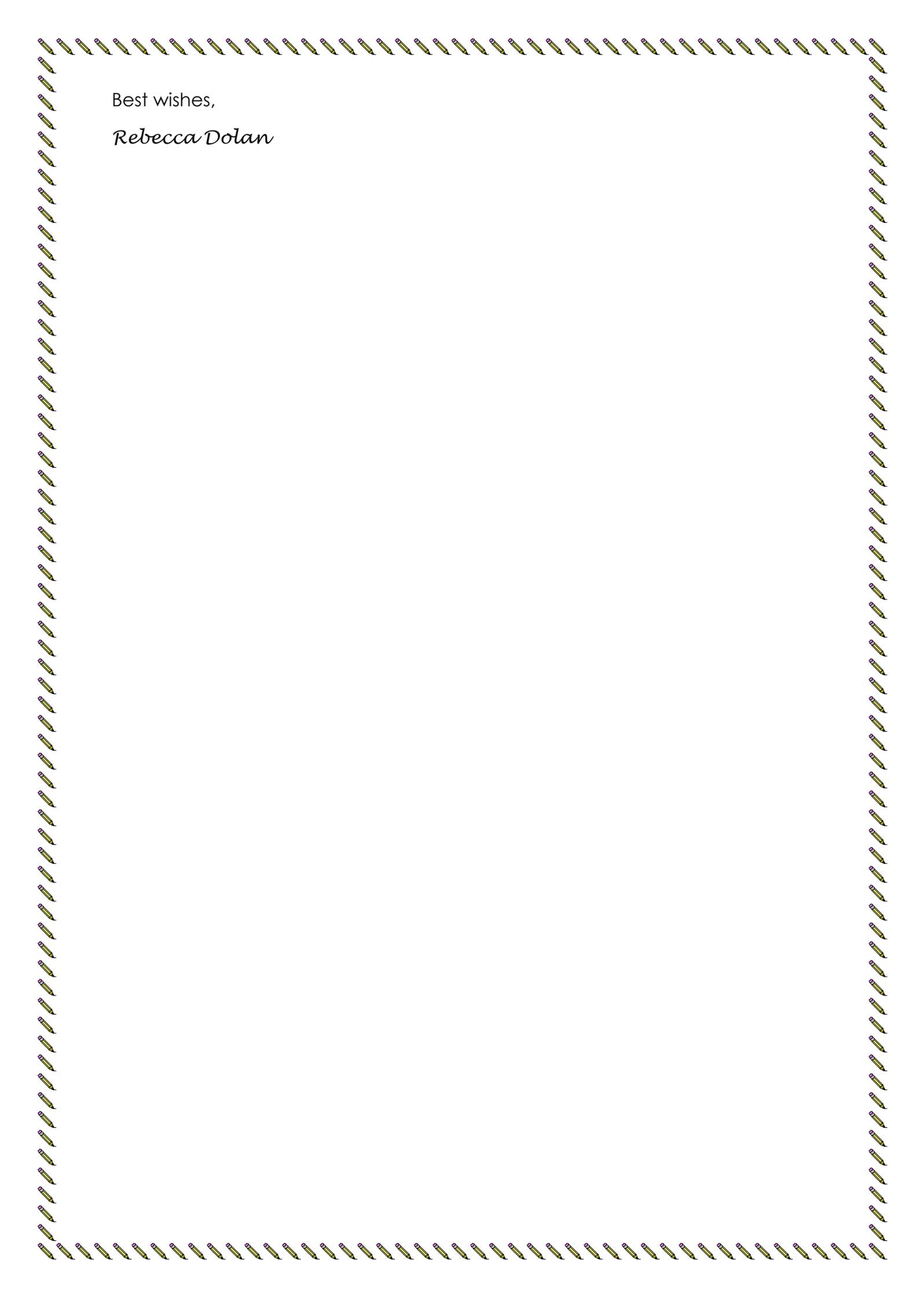
Clothing should be suitable for woodland activities – long trousers, tops with long sleeves and sturdy footwear or wellies. As the weather gets colder, layers of clothing are really important, along with hats, gloves, scarves, waterproofs etc. **Please ensure ALL clothing is clearly labelled.**

Diary Dates

We will let you know as more dates and events are added.

Tuesday 6th January	Children return to school
Tuesday 20th January	Years 3-6 at O2 Arena for Young Voices
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Monday 9th- Friday 13th March	Science Week
Tuesday 17th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 18th March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 31st March	Chilham Has Got Talent @10am
Thursday 2nd April	Break up for Easter at 1.30pm

We look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**. On behalf of all of the staff we wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year



Best wishes,

Rebecca Dolan