

# Dovecote Primary School 2024

## Newsletter—No. 4



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have finished 2024 with some amazing events in school. There is always an 'Ahhhh factor' to a nativity involving our younger pupils and there was definitely that this year in the Reception and Year 1 performances. As well as that there was total inclusion, pupil confidence and really high standards. I know that all of you who watched really enjoyed it. A really engaging and purposeful learning experience for all of the pupils.



The Nursery and Year 2/3 Singalongs were incredibly well supported by parents and carers and were pitched perfectly (excuse the pun) for all of the pupils involved.



Christmas dinner was wonderful, thank you to all our amazing kitchen staff. The pupils loved it and behaviour was exemplary. Another massive thank you to the PSA for arranging the Winter Fair - so much hard work for a really lovely event.

It is brilliant to see that our musicians take part in the orchestra in Christmas in the City. Also great that ex pupils, who started their musical journey with us, have continued into secondary school and beyond and were also taking part.



The Year 4/5/6 Concert at St.Mary's was as always a beautiful event in such a lovely setting. Thank you to Rev Lydia, Esther and Penny for hosting us once again. Year 5 also put on a less festive play—their adaptation of Macbeth. We really do have some budding actors in our midst.

I also believe that the man in the red suit has been seen around school too.

Wishing Everyone a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year! Ruth Guy-Clark

### **Safeguarding...**

**If your children are receiving technology this Christmas make sure that you set up parental controls.**

[Library | The National College](#)  
[iPad – Apple Support \(UK\)](#)

[Use parental controls on your child's iPhone and](#)





[Google's parental controls – Google Safety Centre](#)

# Dovecote Primary And Nursery

## Staffing

We have said goodbye to Amanda Stephenson and Joy Mitchell (Therapeutic Gardener) this week. Amanda has been with us from the very start of Dovecote and in that time has made a huge difference to the lives of so many. Lately she has been doing one day a week. Thank you so much for truly always putting 'Children First'. Joy hasn't been with us for so long however her impact has been felt by everyone working with children in the 'Secret Garden' – you have always gone above and beyond. Thank you both for your passion and commitment to Dovecote. We wish you both well in your retirement.

Ms Birch and Ms Woodward will both be going on maternity leave in the New Year. Mrs Davie will be covering Miss Woodward's days in Year 1 and we have a new teacher, Mrs Arney who will be covering in Year 4. Another new teacher, Mrs Hodgkinson will be doing some PPA cover aswell as a day in each Year 4 class.

Monday	 Y3 Gymnastics with Mr Yates in Main Hall 3:20-4:20pm
Wednesday	 Let's get creative Y1& 2 Ms Sharratt & Mrs Yates 3:20-4:15  Board Games Y2/3 with Mrs Langford & Mrs Watson 3:20-4:15
Thursday	 Y3 Basket Ball with Mr King in Sports Hall 3:30-4:30

## Attendance




**Current Statutory 94.0%**

We want our pupils to be at school to make the most of all the opportunities that we offer.

Improving School Attendance continues to be a major priority at Dovecote and nationally. Please contact Mrs Bird or Mrs Perkins with any queries around attendance.

All Basketball Fans Our Basketball coach, Mr King, has set up a promo code for tickets to see the game on Saturday 21st December, Nottingham Hoods vs Derby Trailblazers at the Wild Cats Arena in Nottingham. The promo code is Dove and you can order up to 4 tickets: [Link here](https://app.fanbaseclub.com/Fan/Tickets/SelectType...)

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Monday	 Rackets Cubed Y4 3:00-5:00 at NTU  Maths Booster Y6 3:30-4:30 Ms Moore & Mr Nicholls  Urban Hockey Y5 3:20-4:30 with Mr Bradbury
Tuesday	 Basket Ball Y5/6 3:30-4:30 Sports Hall with Mr King
Wednesday	 Urban Hockey for Girls 3:30-4:30 Sports Hall with Mr Bradbury  Multi-skills Y4 3:30- 4:30 School Hall with Mr Hogan  Book Club Y4 3:20-4:15 with Miss Carnell
Thursday	 Basket Ball Y4 3:30-5:00 Sports Hall with Mr King  Area Band Y5/6 4:00-5:00 School Hall with Mr Norris

## Dates For Your Diary....

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	FS2 Star Gazing
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Y6 RIAT STEM Challenge – Royal International Air Tattoo RAF
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 Trip to Leicester Museum and Art Gallery, exploring Ancient Egypt
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Lunar New Year – Year of the snake F2 Restaurant Experience
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Y4 Viking Workshop
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Parents Evening
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	NSPPC Number Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Online Safety Week Online Safety - Safer internet Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Last day of Term
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	HALF TERM

There are still two 1:1 sessions in the New Year and two group sessions, please come along. No need to book. Speak to Sarah Hudson for more information.

***Make it make sense...***



**Coffee afternoons, open to everyone 😊**

***(Biscuits included!)***

*You are welcome to come for a chat, advice and meet other parents in similar situations*

**1: 1 sessions available for a chat / advice:**

15<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
29<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
20<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
10<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Themed Group sessions:**

22<sup>nd</sup> November – Understanding and managing behaviour  
6<sup>th</sup> December – Sleep  
13<sup>th</sup> December – Autism  
17<sup>th</sup> January – Wellbeing  
31 January – Play



**With Nic and Victoria – Routes to Inclusion**