



## Important Dates :

- 2nd December – FLU vaccinations
- 9th December – KS1 Nativity @ 2pm
- 10th December – KS1 Nativity @ 9:30am
- 12th December – FSU ‘Christmas The Musical’ @ 2pm
- 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children – donation link to follow)
- 13th December – FSU ‘Christmas The Musical’ @ 9:30am
- 16th December – FSU ‘Christmas The Musical’ @ 2pm
- 20th December – BREAK UP
- 6th January – Return to school

## Autumn 2 Term – November

The first two weeks back at school have been positively hectic! Our Early Years organised ‘Stay and Play’ sessions, which, as always, were enthusiastically attended and appreciated by families. The children truly enjoy having you spend time with them in the setting. Additionally, the FSU staff facilitated the Early Reading and Phonics drop-in sessions, followed by a parents' class led by Lucy, Jasmine, and Beth.

Last weekend, we held our open morning, welcoming both current and prospective families. It was a pleasure to open our doors and share our school and Children’s Centre with the local community while meeting so many new faces. Information regarding admissions for Reception places for 2025-26 academic year can be found here: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/our-school-admissions-policies/primary-school-admission-policy-for-september-2025-to-2026>

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2025.

## Assemblies

With the support of teachers and children across Key Stage 2, Mrs. Stoodley organised a whole school assembly to celebrate Diwali. We were treated to a meaningful presentation, “The Story of Diwali,” performed by teachers (which of course the children absolutely loved), and Mrs. Stoodley depicted the meaning and significance of Diwali through a large canvas painting.

Last week, Year Six showcased their WW2 Assembly to school, inviting families to join at the end of the week. Mrs. Lowry and I attended the grand finale and thoroughly enjoyed an engaging WW2 performance. The children offered tea and cake with a WW2 theme, the hall was decorated with bunting, and their homework projects were displayed for everyone to admire. We were later transported back to 1939 as the children performed poetry, song, and interpretive dance. I must once again highlight Iris Marshall, whose performance was especially remarkable—truly passionate and moving. Congratulations to all of Year Six; as always, your singing and acting are worthy of the West End!

# Children in Need

In keeping with tradition, we celebrated Children in Need throughout the school last week. Mrs. Lowry led an assembly to remind children about the charity and explain how the funds raised from non-uniform days are used. If your child participated in non-uniform on Friday and you haven't made your £1 contribution yet, please do so through ParentPay.



## Restorative Practice

Please find attached the link to the first edition of our class RP newspaper:

[https://read.bookcreator.com/XKFo4MJLQsNhybIIQ0dUzR4SpCR2/O\\_3uMUplTjehSkEsJCKfTA](https://read.bookcreator.com/XKFo4MJLQsNhybIIQ0dUzR4SpCR2/O_3uMUplTjehSkEsJCKfTA)

RP Community Autumn Term Program at Carr Croft Care Home:

This half term, children from KS2 will be visiting our local care home to spread joy through music and song as we approach Christmas.

Tuesday, November 19th, 1:30 PM  
KS2 Harmony Group

Wednesday, November 27th, 11:30 AM  
Year 6 WW2 Songs and Poems

Friday, December 13th, 1:30 PM  
Year 5 Christmas Carol Concert

Thursday, December 19th, 1:30 PM  
KS2 Woodwind Christmas Concert

Since returning to school in September, I have conducted several meetings at school with our Year 6 Team Captains and the RP Pupil Voice Team. They are diligently working behind the scenes and are enthusiastic about enhancing Manor Wood. In my upcoming newsletters, I intend to share some "You said, We did" examples, highlighting the feedback from the children and the changes we have implemented. You might find that some of the feedback I've received is either extremely optimistic or quite costly... or even both!! Nevertheless, by gathering a general consensus from children about their school experience, we have already begun to act on some suggestions, gradually moving toward fulfilling the children's aspirations for their school.

Finally, if you call the school in the next few weeks, you will notice a change in the automated greeting message that plays before connecting you to the office. A competition was held in Year 6 to find the 'Voice of Manor Wood,' and the winner, Adil in 6H, was announced at the KS2 Awards Assembly last week. We hope you agree that it adds an extra friendly, child-centered touch!

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