



Newsletter

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Update from Mr Cox

Good Afternoon. We have reached the end of a very busy term and an especially busy couple of weeks. The build up to Christmas is always a balancing act between ensuring that the children complete this term's work and building in time for them to have some Christmas fun. The trip to the Panto was a big success last week—I must admit that I really do not get this '6—7' business, but that may be my age! Year 3 and 4 have taken their singing talent out into the local community; entertaining Affinity Day Care at the Community Centre and also Greenhill Court. A big thank you to the staff and volunteers at these essential local services for inviting the children along.

We have been asked by the Local Authority to share a link for a survey re: smart device usage. The survey is anonymous and is aimed at getting an understanding of device use in schools.

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/early-years-schools-and-education/smart-device-usage-school-settings-consultation>

This leads me nicely onto the changes in our policy re: mobile phones/smart devices in school from January that were communicated to you in a letter last month. From January children are not allowed to bring their mobile phones or smart watches into school, if they do then we will take it from them and return it at the end of the day. If it happens a second time we will take the phone and then ask for the parent to come and collect it. Just to reiterate, DFE guidance states that:

'Schools have the power to confiscate mobile phones or similar devices as a disciplinary penalty. The law protects staff from liability in any proceedings brought against them for any loss or damage to items they have confiscated as a sanction, providing they have acted lawfully.'

There are also changes being made to the PE timetable from January. Please look at the relevant part of the newsletter to check when your child has PE.

Finally, I would like to wish Miss James all the very best for the future as she starts the next stage of her teaching career and extend a warm welcome to Mr Ward who will be joining us in January. Have a lovely Christmas everyone and see you on the 6th January, 2026.

PE TIMETABLE

MONDAY	MR WARD
TUESDAY	MRS ELTHERINGTON YEAR 5 SWIMMING
WEDNESDAY	MRS JENNINGS
THURSDAY	MRS NEWBERY
FRIDAY	MRS COLTON

PE KIT SHOULD CONSIST OF NAVY SHORTS OR JOGGING BOTTOMS,
WHITE T-SHIRT, BLACK TRAINERS, NAVY SWEATSHIRT OR HOODIE.
PLEASE REMOVE EARRINGS.

MUSIC TIMETABLE

MONDAY AM	GUITAR
MONDAY PM	STRINGS
TUESDAY AM	PIANO
TUESDAY PM	BRASS
WEDNESDAY PM	WOODWIND

DIARY	DATES
05/01/206 TEACHER TRAINING DAY	06/01/2026 First day back after Christmas Swimming recommences for 5SH
09/01/2026 NTFC day – mufti Claret, white or sports wear	12/01/2026 Young Voices Concert






NORTHAMPTON TOWN F.C.

COMMUNITY

MUFTI DAY

Friday 9 January

Raising money for NTFC Community Trust.

Come to school in Cobblers shirts, claret and white or any sports shirts!

All money raised will be split between our PTA and

NTFC Community Trust, helping to fund their work

(including their work in schools) across Northamptonshire.

AS IT IS NORTHAMPTON TOWN FC'S 25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY. WE ARE ASKING FOR ANY SILVER COINS AS A DONATION ON THE DAY, PLEASE.

Anyone is welcome

LBAFC'S Free Xmas Grotto

Turkey and Stuffing Rolls

Mulled wine

Mince Pies

**LBAFC Teabar
20th December
14:00-16:00
Booking Only
Limited Spaces
Tickets available via Eventbrite
[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santas-gr
otto-lbafc-tickets-1964369218211](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santas-grotto-lbafc-tickets-1964369218211)**

**Free entry to game with
each booking**

