

Hello everyone,

The end of another busy week! I feel that this one has just flown by – we're nearly in December now!

The elves are preparing for the invasion, so watch out on Facebook – those cheeky chaps love some showing off!

Attendance

The teachers have been chatting about attendance, each one very pleased about how high their attendance has been this year.

As you know, the government standard for attendance is 96%. So far this year, Anstey's number is 95%. This means we all need to give each other the encouragement to come into school. So we're going to have a little bit of competition. Each week, every class with above 96% attendance for the week will get extra play!

Class	Weekly attendance %	Termly attendance %
Fledglings	99	97
Little Owls	100	93
Wise Owls	100	96
Whole school	100	95

Extra play for everyone this afternoon for your brilliant attendance this week!



This week we are sending big congratulations to:

Theo in Wise Owls for his mature attitude and excellent effort with handwriting!

Alexander in Little Owls for working very hard on his writing.

Beau in Fledglings for her 'can-do' attitude in phonics and with her reading.

The marble jar is filling up brilliantly this half term – we are on track to hit our target of 100 marbles by Christmas!



Date	Event
From 24 th November	Christmas rehearsals We will spend time in the church and in school singing our carols and working on our nativity.
During December	Assessments Our termly opportunity to see how children in KS1 and KS2 are doing in English and Maths.
Tuesday 2 nd Dec	Pantomime in Village Hall Chaplin's Panto Company returns to Anstey. Oh No They Don't! (Oh Yes They Do)
8 th and 9 th Dec	Christmas concert dress rehearsals Setting up the church and making the last-minute preparations.
Wednesday 10 th Dec	Christmas Concert Please arrive for 4.15pm as the church will fill up quickly! Details of seat allocation will follow in due course. We aim to start at 4.30pm.
Thursday 11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day 2025 Dust off the same one from last year – that's what I'll be doing! 😊
Wednesday 17 th Dec	Christmas Lunch Turkey, stuffing and paper hats!
Thursday 18 th Dec	End of Term Assembly 1.15pm in the Village Hall Dimsdale Award, certificates and maybe some Carols!