



## Diary Updates November 2024

### Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Miss King to our staff team this week as she begins her role as a Learning Support Assistant, replacing Mrs Ward who is about to begin her maternity leave. Mrs Ward's last day is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, and we would all like to send her our very best wishes.

Please find below diary dates that we currently have for the autumn and early spring terms: ***New or revised dates are in red***

NOVEMBER			
w/b 11 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week. Theme: 'Choose Respect'.	all week	whole school
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Walk to Snarestone War Memorial for Remembrance		whole school
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks Day (to celebrate diversity)	all day	whole school
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need 'Spot-tacular!' <b>Children may come to school wearing pyjamas/onesies or non-uniform, in return for a donation to Children in Need. Children may also bring a small teddy!</b>	all day	whole school
	Celebration Assembly – children may celebrate something they have achieved out of school (sign-up sheet on Mr. Jewitt's door)	2:55pm	whole school
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Submission deadline for the Rise Christmas Card competition – see below for details</b>		whole school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Open evening for prospective 2025 starters	4 – 5:30pm	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	VIP Assembly – all parents invited	2:55pm	whole school
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 5/6 Unity Football Competition at Hood Park, Ashby – see separate letter for details</b>	4pm – 6pm	Year 5/6 football team
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Assembly – children may celebrate something they have achieved out of school (sign-up sheet on Mr. Jewitt's door)	2:55pm	whole school
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Snarestone Christmas Choir performing at the Ashby Christmas Fair – see below for further details</b>	11:15-12:15	all welcome
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>St. Peter's Church, Sweptstone, Christmas Tree Festival, including Snarestone Primary School's Christmas tree</b>		all welcome
DECEMBER			
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School Christmas post box opens		whole school
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle assembly (children will need a large orange)	am	whole school
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Fun Run, raising money for Rainbows – please wear Santa/festive hats!	am	whole school
	VIP Assembly – all parents invited	2:55pm	whole school
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Peter's Church, Sweptstone, Christmas Tree Festival, including Snarestone Primary School's Christmas tree</b>		all welcome
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Panto at Derby Arena – Cinderella <b>children will return late to school on this date</b>	return approx. 5pm	whole school
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Forest School – children will need to come to school in their forest school clothing</b>	during the school day	whole school
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Craft Morning (parents welcome to join us!); FOSS 'Elfridges' Christmas gifts – <i>full details nearer the time</i>	9-12	whole school
	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children		whole school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Christmas 'Decorations Day' with Evergreen Nursery	am	Reception
	Celebration Assembly – children may celebrate something they have achieved out of school (sign-up sheet on Mr. Jewitt's door)	2:55pm	whole school

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</b> <b>FOSS Christmas disco: Swans, 3:30-5:15; KS2 5:15-7:00</b> <i>Full details to be confirmed</i>	3:30-7pm	whole school
w/b 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Talent Show heats take place in classes</b>		
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Swans Christmas Nativity performance	2:00pm	Swans
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Swans Christmas Nativity performance	5:30pm	Swans
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner - children may dress in their Christmas jumpers/hats/tinsel etc.		
	<b>'Snarestone's Got Talent' Christmas Talent Show</b>	2pm – parents of finalists invited	class winners
	Carols in the woods – join us in our forest school after school to sing carols among the fairy lights. <i>Full details to be confirmed.</i>	3:45-5pm approx.	all welcome
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas service at St. Bartholomew's Church TBC	10am start	all welcome
	Last day of term – children may wear their Christmas jumpers		whole school
23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>		
<b>JANUARY</b>			
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens to pupils		whole school
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ukulele lessons begin every Tuesday for Herons' pupils	am	Herons
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Young Voices concert at the Resorts World Arena, Birmingham – <i>further information will be distributed nearer the time</i>	all day until late	Herons and Kingfishers
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	NWLSSP Cross Country races at Hugglescote Primary School – all abilities and experience welcome!	10am first race	Reception to Year 6
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	NWLSSP Cross Country races at Measham CE Primary School – all abilities and experience welcome!	10am first race	Reception to Year 6
w/b 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children's Mental Health Week		
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Internet Safety Day		whole school
	NWLSSP Cross Country Presentation at Sir John Moore School	4pm	invite only
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>TEACHER TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>		
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>HALF TERM</b>		

Please note that all these dates are subject to change and will be added to as the year progresses

## Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Children may wear odd socks, the crazier and wilder the better!

This is to celebrate diversity and being unique, to support our work during Anti-Bullying Week.



**Pyjama/Onesie Day**  
or something spotty

## Children in Need Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Children may wear pyjamas/onesies or non-uniform, in return for a donation to Children in Need.

A small teddy may also be brought into school to keep them company for the day!

## Swepstone Christmas Tree Festival

We are delighted to be taking part in this year's Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's Church, Swepstone.

### What is it?

This festival brings together the community and all the local businesses and organisations through a wonderful display of decorated Christmas trees. Each tree design shows the spirit of Christmas and the imagination of its creator. Teas, coffees, and homemade treats are available. All proceeds support the church, which has been part of our community for over 800 years.

### When is it?

Everyone in the community is invited to come together to enjoy the festival on:

- Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> and
- Saturday and Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>



## Snarestone Christmas Choir at Ashby Fair

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 11:15-12:15**

We are very excited to have once again been asked to perform some Christmas songs on stage at the Ashby Christmas Fair on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Any pupils are welcome to attend, and we are aiming to meet by the stage by 11:15, ready for a 11:45 performance time. We will then be performing a number of festive songs until about 12:15. Children should dress festively with their Christmas jumper, hats, tinsel etc.! *Please return the reply slip that is attached to the separate letter.*

## Cross Country Dates

Here are the dates for the remaining cross country races this year. All these events are fully inclusive and are open to children of all experiences and abilities. Just turn up at the venue in appropriate running gear; Snarestone t-shirts will be provided on the day.

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Hugglescote Primary School	10am start
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Woodstone Primary School	10:30am start
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Measham CE Primary School	10am start
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Packington Primary School	10:30am start
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Snarestone Primary School	10:30am start
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Griffydham Primary School	10:30am start







# CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

After last year's success, the Trust invites pupils from all our schools to design this year's Trust Christmas card!

#### Submission Guidelines:

**Size:** Designs must be no bigger than A5

**Theme:** Designs can be of a Christian or non-Christian theme

**Entries:** hand-drawn, painted, or electronically produced artwork

**Orientation:** Designs can be in portrait or landscape format

**Identification:** Please include the pupil's name, school, and school year on the back of the design

#### Selection Process:

Head teachers are kindly asked to choose their favourite design from each school

Scanned entries should be submitted to [admin@risemat.co.uk](mailto:admin@risemat.co.uk)

The Trust will select two designs to be turned into cards that will be sent out on behalf of Rise MAT.

Good luck to everyone! We can't wait to see your creativity!



Submission Deadline :  
**18 NOVEMBER**



Winner Announcement :  
**25 NOVEMBER**



**SNARESTONE  
CofE  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

# Open Evening

**Wednesday 20th November  
4:00pm - 5:30pm**



## What is happening?

- A presentation from the headteacher
- Tours of the school
- Speak to pupils from our school parliament
- Displays of our children's work
- Meet our parent ambassadors

## What can we offer?

- Small class sizes
- Strong teacher to pupil ratios
- Family friendly atmosphere
- Forest school
- A safe and nurturing environment
- Wrap around care
- Rural village setting

**Places available for 2025 intake**

**Everyone is welcome**

**[snarestoneprimary.org](http://snarestoneprimary.org)**



## Term Dates 2024-25

### Autumn Term

<b>Teacher Training Days</b>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August / Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2024
<b>August Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
<b>School Opens to Pupils</b>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Mid-Term Break</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
<b>Schools Close</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Spring Term

<b>School Opens to Pupils</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Mid-Term Break</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
<b>Schools Close</b>	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Summer Term

<b>School Opens</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>May Day</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
<b>Mid-Term Break</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
<b>Schools Close</b>	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Term Dates 2025-26

### Autumn Term

<b>Teacher Training Days</b>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> August / Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2025
<b>August Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
<b>School Opens to Pupils</b>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 (school closed to pupils)
<b>Mid-Term Break</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
<b>Schools Close</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Spring Term

<b>School Opens to Pupils</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 (school closed to pupils)
<b>Mid-Term Break</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
<b>Schools Close</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Summer Term

<b>School Opens</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
<b>May Day</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
<b>Mid-Term Break</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
<b>Schools Close</b>	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2026