

**Avon Tyrrell** This week sees the vast majority of Year 6, as well as a lot of staff, at Avon Tyrrell Residential Centre in the New Forest. They are all having a marvellous time climbing, abseiling and sailing pedalos, as well as practising their low ropes, archery and fire lighting skills and enjoying that zip wire! There are some photos and information about the trip under the Year 6 tab on our website - or you can click this link: [Avon Tyrrell Y6 Residential](#). The team will be updating this when they can but please be aware that running a residential is a very busy job, so do bear with us!



**Book Fair** Today is the first day of our school Book Fair which runs until Monday 2nd December. The fair is open, in the junior school hall, from 3:20pm until 4:00pm and there will be a wide selection of books to buy and to order. Payments can be made in cash or by card - a QR code will be provided at the Fair to make payment quick and easy. As a result of your purchase at the book fair, Scholastic will also donate money to the school for the buying of new books for the children to enjoy in our libraries and classrooms.

In addition, on Monday 2 December, we would like to invite you and your child to join us in our cosy reading corner in the hall between 3:20pm and 4:00pm. Spend some time snuggled up in a beanbag, under some twinkling fairy lights, enjoying some hot refreshments and reading your child's new book with them. We hope to see as many of you as possible. Further detail, and a sample of the books on offer, can be found in the ['Letters to Parents'](#) section of our website.

**PTFA** Our Parents, Teachers, Friends Association of both schools is organising a Christmas Raffle and Tombola on Thursday 19 December in the junior school hall at 3:20pm. The raffle will be called at 4:00pm. Tickets for this event can be purchased on Mondays between 2:50pm and 3:30pm outside the junior dining room and cash and card payments can be taken. Further details - and some of the amazing prizes up for raffle - are available later in the Press - see below. Please help us in raising valuable funds for the pupils in our schools!



**Dress Down Day for PTFA** The 29 November - **this Friday** - is a dress down day for all pupils so that we can support our PTFA. The 'fine' for dressing down is a bottle of something nice. These can be dropped off in the hall on the morning of the 29 - through the side doors that will be open, or children can bring bottles to their class teacher.

**Christmas Dates** Our Christmas Carol service dates are now confirmed and below and will start just after Children have been dropped off in school. Both services will be held in the school hall and space will be at a premium so we will be exploring ways in which we can manage this, whilst still giving everyone the opportunity to attend.

**Christmas lunch & 'wear your Christmas jumper to school day'** is on Thursday 19 December and lunch should be ordered online using SchoolGrid. Meals can be ordered now. Enjoy your Christmas lunch wearing your Christmas jumper! Detail can be found later on in the Press, keep reading!



*Miss Windross*

**Thank you from the Food Bank**

Thanks to your generous donations last month, we have been able to donate 74kgs of food to the Andover Foodbank and this will be put to good use helping some of the most vulnerable in our community.

**Poppies**

Through our sale of poppies and other items for the Royal British Legion, we raised £221.70. Thank you for your support



**Thank you to Andover Community Church**

Andover Community Church regularly support their local community in many ways. One has been to offer some financial support to schools, through applying for a grant. We are grateful to them for a donation of £500 that will go towards contributions for school trips.



**Christmas Carol Services**

Our Carol Services this year will take place on the following dates:



Year 5 & 6 - Wednesday 18 December 9:10am

Year 3 & 4 - Thursday 19 December 9:10am

Both services will be held in the school hall and will begin at 9:10am. These services are our celebration of Christmas with whole school songs, carols for everyone to join in with and readings that tell the story of Christmas. We are hoping to be joined by Rev. Alex Randle-Bissell to help us celebrate Christmas.

**Key Dates**

Mon 25 - Fri 29 Nov	Avon Tyrrell residential for Y6 pupils
Tues 26 Nov - Mon 2 Dec	Book Fair 3:20-4:00. Junior hall!
Fri 29 Nov	Dress Down Day for pupils
Fri 6 Dec	Christmas Jumper Swap Morning
Thur 12 Dec	Y3 Ukulele Concerts (detail below)
Wed 18 Dec 9am	Year 5 & 6 Carol Services
Thur 19 Dec 9am	Year 3 & 4 Carol Services
Thur 19 Dec	Christmas lunch & jumper day
Thur 19 Dec	Y4 Lantern Parade (detail below)
Thur 19 Dec	PTFA Raffle & Tombola event
Fri 20 Dec at 1.15pm	School stops for Christmas holidays
Mon 6 Jan	Spring term starts for all pupils
Wed 29 - Fri 31 Jan	Hooke Court residential for Y4 pupils



# Some End of Term Events



## Year 3 Ukulele concerts

Year 3 would like to invite you to their ukulele performances on Thursday 12 December at the following times:  
9:40 - Bat      10:25 - Fox      11:00 - Owl



## Parents / Carers / Grandparents of Year 4

Year 4 would like to invite their parents and grandparents to join them on Thursday 19 December at 3pm for a lantern parade in the hall as a finale of their DT project! **See you there!**



Last day of term is 20th December at 1:15pm. Children do not need to wear uniform on this day. Christmas jumpers / ordinary clothes can be worn (no football shirts please)



## Christmas Jumper Swap

*We all love a Christmas jumper! Unfortunately, children can outgrow a jumper in less than a year and buying a new festive sweater every year is an expense we could all do without!*



*So let's get swapping!*

*Bring in a Christmas jumper to the infant/junior office between now and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December and we will give you a jumper token to swap at the Christmas Jumper Swap on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>*



*December at 8.50am in the infant school hall.*



*All donations welcome even if you don't want a swap in return.*



*Without a token - jumpers can be bought for £2.*

*All monies raised will go to each school's School Council.*





# Christmas

# RAFFLE

# & TOMBOLA



**Raffle Tickets available after school on Mondays  
Outside the Junior dining hall**

**Tickets also available from school offices & on the day  
Cash and Card Accepted**

Tot City • Driving Lesson • Beauty Treatments • Hair Cuts  
Coffee Voucher • Disney on Ice Tickets • Stagecoach Trial  
Finkley Day Passes • Ariel Skills Lesson • Football Tickets  
Carpet Clean • Frankies Fun Factory • Real Christmas Tree

**JOIN US IN THE JUNIOR HALL ON  
THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER @ 3.20  
RAFFLE WILL BE CALLED AT 4.00**