

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2021



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been such a fantastic week in school! A few weeks ago we made the decision to rearrange some of our key spaces in school to make room for a new **Student Support Base**, and this week the move has taken place. After Christmas, students will be able to access support for well-being, Alternative Provision and work with outside agencies in a new base which is centrally located in school. I will be sharing photos and information with parents and students very soon.

In other news, we have absolutely embraced Christmas this week with the **Staff and Student Advent Raffle** which is now in full swing and taking place until the last day of term, we have Christmas decorations everywhere, and our **Christmas Lunch** and **Christmas Jumper Day** took place today.

Thank you to Miss Oliver, and her super student support team, who have helped to gather a huge amount of supplies for both Age UK and Storehouse. Today, Miss Oliver delivered an amazing **103 boxes** to Storehouse! We are so proud, as a school, to be able to support our local community. Thank you to everyone who made a contribution, we couldn't have done it without you!

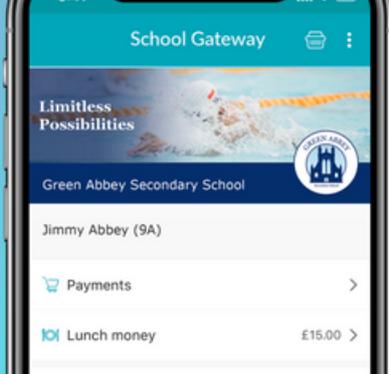
This week, it has been the turn of the English Department to welcome us for the Subject Review. Student feedback has been fantastic and it makes me very proud to hear students speak so positively about their English lessons. Please do take a look at our '**Spotlight on a Subject**' resources which have been shared on social media and in this week's bulletin.

Early next week we will be sending out consent forms and information about our plans post-Christmas when we have been asked, once again, to test all students before they return to school following the Christmas break. This will also include information about when students are due to return, so please keep a look out for this.

Next week we are running lots of trips which have been hugely popular, we are sorry that we haven't been able to take every student! These events have shown us just how important enrichment opportunities are to our students, so please be assured that there will be plenty more opportunities in the New Year. In the meantime, next week we shall continue to embrace the Christmas cheer with lots of lovely activities in school for our students.

Best wishes,  
**Natalie Teece**  
**Head of School**





# Schoolgateway

The easiest way to interact with your child's life at school

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## Have you signed up to the School Gateway app?

A reminder that School Gateway is the easiest way to interact with your child's life at school, including access to all behaviour information and attendance. Via the app, you can also use cashless payments to pay for lunch and trips etc. and use the messaging service to contact the school, which is free of charge.

It is important that all parents have access to the app, as this is how the majority of communication will be sent, if not sent via email. You can download the app for FREE to your phone, tablet, laptop and even your smart watch. The School Gateway app is available on Android, iOS and the web.

For more information, please visit > [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com).

You can also find a helpful step-by-step Parent Guide [linked here](#).



## Student Travel Survey

As part of the preparation work ahead of the planned extension at John Ferneley College, we have been asked by Leicestershire County Council to provide a student travel plan. Therefore, please could you take a moment to complete the very quick survey below to let us know how your child(ren) travel to school.

### Student Travel Survey

If you have more than one child attending John Ferneley College, please could you kindly complete the form twice. Thank you in advance.



## Data Form

As a school, and as part of our commitment to ensure we safeguard students, it is essential that we have up to date information for all parents / guardians, therefore, please can you complete the below data form. Please ensure you provide two phone numbers and contacts for emergencies.

### John Ferneley College Data Form

As a reminder, and going forward, we do ask that you update us as soon as possible whenever you change your phone number or move house. Thank you for your support.



# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH



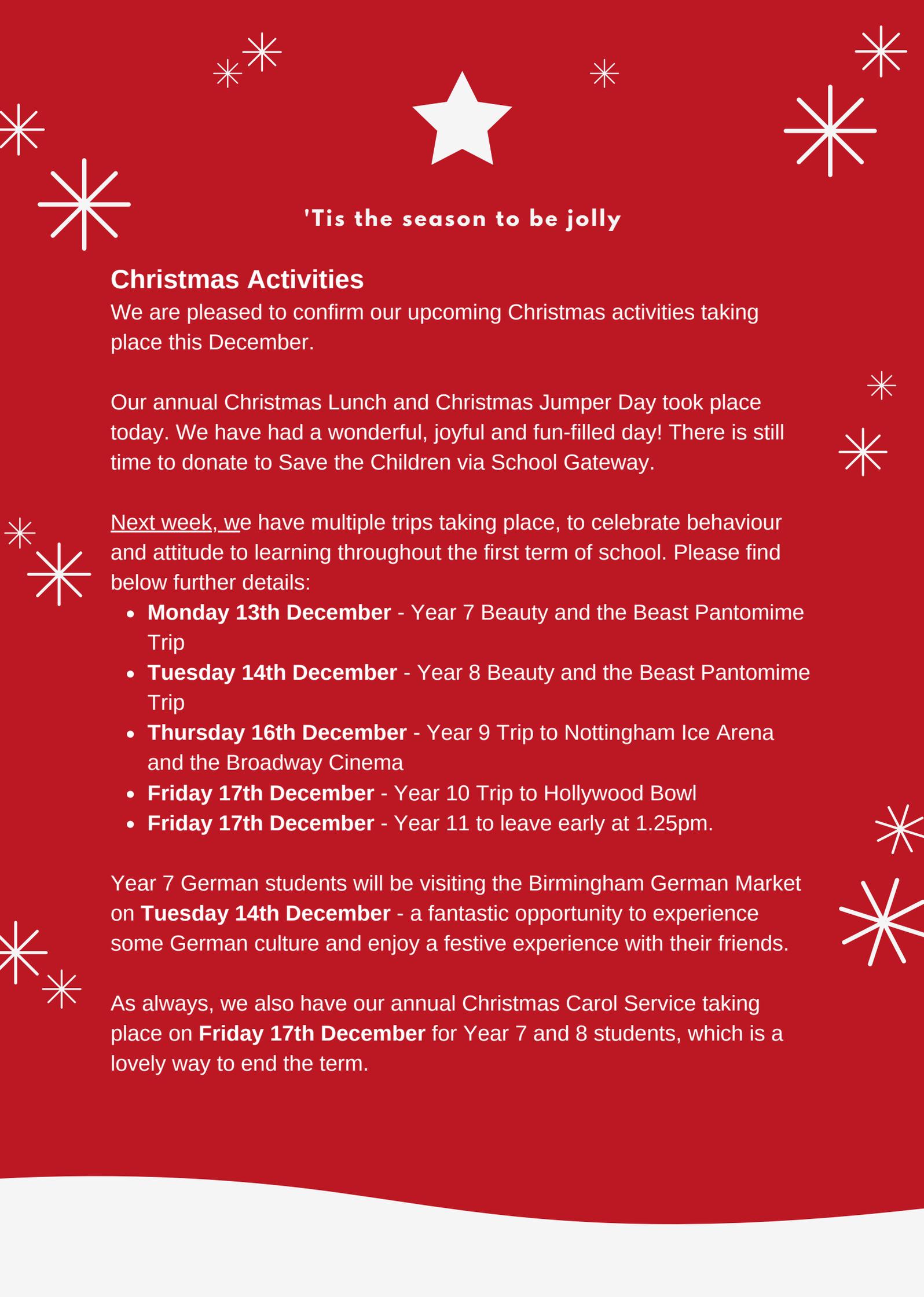
# DECEMBER 2021

## KEY UPCOMING DIARY DATES



- **Monday 13th December** - Year 7 Beauty and the Beast Pantomime Trip
- **Tuesday 14th December** - Year 8 Beauty and the Beast Pantomime Trip
- **Tuesday 14th December** - Year 7 Birmingham German Market Trip (German students)
- **Thursday 16th December** - Year 9 Trip to Nottingham Ice Arena and the Broadway Cinema
- **Friday 17th December** - Year 10 Trip to Hollywood Bowl
- **Friday 17th December** - Christmas Carol Service (Year 7 and 8)
- **Friday 17th December** - Last Day of Term





'Tis the season to be jolly

## Christmas Activities

We are pleased to confirm our upcoming Christmas activities taking place this December.

Our annual Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day took place today. We have had a wonderful, joyful and fun-filled day! There is still time to donate to Save the Children via School Gateway.

Next week, we have multiple trips taking place, to celebrate behaviour and attitude to learning throughout the first term of school. Please find below further details:

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- **Friday 17th December** - Year 11 to leave early at 1.25pm.

Year 7 German students will be visiting the Birmingham German Market on **Tuesday 14th December** - a fantastic opportunity to experience some German culture and enjoy a festive experience with their friends.

As always, we also have our annual Christmas Carol Service taking place on **Friday 17th December** for Year 7 and 8 students, which is a lovely way to end the term.



## STOREHOUSE / AGE UK CAMPAIGN

We are proud to have launched our annual Storehouse and Age UK campaign again this year.

Miss Oliver aimed to collect 100 boxes, and we are thrilled to say that we collected an amazing **103 boxes** which have all been delivered to Storehouse today! Next week, Miss Oliver will be delivering our parcels to Age UK. These boxes will go a long way to help those most in need this Christmas time!

As always, thank you for your continued support for our annual campaign, we couldn't have done it without you!



# SPOTLIGHT ON A SUBJECT

This week, as part of our 'Spotlight on a Subject', we are focusing on English! We hope this will give you even more of an insight into what students get up to in each of their subjects.

To read our Subject Intent, and the subject journey, please click here > [www.johnferneley.org/english](http://www.johnferneley.org/english)



On Wednesday, Mrs Neath's Year 9 English Class celebrated their excellent efforts in their homework project.

The whole English Department were thrilled with the students homework and wanted to showcase their amazing work!



To provide an English curriculum with the skills, concepts and experiences that students will be able to draw from once they embark on their individual journeys after leaving John Ferneley College.



We'd like to introduce you to our wonderful English department:

- Mrs Neath (Head of English)
- Mrs Wilkinson (Second of Department)
- Miss Whitmore
- Miss Stewart
- Miss Pedder
- Mrs Baldwin
- Mrs Oxbrough
- Mr Lakins
- Mr Beaver
- Mrs Polley
- Mrs Johnson
- Mrs Kettle
- Mrs Russell

We are super proud of our English teaching team, who are all specialist within their area! The department are always on hand to answer any questions students may have, or to offer extra support.

# Disability History Month

UK Disability History Month 2021 is from 18th November till 18th December.

## The Joint themes in 2021 are:

- Disability and Hidden Impairments
- Disability, Sex and Relationships

## The aim of Disability History Month has always been to:

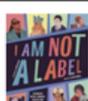
- Celebrate the Lives as Disabled People now and in the past
- Challenge Disabilism by exploring our oppression over time and now
- Achieve Equality

For more information about Disability History Month, please click here > [ukdhm.org/](http://ukdhm.org/)

We have also created a resources page (linked below) where you can explore fiction and non-fiction texts, poems and popular culture which all highlight and raise awareness of disabilities.

- [Disability History Month 2021 resources](#)

## Disability History Month 2021

Fiction Texts	Non-Fiction Texts	Poems	Popular Culture
<p><b>The Reason I Jump</b> Naoki Higashida</p> <p>The story of a 13 year old boy with autism. The book demonstrates how an autistic mind thinks, feels, perceives, and responds in ways few of us can imagine</p> 	<p><b>I Am Not A Label</b> Cerrie Bernell</p> <p>A collection of biographies of disabled artists, thinkers, athletes and activists with beautiful illustrations, including mental health and invisible disabilities.</p> 	<p><b>Beauty is a Verb: The New Poetry Of Disability</b> Sheila Black et al.</p> <p>An anthology of poems about disability and identity.</p>	<p><b>Arts</b> Mind the Gap</p> <p>Mind the Gap is England's leading learning disability performance and live arts company – their website lists a range of events to go and see or participate in.</p> <p><a href="https://www.mind-the-gap.org.uk/">https://www.mind-the-gap.org.uk/</a></p>
<p><b>Our Diversity Makes Us Stronger</b> Elizabeth Cole</p> <p>A book which provides a Powerful way of teaching children about diversity, loving and valuing yourself, and respecting differences.</p> 	<p><b>Just Like Me: 40 neurologically and physically diverse people who broke stereotypes</b> Laura Gooding</p> <p>40 stories of inspirational figures around the world who are neurologically or physically diverse</p> 	<p><b>Disabled</b> Wilfred Owen</p> <p><i>He sat in a wheeled chair, waiting for dark, And shivered in his ghastly suit of grey, Legless, sewn short at elbow. Through the park Voices of boys rang saddening like a hymn</i></p>	<p><b>Theatre</b> The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</p> <p>Performance dates can be found here: <a href="https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/the-curious-incident-of-the-dog-in-the-night-time">https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/the-curious-incident-of-the-dog-in-the-night-time</a></p>
<p><b>El Deafo</b> Cece Bell</p> <p>A graphic novel which explores the experiences of the author and hearing loss.</p> 	<p><b>No One Is Too Small To Make A Difference</b> Greta Thunberg</p> <p>The speeches of Greta Thunberg detailing why we need to tackle climate change and fight to protect the planet.</p> 	<p><b>Disabled Country</b> Neil Marcus</p> <p><i>If there was a country called disabled, I would be from there. I live disabled culture, eat disabled food, make disabled love, cry disabled tears, climb disabled mountains and tell disabled stories.</i></p>	<p><b>Film</b> The Peanut Butter Falcon</p> <p>The film tells the story of a man with Down Syndrome pursuing his dream of becoming a professional wrestler</p> <p><a href="https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4364194/">https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4364194/</a></p>
<p><b>Wolfstongue</b> Sam Thompson</p> <p>Wolfstongue is a magical story about a boy who cannot find his voice but then one day befriends a wolf and discovers a hidden world where animals speak.</p> 	<p><b>Sitting Pretty</b> Rebekah Taussig</p> <p>@sitting_pretty has written a memoir about her life growing up in the 90s-00s as a paralysed girl.</p> 	<p><b>New/Unnamed</b> Philip Dowd</p> <p><i>Born again With each muscular contraction, The excitement The challenge The new me. begins</i></p>	<p><b>Museums</b> British Museum</p> <p>Six objects focusing on disability in history are discussed</p> <p><a href="https://blog.britishmuseum.org/disability-and-the-british-museum-collection/">https://blog.britishmuseum.org/disability-and-the-british-museum-collection/</a></p>
<p><b>A Kind of Spark</b> Elle McNicoll</p> <p>A story of an autistic girl who embarks on a crusade to challenge the mindset of her local village and have a memorial created to honour persecuted women during the witch trials.</p> 	<p><b>How To Talk To An Autistic Kid</b> Daniel Stefanski</p> <p>Daniel, aged 14, has written a social skills guide for children without autism to get to know children with autism</p> 	<p><b>Here's To The Children Who Don't Quite Fit</b> Gary Shulman</p> <p><i>Here's to the children who don't quite fit Who run around aimlessly when all the others sit Who look at the world through eyes unique And into their souls you'd love to peek</i></p>	<p><b>Art</b> disABILITY and Art</p> <p>This page was created with the help of staff and volunteers from Tate's disABILITY Network.</p> <p><a href="https://www.tate.org.uk/art/disability-and-art">https://www.tate.org.uk/art/disability-and-art</a></p>



## Enrichment Clubs Autumn Term

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor Time	Ukulele Club (All Years) P7		VOX (KS4) P7		VOX (KS3) P7
Lunch	International Film Club (Years 7, 8 & 9) K9	Card Games Club (Years 7 – 10) CE9	The Language Lab (games) (All Years) K11	Language Leaders Award (Year 9)	Friday Film Club (All Years) C1
	Wellbeing Club (All Years) E4	Wellbeing Club (All Years) E4	Wellbeing Club (All Years) E4	Wellbeing Club (All Years) E4	Wellbeing Club (All Years) E4
	Library Club (Year 7) Library	Library Club (Year 8) Library	Library Club (Year 9) Library	Card Games Club (Years 7 – 10) CE9	Nintendo Switch Club {own device*} (All Years) K4
		Lego Club (All Years) K3	Drama Club (KS3) Drama Studio		Drama Club (KS4) Drama Studio
		Silent Reading (All Years) P1 – Art Room			
After-school	Work It Weekly (All Years) The Venue	Show Rehearsal (All Years) Auditorium		Radio Club (All Years) C5	
	Health & Social Care Drop In (Year 10 & 11) K1	Alpha Club (Year 7 & 8) CE13		Code Club (Year 7 – 10) E1	
	D&T Club (All Years) E6	Maths Help Club (Years 7 – 9) CE13		Show Rehearsal (All Years) Auditorium	
	Food Technology Club (Year 7 & 8) E2	Food Technology Club (Year 9) E2		Meditation (All Years) Dance Studio	
	Enterprise Club (All Years) E3	Book Reading Club (Year 7 & 8) Library			
	Art Club (KS4) P1				

\*DISCLAIMER – the use of personally owned devices in connection with the Nintendo Switch Club carries specific risk for which the owner has full liability.

Our new enrichment timetable for Autumn 2 is now live!

Click the link to view > [Enrichment Timetable](#)



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