



# AUTUMN TERM (2)

Monday 15<sup>TH</sup> December 2025

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we focused on the value of Thoughtfulness throughout the week. We had some fabulous nominations from pupils within their classes. Remember we love to hear about how the children are showing and sharing our school values at home!

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas open afternoon last Wednesday. The pupils were very excited to show you the performances they had prepared. The Christmas afternoon made over £200, so thank you all for supporting the event.

Our Christmas lunch is taking place on Wednesday and so pupils are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers if they wish to. Alternatively, pupils can just come in their normal school uniform.

Finally, we close on Friday for the Christmas break and so I would like to wish all families a safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Have a great week!

Kind regards

Mr M Hooper  
Headteacher



## Values at Stepping Stones

### The value of the week is Kindness and Tolerance

One of the most important things we can do to raise a tolerant child is talk about what tolerance is, and model it ourselves. 'Tolerance is most needed when we don't agree with someone, or when they are different from us. It's about learning to discuss things and argue with people without getting angry or upset.' Explains Rhian Seller, co-founder of the Learn2Think Foundation, which organises the UN International Day for Tolerance in primary schools. We will begin the week as usual with our Values meeting and as a school we will be discussing what we think we should tolerate and whether there are things we never have to tolerate.



We really want to celebrate home nominations in school each week. Simply message the class teacher via Class Dojo for a home nomination which will be read out and celebrated at daily meeting in classes.



Last week's Headteacher awards are as follows:  
Christopher  
Beau



**School Christmas break** – The last day of school before the Christmas break is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The school reopens to pupils on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.



**The class with the most safety bonus points this week is:**  
Maple class



**Items from home**

Just a reminder that we cannot have lots of items being brought to school in the taxi as we have limited space in school and we are finding space to store these items a challenge. If pupils need a teddy to come with them in the taxi, please limit it to one.



**17th December School Christmas Lunch Day**



Our current school attendance is 89%

Please continue to work with us to stress the importance of good attendance to your children.



Thank you for your continued support and for mirroring our ethos and values at home.

Please remember that we are here to support you and you can contact Mrs Armstrong (Family Support – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday).

Mr Hooper and the whole staff team at Stepping Stones School