



# NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 25



We've had a busy term, and just like that there are only a few days left. We've Enjoyed ZooLab, Pop up & Play, Nativity, The Christmas Fair and more! But it's not over yet and we've got exciting plans for 2026 too.

A big well done goes to the children for their nativity play earlier this month and thank you to all the parents who came to support the performance. The children did a brilliant job, especially those taking part for the first time – it can be a rather daunting task!

Thanks also go to the Baptist Chapel volunteers who provided refreshments.

Our last day of term is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> where we will have music, dancing and a VERY SPECIAL VISITOR!

### **MATERNITY LEAVE / COVER**

As you are aware Emma will be starting her Maternity Leave in the middle of January. We are pleased to welcome ALICIA LAW who will be providing maternity cover and also welcome back AMANDA HARRISION who is returning to us as bank staff. We wish Emma and her family all the best for 2026 and look forward to meeting another future Scallywag!

### **FIRE STATION VISIT – JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup>**

We have a visit to Holsworthy Fire Station in the spring term – further details will be sent out separately for this, but it's a fabulous opportunity for the children to meet the Firefighters as well as get up close to the vehicles and equipment. \*\*\*Please be aware that parents will need to arrange transport for their Scallywags to and from the station as staff are not allowed to carry children in their cars\*\*\*

### **WATERPROOFS**

We keep a good selection of waterproofs in setting for use when it's very wet, or when they're simply outside enjoying water and mud. The outfits we have in setting are, however, getting very tired and worn out – if you have any waterproofs (all-in-ones preferred) at home that have been outgrown and you would be willing to pass on to us – we'd be very grateful.

### **APPLYING FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL PLACE**

**For those of you with children born between September 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022\* – it is now time to apply for your child's primary school place! Applications are now open via Gov.uk. Most local schools are more than glad**

## Upcoming Dates

### DECEMBER

17<sup>th</sup> - stay & Play

18<sup>th</sup> - Last day of Term & a Special visitor!

### JANUARY

3<sup>rd</sup> - Term starts.

12<sup>th</sup> - Fire Station visit

### FEBRUARY

11<sup>th</sup> - Valentine Bingo

16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM

23<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Usborne Book Event

For World Book Day

### MARCH

21<sup>st</sup> - Big Breakfast

### APRIL

TBC - Easter Egg Hunt

2<sup>nd</sup> - LAST DAY OF TERM

to give tours and show you around, so do get in touch with them.

The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**\*Please note it is possible to request to defer your child's entry into school until the start of the term after their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday (January, April or September) You will need to explain why as decisions are made on an individual basis.**

For more info on all of this please see the link below

[School admissions: How to apply - GOV.UK](#)

**Are you Potty Training your child or thinking about starting?**

We're delighted to share the brand-new Potty-Training Guide, developed by the early years sector. This practical, research-informed Guide gives clear advice on *when* and *how* to potty train children.

[The-Potty-Training-Guide.pdf](#)

## FUNDRAISING

Thank you to those who have supported our fundraising this term – the Christmas fair raised in excess of £300 and it was lovely to see the children doing the activities.

Please see below for our planned events in the spring term.

This is the busiest time of the year for online shopping and please don't forget you can register for an account at 'easyfundraising.co.uk' which means we can get a cashback donation every time you shop online with thousands of retailers without it costing you anymore. **New for this year is in store donations! If you regularly shop in stores with Apple or Google pay, then please download the easy fundraising app where you can link cards and we will also get a donation every time you pay in person too!**

### WHAT'S ON - SPRING TERM

We're filling up the diary for next term so please keep an eye out for more information on

- Valentines Bingo – February 11<sup>th</sup>
- Usborne Books Fundraiser – February 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup>
- Big Breakfast – March 21<sup>st</sup>
- Easter Egg Hunt – Last Week of Term

We will be looking for raffle prize donations for the Bingo event, and we will send a reminder for this in the New Year

And finally, from all of us at Scallywags we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lorna & The Team at Scallywags

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### 25/26 Committee

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Registered Charity Number:  
1033643

Ofsted registered number:  
106369