

PICKNALLS PAGES

A very warm welcome to our new and returning families.

It has been lovely to see how well everyone has settled in and we've really enjoyed our first week together.



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m I}$ am very confident that this will be yet another successful year and ${
m I}$ look forward to sharing our achievements with you.

As always if you have any issues or concerns don't hesitate to contact us on:

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office@picknalls.staffs.sch.uk

headteacher@picknalls.staffs.sch.uk

Mrs A Tapp Headteacher

July 2023

Although the final newsletter of last year was published shortly before the end of term we have lots of things to celebrate:

The Summer Fayre raised a massive £2.554! Sadly Proms didn't go ahead due to bad weather but we are determined to be back bigger and better next year so keep Friday 12th July free!

Early Years End of Year Celebration - Every child got to invite 2 adults to celebrate their first year in school. As proms had been cancelled we performed all our songs as well as a few favourites from over the year. Over afternoon tea children got to share their learning journey folder with their adults. All children were presented with a Mr Men or Little Miss Book that reflected them and in which class teachers had written a personal message.

Lower School Splash Day - 150 children had fun splashing about in the water. Mrs Jones had too much fun with the hose!!! If they didn't fancy getting wet we had slime. Gellibaff. and bubbles to play with. Once we were back in dry clothes there was hot chocolate for everyone to enjoy.

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Our Modern Foreign Languages Day was a great way to experience a taste of different cultures from around the world with each year group celebrating the following countries:

- EYFS Ukraine
- Year 1 France
- Year 2 Spain
 - Year 3 Germany
- Year 4 Spain

Fun Friday was just epic. Every child got to spend 1 hour on the inflatables, decorate a biscuit and visit the Picknalls ice cream parlour. We also managed to raise a further £234.

A raffle at the Year 4 Leavers Assembly also raised £117.

Our cloakrooms look fabulous with their new wall art.

As a result the PTA has pledged £3.000 towards the new trim trails for both the back and bottom playgrounds. Watch this space for updates in the coming weeks.

Summer Holiday Work

Our returning families may have already noticed some changes have been made to Picknalls over the summer holiday. A **team of decorators** have been extremely busy painting every classroom.

We were successful in receiving nearly £400,000 to update the electric supply throughout the school.

A new sound system has been installed in the hall including microphones.

Every Key Stage has its own **portable sound system** which expands the range of possibility for outdoor teaching. And, of course, we are extremely proud of our new, all singing, all dancing Early Years playground.

We do not intend to stop there as this year will see further updates to the Key Stage 2 mobiles, new Key Stage 1 and 2 trim trails installed, the children's toilets will be upgraded and we are very excited to be finalising plans for the purchase of our very first Picknalls mini-bus! All of this years fundraising will go towards supporting these projects and we are sure you will agree with us that every one will enhance our school and benefit everyone.











School Arrangements

Staggered start and finish times — We use staggered timings to minimise the numbers of families on site at any one time, to support the use of the leisure centre car park and keep the arrival/departure process calm and safe for children. Please only arrive on site between your child's allocated times and not before:

Drop-off	Year Group	Gate
8.30am or 12.30pm for afternoon sessions	Nursery	Nursery door
8.40am-8.50am	Year 1 (Class 1 and 2)	Reception gate
8.40am-8.50am	Year 3 (Class 5 and 6)	Bottom playground gate
8.45am-8.55am	Reception (FS1 and FS2)	Reception gate
8.50am-9.00am	Year 2 (Class 3 and 4)	Reception gate
8.50am-9.00am	Year 4 (Class 7 and 8)	Bottom playground gate

Pick-up Time	Year Group	Gate
11.30am or 3.30pm ^{for} afternoon sessions	Nursery	Nursery door
3.20pm	Year 1 (Class 1 and 2)	Back playground
3.20pm	Year 3 (Class 5 and 6)	Bottom playground
3.25pm	Reception (FS1 and FS2)	Reception play- ground
3.30pm	Year 2 (Class 3 and 4)	Back playground
3.30pm	Year 4 (Class 7 and 8)	Bottom playground

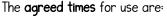
Nursery session times are not compulsory therefore if you have siblings higher up the school you are able to drop off/collect at the sibling's time if required.

Please arrive during your 10-minute time slot only and no earlier. If you have siblings in other year groups, please arrive at the end of the first slot which will mean you are on time for the second slot. Anyone arriving before their time slot will still be required to queue at the appropriate gate listed above. Children who arrive late must be brought up to the main reception to be signed in. Children must be brought directly to their child's gate by a parent or carer and must not be left to walk unsupervised up the lane, dropped off at the first large gate or left at the entrance to the school and come up the drive unsupervised. Similarly, parents/carers must be on the playground to collect at the end of the school day. We cannot allow children to walk unsupervised to the main gates to meet parents. Children are the responsibility of the school only when they have entered the gates on to the playground. We are not responsible for children walking down the lane or onto the car park. Finally, dogs are not to be brought on site or tied to the main gate and left unattended.

PARKING

Leisure Centre Parking

We are very fortunate to be able to use the Uttoxeter Leisure Centre (ULC) carpark for free at the beginning and end of school times.



8.20am-9.15am

3.10pm-3.45pm

If you need to use the Leisure Centre carpark at any other time of day you must obtain a ticket from one of the machines.

Unfortunately, we often receive reports of cars being left outside of designated spaces and causing unnecessary blockages. As we've already mentioned above, **please arrive during your 10 minute staggered slot** and help lessen congestion, pollution and stress!

Flu Vaccination

On Monday 16th October 2023 all children from Reception to Year 4 will have the opportunity to receive their annual flu vaccination administered by the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS).

You should have recently received an email about this with an attached letter including further information and a link to their <u>online consent form</u> which must be completed by 10am on Friday 13th October in order for your child to receive their vaccine.

If you haven't received the email or have lost the details, you can download a copy from our website's <u>Letters</u> page.



Happy Hours

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Happy Hours are situated in the Treetops building at the top of our school drive. They provide before and after school child care and run a holiday club during most of the school holidays for 3-12 year olds.

Their opening times during term time are:

7:00am—start of school End of school—6:00pm

Please remember that as they are a separate facility to the school we can't take bookings or check if your child is on their register at anytime.

Please speak to them directly to register your child and you will then be able to book your childcare sessions online here.

Bookings must be made online at least 24 hours in advance.

There is a link to their <u>booking page</u> on <u>picknalls.com</u> homepage or you can ring or text them during open times on 07518 383775.

Alternatively send them a <u>Facebook message here</u>

NB: Please do not park at the top of the drive during morning dropoff. Not only are these spaces designated for school staff, but it is safer for everyone if there is less traffic turning around in such a small space.

School Development Plan

We have lots of exciting new projects and strategies being put into place which will continue to drive Picknalls forward in many areas.

Our <u>School Development Plan 2023-24</u> can be found on our website and outlines the aspects we

are focussing on improving this year. We look forward to sharing our progress with you throughout this year.













Safeguarding

We had our second INSET day on 5th September during which all Picknalls staff **Keeping** renewed their Level 1 safeguarding training children safe with lots of Health and Safety aspects is everyone's L included..

If you have any concerns about a child do not

hesitate to speak to any of our Designated Safeguarding staff: Mrs Tapp, Mr Cope, Mrs A Jones, Miss Harris or Mrs Plant. Alternatively please contact Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support Teams

Tel no. 0300 111 8007

Lines open from: Mon-Thurs 8.30am-17.00pm Fri 8.30am-16.30pm

Or use the <u>secure web enquiry form using this link.</u>

Emergency Duty Team 0345 6042886

(for out of office hours referrals for children)

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding please do not hesitate to contact us immediately on 01889 228700 or office@picknalls.staffs.sch.uk

If you believe a child is at risk of immediate harm, this must be reported to the police on 999 or 101.

Governors Corner

On behalf of the Governors, welcome to another school year. Hopefully your child(ren) have settled in to their year and are enjoying learning. For those unfamiliar with what the Governing Board of the school is, we are a number of volunteers responsible for holding the school to account. The Governing Board consists of parent-elected and



staff-elected governors, along with co-opted governors, that can be appointed when vacancies in our skills occur.

If you ever have an issue with the school that you wish to discuss. then please don't delay in contacting your child's class teacher in the first instance or the headteacher if you would prefer, or, if you feel unable to do either, the Governing Board. Our e-mail address is governor@picknalls.co.uk — we will try to respond within 48 hours (but please remember that we do have 'proper' jobs and families that take up our time and so may sometimes take slightly longer to get back to you) and we aim to close out issues within 28 days.

Please do not hesitate to come back to me or Mrs Tapp if you have any further questions.

We look forward to working with you this year.

Paul Johnson, Chair of Governors

Cost of Living

The Household Support scheme HOUSEHOLD been extended until 31st March 2024. Families can apply SUPPORT FUND once in any round. The rounds are **EXTENDED** 1st April-30th September and

then 1st October-31st March. Households which qualify would benefit from a £65.00 supermarket voucher and £20.00 per additional dependant.

This may include, but is not limited to, residents of Staffordshire who are entitled to but not claiming qualifying benefits, people who are claiming Housing Benefit and a range of low-income households in need including children of all ages, pensioners, unpaid carers, care leavers and disabled people. We can apply on behalf of anyone who requests it so please come and speak to us.

Connected Curriculum

Our <u>annual curriculum plan</u> is now available to view on our website. This gives a brief description of the 6 topics each year group will be looking at this academic year.

You will now have received this half term's parent information sheet which gives more detail on the different aspects of the curriculum.

Please use this to talk to your child about their learning and support us in further home learning.

You will receive a paper copy of this every half term and they can also be found on the <u>year group pages</u> of our website.

Autumn 1 topics

Nursery and Reception— 'Amazing Animals

Year 1—'Claws, Paws and Jaws

Year 2— 'The Island of Struay'

<u>Year 3</u>— 'Stone Age'

<mark>Year 4</mark>— 'Vikings'



Pupil Numbers

We are once again thrilled with the number of applications we received for Nursery and Reception places for this academic year.

The 60 places available in Reception had record oversubscription with 117 families nominating us in their choices and Nursery is at capacity with 52 children on roll.



Ofsted Parent View

Ofsted Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think of our school.



The questionnaire can be completed at any time during the school year.

We also carry out our own annual parent questionnaire during the October Parents' Evenings.

SIMS Parent

When you completed your child's admission form prior to joining the school you will have been asked to prioritise the order of contacts to receive regular communications from the school.



Whichever person you name as **Priority 1** will receive emails and texts from us using the information you have provided us with. therefore, it is vital that you keep this up-to-date. If you need to change contact details you can contact the office or use SIMS Parent, which you received a link to when your child was first

If you would like to another contact to also receive texts and emails please speak to the office.

free Milk

All children under 5 are entitled to a free drink of milk every day they are in school. If you would like your child to continue to receive daily milk after their 5th birthday you can pay every half term through ParentPay. Please contact the office for more information.



Ofsted









School Dinners

The cost of school meals continues to be £2.83, this is applicable to Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) pupils not in receipt of income based Free School Meals (see below).

We are very pleased to introduce our new catering firm Edwards and Ward who will provide our lunch time meals from this term onwards. Their <u>current menu</u> is available on our website.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

If your child has special dietary requirements due to a diagnosed allergy, intolerance or medical condition you will need to register directly with Edwards and Ward using their online form, please see their <u>FAQ page</u> for more information.

BOOKING **M**EALS

It is extremely important that you remember to pre-book your child's During registration at the beginning of lunches using <u>ParentPay</u>. every day two registers are taken, one for attendance and one for meals. These are then sent to the school office and Mrs Simon must check through both of them every morning before she can let the kitchen staff know what they need to prepare.

A lot of time is wasted when a child's meal hasn't been pre-booked and if she has to deal with several cases every morning this causes a delay for the kitchen.

Click here for <u>a guide to meal bookings</u> and the menu selector.

Please help us by completing your child's meal selection the evening before at the latest.

Thank you.



Attendance

Being part of a <u>Multi-Academy Trust</u> we must work with an external Educational Welfare Officer (EWO), who regularly visits our school to monitor the attendance of all pupils. We have to record absences as being either authorised or unauthorised. If a child falls below 97% attendance



this triggers our system to automatically generate a letter of notice. The wording of the letter is generic and doesn't take any personal circumstances into account.

If you receive a letter notifying you that your child's attendance has fallen below 97% it doesn't mean that you are about to be issued with a Penalty Notice but if you have any concerns please speak to Mrs Tapp or ask to make an appointment with the EWÖ, Marie Steventon.

Please remember to inform us when your child is absent from school for any reason, such as:

- Absence due to illness etc
- Planned late arrival
- Medical appointments during school time (please include supporting documents)
- Different to normal pick up arrangements (except booking into Happy Hours)

You can email us directly at <u>attendance@picknalls.co.uk</u> or call 01889 228700 as soon as possible on the first day of illness.

Please remember that we are unable to make bookings for Happy Hours and that you must contact them directly by ringing 07518 383775 or visit their booking page.

Free School Meals

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time. This is separate from the Universal Free School Meals which all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are automatically entitled to.

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime and you can save yourself time and money.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps their school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives.

The current entitlement criteria are as follows -

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance. Please note the 'new style' job seekers allowance is not **Are you entitled?** a qualifying benefit, as this is based upon payment of National Insurance contributions and not the household income

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- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance. Please note the 'new style' employment and support allowance is not a qualifying benefit, as this is based upon payment of National Insurance contributions and not the household income
- eligible for Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HMRC to assess tax credits) is not more that £16.190. Please note: anyone eligible for Working Tax Credit, or if you have a partner and they receive it, regardless of Income, you will not qualify
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- In receipt of the 4 week run on of working tax credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduces their hours and so is no longer entitled to working tax credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that
- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7.400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods). Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions and does not include income from Universal Credit or any other benefits you may receive.

If you are eligible, you can apply online here, alternatively please contact the office for assistance.









Contact your Teacher

You can contact your child's teacher directly via email, however, please remember that staff are not expected to respond outside of school hours in the interest of well-being.

Teachers often prefer to speak to parents face-to-face to be able to properly discuss any issues or celebrate successes throughout the year and you can do this when you collect your child at the end of each day.

Teachers email addresses are as follows:

Nursery	Miss Goodwin	vgoodwin@picknalls.co.uk
FS1	Mrs A Jones	ajones@picknalls.co.uk
FS2	Mrs Cornes	lcornes@picknalls.co.uk
FS2	Mrs N Jones	njones@picknalls.co.uk
Class 1	Miss Adams	hadams@picknalls.co.uk
Class 2	Miss Charlesworth	jcharlesworth@picknalls.co.uk
Class 3	Miss Tinto	<u>ctinto@picknalls.co.uk</u>
Class 4	Mrs De Soyza	jdesoyza@picknalls.co.uk
Class 4	Mrs Owston	cowston@picknalls.co.uk
Class 5	Mrs Fenton	sfenton@picknalls.co.uk
Class 6	Mrs Jordi	pjordi@picknalls.co.uk
Class 7	Mrs Kasperwoicz	akasperowicz@picknalls.co.uk
Class 8	Mr Cope	gcope@picknalls.co.uk
Class 7 and 8	Mrs Backhouse	sbackhouse@picknalls.co.uk

Other points of contact by email available to you are:

Headteacher	Mrs Tapp	headteacher@picknalls.staffs.sch.uk
Bursar	Mrs Plant	office@picknalls.staffs.sch.uk
Attendance	Mrs Simon	attendance@picknalls.co.uk
SENDCo	Miss Harris	senco@picknalls.co.uk
Chair of Governors	Mr Johnson	governor@picknalls.co.uk
Admissions	Miss Derry	aderry@picknalls.co.uk





Big Cat Collins e-book Library





White Rose Maths

BBC Bitesize





Twinkl

Reading Eggs





Sumdog

Primary Games





<u>Times Table Rockstars</u>

Top Marks

Welcome Back!

We are thrilled to be able to welcome back Mrs Cornes to FS2 after her maternity leave. She will teach all day on Mondays and Tuesdays as well as Wednesday mornings. Mrs N Jones is her joint class teacher and will take the class on Thursdays and Fridays.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Friday 29^{th} September is the date of this years <u>Macmillan Fundraiser</u>. We will once again be holding our coffee afternoons in the school hall as follows:

2.30pm—Early Years (Nursery and Reception)

3.30pm—Rest of school

Further details will be given nearer the time



Picknalls Social Media

Over the last few years, we have been proud to have at least one article a week published in the Times and Echo newspaper so we were very sad to hear the news that their final edition would be published on 5th July 2023.

We intend to continue celebrating everything we do at Picknalls through our existing social media channels and our website.

You can follow us here:

Facebook — Picknalls First School

Twitter- epicknalls

Instagram - <u>picknallsfirst</u>

Website - picknalls.com

Please let the office know if you do not want us to publish any images of your child on any of the above platforms.

You completed a consent form for the use of photographs when you completed your admission form which can be updated at any time during the year.











Harvest Festival

If you would like to send in a donation we will be collecting for the Renew Church foodbank on Monday 2nd October.

This is a local foodbank serving people in need in the Uttoxeter area.

Please see the list below for types of items they can and can't use so that none of your generosity will go



EXAMPLE ITEMS WE NEED FOR THE FOODBANK				
Tinned carrots	Tinned sweetcorn			
Tinned potatoes	Tinned meat pies			
Tinned chicken casserole	Tinned minced beef			
Tinned fruit	Tinned rice pudding			
Tinned custard	Microwave rice			
Jars of Coffee	Instant hot chocolate			
Tinned ham	Tinned corned beef			
UHT (Long life) milk				
ITEMS WE CANN	ot use			
Anything that is out of date				
Anything that is damaged				
Anything that does not have a use by or best before date on it				
Anything that has been opened				

Ticket for the Guy

It's that time of year again! Uttoxeter Lions are offering children the opportunity to provide guys for the annual bonfire. This years event will take place on the 4th November. Guys will be collected by the Lions from Picknalls on 23rd October 2023 between 9:30 and 10:30 am so please make sure to bring your entry into school by this date.

All children making a guy will receive a FREE ticket to the Bonfire.

The Lions club of Uttoxeter wish to thank everyone for their anticipated Lions Clubs International cooperation.

School Games Gold

The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate



Uttoxeter Lions
At the heart of your community

their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress.

We are delighted to announce that we have retained our Gold award for our P.E. provision from last year. Congratulations to Mrs Jordi, our P.E. Leader and all staff for all their hard work towards this.

We can't wait to share this years sport events with you and hopefully add a few more trophies to the cabinet!

Uttoxeter Photography Competition 2023

The Uttoxeter Photography competition is run by the Uttoxeter in Bloom Committee for the Uttoxeter Town Council in conjunction with the Friends of Bramshall Road Park group and is free to enter. The aim of the competition is to inspire everyone to share their passions of photography and the great outdoors.

The competition is open to all age groups however there is a separate category for under 11's.

Please use the links below to download the forms:

Uttoxeter Photography Competition 2023 Entry Form

Uttoxeter Photography Competition 2023 Terms and Conditions

Alternatively, you can collect the information by visiting the Town Hall.

All entries must be submitted with a completed entry form for each category and sent via email to <u>admin.assistant@uttoxtc.org.uk</u> or delivered to Uttoxeter Town Hall (the post box is located on the front right of the building, next to the noticeboard).

The deadline for entries is Saturday 30th September 2023.







Clubs and Classes

Please use this link to download the flyers on this page



<u>Click here to download Forest</u> <u>School pdf</u>



Click here to download Awesome Animals pdf



<u>Click here to download</u> <u>Uttoxeter Rugby pdf</u>





TUESDAY

5.00PM

5.00PM-5.45PM

5.45PM-6.45PM

7.00PM-8.00PM

SATURDAY

10.30AM-

RAD- GRADE | BALLET (AGE: 8+)

rad- pre- primary ballet (age: 5+)

RAD- GRADE 6 BALLET & POINTE WORK (AGE: 14+)

FEEL THE BEAT (ZUMBA)

RAD- DANCE TO YOUR OWN TUNE/ PRE- PRIMARY BALLET (NEW CLASS- AGE:3-4)

- F GEORGIA GOUGH SCHOOL OF DANCE
- (O) GEORGIAGOUGHDANCE
- (07960883313

ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE

Click here to download Georgia Gough School of Dance Flyer



Click here to download Moorlands Music pdf

If you would like us to advertise a club, class or event on this page please contact the school.









Picknalls First School Future Dates

Please note: all dates are subject to change. See our website's Calendar for the most up-to-date information

		Sep-23				
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun 24
18	19 2.30pm - Reception (FS1 and FS2)	20	21	22	23	24
	Phonics Workshop for Parents					
25	26	27	28	29	30	4
25	26	27	28	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon	30	1
				2.00pm - EYFS		
				3.30pm - Rest of school		
				3.30pm - Rest of school		
		Oct-23				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Harvest Festival		3.30pm - Film show in year groups				
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Year 3 - Wolseley Bridge trip	World Mental Health Day-everyone					
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Flu Vaccination - reception to year 4		18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10.00am - Uttox Lions collect Guys		3.30pm - Parents' Evening Book Fair in school	8.00am - Tempest Photography - whole	INSET Day - No children in school		
3.30pm - Parents' Evening Book Fair in school		BOOK Fair in school	school individual and family photos			
30	31			<u> </u>		
	Term Holiday					
		Nov-23				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	Half Term Holiday	110	11	12
		0	٥	Remembrance Assembly	11	12
13 Anti-Bullying Week	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Ramble for Pudsey Fundraiser	Children in Need - dress up day		

		Nov-23				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
20	21 2.00pm - Reception (FS1 and FS2) Maths Parent Workshop	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30		ı	
		Dec-23				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				3.30pm - Christmas Fayre	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 2.00pm - EYFS Christingle	9	10
11 Year 1 Christmas Performance Times tbc nearer the time	12 Year 2 Christmas Performance Times tbc nearer the time	13 Year 3 Christmas Performance Times tbc nearer the time	14 Year 4 Christmas Performance Times tbc nearer the time	15 EYFS Christmas Performance Times tbc nearer the time	16	17
18 Pm - EYFS Christmas Party	19 Pm - Year 2 Christmas Party	20 Pm - Year 1 Christmas Party	21	22 Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day Last day of term	23	24
25	26	27 Christmas Holiday	28	29	30	31
		Jan-24				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3 Christmas Holiday	4	5	6	7
8 INSET Day - no children in school	9 Back to school Science activity day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				