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December 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Some final Autumn term closing words and pictures – much of which is on our Instagram page...

<https://www.instagram.com/droxfordjuniorschool/>

Christmas Service and Fair

Thank you to those who came and shared the fantastic experience of the school's Christmas Services in the village church. This festive service was led by the children in Years 3 & 4 who performed three times (including a dress rehearsal) – and delighted all. The children were really wonderful and put on a lovely service with many songs mixed into the Christmas story which unfolded through great acting. A huge well done to all the staff concerned (esp. Miss Barnett, Miss Bond, Miss Barker and Mrs Willcocks) – lots of patience and prop making for this service so successful!

FODS - Christmas Fair



Such a well organised event – full of colour, invention, creativity and sugar!!! Thank you to all who helped at the event; before, during and after – FODS team, parents, children and staff – you did a great job. A wonderful response for the tombola request really helped. Everyone had a great time and around £1000 was raised for future school events.



Next year marks the **National Year of Reading 2026**, and we are excited to celebrate the joy of books throughout our school community! Reading at home, even for just a few minutes a day, can make a big difference to your child's confidence, imagination, and language skills.



The theme for 2026 is 'Go All In'.

Please see the initiative's website for an engaging video and further information: <https://www.goallin.org.uk/>

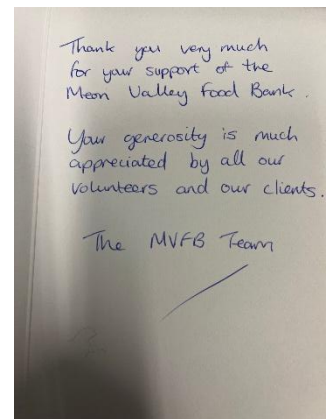
We'd love to encourage all families to make reading an enjoyable daily habit. Whether it's sharing a bedtime story, taking turns reading aloud, or simply talking about a favourite character, these small moments help children see reading as something enjoyable and important.

Parents and carers are powerful **reading role models**. When children see the adults around them reading—books, magazines, recipes, anything!—they learn that reading is a valuable and rewarding part of everyday life. Together we can make 2026 a year filled with stories, curiosity, and lifelong readers.

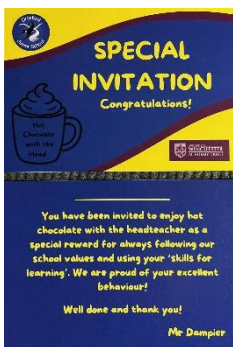
Miss Jones and Mrs Daniells

Meon Valley Food Bank

There was also a really heart-warming response to the request for donations for the Meon Valley Food Bank in return for wearing festive clothes at the Christmas lunch. Bea, Oscar, Isabelle and Holly accompanied myself to the Food Bank to make the donation (which filled the boot of my car) on behalf of the school. They were also shown around and learnt what happens at a food bank. Thank you to all who donated!



Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher



A new initiative to reward hard work; kindness; responsibility and utilising our 'skills for learning', is where children can receive a special invitation to have hot chocolate with myself and Luna on a Friday. Already very popular, this reward opportunity has got children very excited. It is really lovely to have some time with children finding out what they have achieved and just talking about anything they like.



Finally, thank you all for your continued support and well done to all our new families and children in Year 3. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break and a Happy New Year.

With festive wishes

Matthew Dampier

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Vision: 'Equipping our children with the knowledge and skills to navigate life successfully'

