



DECEMBER



We hope you have a lovely break!

Reminders:

Scan books out with Learning Hub staff

When returning books, do not put them back on the shelves. Please hand them to staff.

No eating or drinking

We have a new timetable:



| Day | Before school 8am-8.25am | Break Time | Lunch Time | After School 3:00pm-3:45pm |
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| Monday | Whole School | Years 7,8 & 11 | 13:00 – 13:40 = Years 7 & 8 13:20 – 14:00 = Years 9, 10 & 11 | Whole School |
| Tuesday | Whole School | Years 9,10 & 11 | 13:00 – 13:40 = Years 7 & 8 13:20 – 14:00 = Years 9, 10 & 11 | Whole School |
| Wednesday | Whole School | Years 7,8 & 11 | 13:00 – 13:40 = Years 7 & 8 13:20 – 14:00 = Years 9, 10 & 11 | Whole School |
| Thursday | Whole School | Years 9,10 & 11 | 13:00 – 13:40 = Years 7 & 8 13:20 – 14:00 = Years 9, 10 & 11 | Whole School |
| Friday | Whole School | Years 7,8 & 11 | 13:00 – 13:40 = Years 7 & 8 13:20 – 14:00 = Years 9, 10 & 11 | Whole School |



The Book Fair is back in The Learning Hub from 2nd December - 5th December



NATIONAL APP DAY

From helping with concentration to training your brain, there are a variety of apps can have a great impact on your wellbeing! However, it is of course very important to ensure you are staying safe online, especially when it comes to social media sites. Always make sure to control your screentime and be careful of who you are talking to. National app day takes place on December 11th, so here are some of the Learning Hub's recommendations for healthy, educational apps!

Elevate - This app allows you to train your brain by building up your skills in areas like memory and numeracy. You can complete daily tasks with a variety of minigames, meaning you can build up a streak and try to beat your high score every day!

Flora - Flora is brilliant for developing your concentration. It allows you to plant a virtual garden, with one flower growing for each timed revision session you do. Once you start growing the flower, you cannot leave the app, as the flower will die, so it stops you getting distracted by your phone!

Sporcle - Sporcle is a very popular quiz website, and it has tens of thousands of quizzes on every topic imaginable! From music to TV, geography to history, Sporcle will have a quiz for you. You can even earn badges as rewards for playing different types of quizzes!

By Sophie Rushton

NEW YEARS

DAY facts

Being born on the 1 of January is the 3rd rarest birthday



On January 1st 1999, the Euro became the official currency in 11 countries.

On new years day in Denmark, they smash plates to bring good fortune fo the next year.

Nearly 80% of resolutions made at the beginning of the year are forgotten by February.

During the 19th century in Ireland, to celebrate New Year the head of each household would take a freshly made cake, go outside, and launch the baked goods outside of their front door.



By Louie Hopkins



CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas is a traditional Christian holiday but is now celebrated by many different people. There are lots of different ways that people celebrate Christmas:

- Putting up decorations inside e.g. a Christmas tree, lights, etc.
- Putting up lights outside of your house.
- Having a Christmas Dinner e.g. Turkey, vegetables, potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, pigs in blankets, stuffing and sometimes a yule log for dessert (this is usually what I have).
- Baking e.g. cookies, mice pies, etc.
- Giving presents to family and friends.
- Some people go to church at Christmas time.
- A lot of people watch Christmas movies or read Christmas books.

There are lots of other things that people do as well! If you're celebrating Christmas, then I hope you enjoy whatever you're doing to have some fun in these festive holidays!

By Eliza Williams



We were lucky enough to be selected to take part in a video call with Jacqueline Wilson!

Thank you to all the year 7's that took part.

Boxing day

Boxing day got its name in the Victorians it was when servants had a day off and was given a box of treats.

In this day and age we watch football matches, meet family and enjoy life.

Who's playing football on boxing day?
Man city, Bournemouth, Chelsea, Newcastle, Nottingham, Southampton, Wolves and Liverpool.

By Declan Langford