



19th December 2025

A Message from Miss Olver

The Christmas holidays have finally arrived! It has been a very long term and I know the children are very tired and ready for a break.

It has been lovely to see the children so excited for Christmas over the past few weeks. There has been lots of fun with elves in class, Christmas singing and Christmas activities.

From all the team at East Meon, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We hope you have a great break and enjoy making special memories with your families.



Dates for your Diary:

Sat 20th Dec 7pm—Choir Singing at Village Carol Event

Mon 5th Jan—INSET Day

Tues 6th Jan—First Day Back at School

Mon 12th Jan 2.45-3.30pm—Y6 SATS Parent Information Meeting

Fri 16th Jan—House Team World Religion Event

Fri 16th Jan—FEMS Film Night

Fri 30th Jan—FEMS Mufti Day (Sweet Donations for the Boat Race)

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumpers

On Thursday 18th December, Roxie and Sarah cooked Christmas lunch for our school. They did an amazing job, making sure everything was cooked beautifully, ready in time and served with a Christmas smile! The children (and staff) also enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers and raising money for Save the Children. Thank you to Roxie and Sarah for their hard work in the kitchen and to everyone who donated money to this valuable charity.



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FEMS Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre on Sunday. It was a huge success and so lovely to see FEMS, staff, governors, families, pupils and the wider community all coming together. Over £1000 has been raised at the Christmas-themed FEMS event this month. A huge thank you to our amazing FEMS team for organising these events for us all and raising so much money for our school.



Listen 2 Me Concert

On Wednesday 17th December, Voyagers Class performed a concert to parents, carers and family members on the trumpet. They have been learning this instrument all term in their class music lessons and have been preparing for this concert over the last few weeks. Thank you to Mrs Whitehouse from Hampshire Music

Service who has taught them this term.



Thank You

A big thank you to Mr Atkinson and Mr Stapleton who donated a huge amount of woodchips to us last week. These have helped us where the path to the MU-GA has become a bit muddy and to put a new layer under our adventure play-ground equipment.



Christmas Card Artwork

On Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th December, Simon Sharp, our vice chair of governors, spent the afternoon teaching both Explorers and Voyagers how to make Christmas cards using different painting and printing techniques. Simon used to work as the Head of the Art Department at Bedales School and therefore was able to bring his in-depth knowledge and passion for the subject with him to engage the children in this fun activity. Thank you to Simon for volunteering his time to teach the children this week.



Year 4 Forest School

This week was the last Forest School session for Year 4. They have had a fantastic time this half term. This week they prepared and cooked vegetable stew using their favourite vegetables. As always, the children showed great resilience when things were tricky to chop and peel. Mrs Perkins was also very impressed that everyone tried the stew, even though some people had been a bit nervous about it. Well done Year 4!



Goodbye and Good Luck

Mrs Poulton is leaving us today to move to a school closer to where she lives. She has been a fantastic member of our team this term and we will miss her lots. We wish her all the best in her new role.



Meet the Governors!

Each week, we will be sharing some information with you about one of our amazing school governors.

This week, our governor is Sofija Atkinson.

I have recently joined the Governing Body as a parent governor. My family are livestock and arable farmers, and have been living in the village for over 100 years! My son joined the school in September and we have been enjoying getting to know the school community. I have been a secondary school Science teacher 12 years, with the most recent 3 years primarily teaching students who are not in mainstream education. I wanted to become a parent governor because I am passionate about supporting children's education and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive.

