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Newsletter

Friday 1st December

GEMS Assembly:

The winning team for the weekly GEM Trophy was **Ruby**. Well done to everyone in Team **Ruby**! Find out about our GEM procedures here: <https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/>

School start and end times:

Please ensure you adhere to your child's school start time. Children should not be coming into school late through the school office. They should also be picked up at their allocated time and not collected from the office early. We ask that where possible any appointments are made out of school time. If this is not possible and your child has an appointment bring a copy of your appointment letter to the office. Children coming to school late and leaving early are missing valuable learning time which can have a long-lasting impact on their progress - it also interrupts the learning of all children in the class.

Thank you for your patience while the roofing works continue, and we alter entrances and exits.

Year group	Start time	End of day
Reception	8.45a.m.	3.05p.m.
Year 1	8.50a.m.	3.10p.m.
Year 2	8.45a.m.	3.05p.m.
Year 3	8.50a.m.	3.10p.m.
Year 4	8.50a.m.	3.10p.m.
Year 5	8.45a.m.	3.05p.m.
Year 6	8.45a.m.	3.05p.m.

Christmas performances:

Christmas performances are next week. If you have booked your tickets, you should have an email confirming your booking which will be needed for entry to the performance. Entrance to the performance is at the gate near Asda and you will be shown in and seated 10 minutes before the performance time.

Unfortunately, photos/videos will not be allowed at any of the performances as we do not have the necessary permissions.

Packed lunches:

A reminder that we are a Nut and Egg free school. We have children in school with severe allergies so please do not send any eggs, nuts or products containing nuts in packed lunches.





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Girls Football:

Last Friday Year 5 and 6 girls competed in The Darlington Foundation Cup at Eastbourne Sports Complex. They came 2nd overall and all played brilliantly. Well done!

Year 5 and 6 Sports Hall Athletics:

A group of Year 5 and 6 children attended the Sports Hall Athletics competition on Friday last week at the Dolphin Centre. They all had an amazing time competing using the skills they've been practicing in school.

Year 4 Sports Hall Athletics:

A group of Year 4 children attended the Sports Hall Athletics competition on Thursday at the Dolphin Centre. They had a brilliant time participating against other Darlington schools.

Thank you!

We would like to say a huge thank you to 'ALR embroidery' for donating and sponsoring our new football kit. The team looked very smart and loved their new kit.





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Important Dates for Autumn term 2:

(Please note: Year 5 and 6 do not have a Christmas performance - Year 5 have an Easter performance and Year 6 a Leavers performance)

Monday 4th December	Year 3 Christmas performance - 10am and 2pm
Tuesday 5th December	Year 4 Christmas performance - 10am and 2pm
Wednesday 6th December	Reception Nativity performance - 10am and 2pm
Thursday 7th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance - 10am and 2pm
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper day
Monday 11th December to Wednesday 13th December	Year 6 - Robinwood
Monday 11th December	Year 2 and 3 Christmas Parties
Tuesday 12th December	Year 1 and 5 Christmas Parties
Wednesday 13th December	Reception and Year 4 Christmas Parties
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 15th December	Year 6 Christmas Party

