Dates for your diary / fridge! (Festive season and Term 3 highlights)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the twinkling lights of the festive season and look ahead to the new year, we wanted to share all the upcoming dates you need in one easy-to-keep place. Between nativity rehearsals, community carols, and our exciting return in January, our school calendar is full of some lovely moments.

Hopefully having these dates on your radar now makes it much easier to plan, catch your child's big moment on stage / in church and book your Parents' Evening slots early. Think of this guide as your fridge door companion for the weeks ahead.

Quick Reminders at a Glance

- **School closures / INSET Days.** School will be closed to pupils on **Friday, 4th December** (Term 2) and **Monday, 4th January** (Term 3).
- **Y5 and 6 church.** Admission to the Y5 and 6 Christmas Celebrations at Longwell Green Church is by programme only to make sure we are fire regs safe.
- **Charity.** Our final drop off for Operation Community Christmas Hampers is 9:00 am on Friday, 11th December.

Term 2 Festive celebrations and end of term dates

Please see the main calendar here for more, but here are fridge worthy important ones.

Date	Time	Event and Helpful Details
Saturday, 28th Nov	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	**Festive Fayre** — Join us for seasonal stalls, treats, and family fun. Please check our recent newsletters for full details.
Friday, 4th Dec	All Day	**INSET Training Day (3)** — School closed to all pupils for staff training.
Friday, 11th Dec	9:00 am	**Operation Community Hamper Deadline** — Final morning drop off for Christmas hamper donations, thank you for your generosity!
Sunday, 13th Dec	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	**Mustard Tree Community Church Carol Service** — Held in Longwell Green Hall. All families are warmly invited.
Monday, 14th Dec	9:30 am and 2:00 pm	**KS1 Nativity Production** —In school for KS1 parents / carers (all KS1 children take part in both performances 9.30 and 2).
Tuesday, 15th Dec	9:30 am	**Reception Nativity Production** —In school for our EYFS parents / carers.
Tuesday, 15th Dec	10:30 am and 2:00 pm	**Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance** — Performed in school for Y3 and Y4 parents (*all Y3/4 children take part in both performances*).
Wednesday, 16th Dec	10:30 am start	**Year 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration** — Held at United Church, Longwell Green. Admission by programme only (*children arrive at 10:15 am*).
Thursday, 17th Dec	10:00 am start	**Year 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration** — Held at United Church, Longwell Green. Admission by programme only (*children arrive at 9:45 am*).
Thursday, 17th Dec	Lunchtime	**Whole school Christmas lunch** — Festive *feast* together for all children.
Friday, 18th Dec	Afternoon	**Whole school party afternoon** — Festive games, music, and celebrations across all classes.
Friday, 18th Dec	End of School Day	**TERM 2 ENDS** — We wish all our families a restful, joyful winter holiday!

Term 3: Welcoming the New Year (January – February)

Looking ahead to January, we have plenty of opportunities to step inside the classroom, chat about your child's progress, and get involved with school:

Date	Time	Event and Helpful Details
Monday, 4th Jan	All Day	**INSET Training Day (4)** — School closed to all pupils as staff prepare for the new term.
Tuesday, 5th Jan	Normal Start	**TERM 3 STARTS FOR PUPILS** — Welcome back! We look forward to seeing everyone bright and early.
Tuesday, 12th Jan	7:00 pm	**FOLG planning meeting** — Friends of Longwell Green meeting; new faces are always welcome.
Thursday, 14th Jan	Lunchtime	**School Census Day** — Keep an eye out for a special Census Day menu (details to be confirmed soon!).
Wednesday, 3rd Feb	3:20 pm – 3:40 pm	**Whole school Open Classroom** — Pop in at pick up to see your child's classroom and celebrate their latest work, numbers limited to 15 adults per day.
Thursday, 4th Feb	3:20 pm – 3:40 pm	**Whole school Open Classroom** — A second chance to visit classrooms and explore what your child has been learning, numbers limited to 15 adults per day.
Wednesday, 10th Feb	3:30 pm – 6:00 pm	**Parents' Evening (all year groups)** — Bookable appointments to discuss your child's progress and next steps.
Thursday, 11th Feb	3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	**Parents' Evening (all year groups)** — Second evening of bookable slots.

A few helpful notes for busy families

- **Morning Arrivals for Y5 and Y6 Celebrations** Please note the slightly different arrival times at Church: 10:15 am on Wednesday, 16th December, and 9:45 am on Thursday, 17th December.
- **Open Classrooms vs. Parents' Evenings** Our February Open Classrooms are relaxed, drop in sessions where your child can proudly play tour guide to their own desk, whereas Parents' Evenings offer dedicated one to one time with your child's teacher.
- **Stay Tuned for Booking Links** We will send out sign up details for Parents' Evenings and the confirmed Census Day menu in January.

Thank you, as always, for your warmth and partnership, especially during a season when tinsel seems to multiply overnight and there's soon to be a naughty elf in a number of households! If you have any questions about any of these events, please pop by or contact the school office.

Warm wishes,

Longwell Green