



November 28th 2025

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fayre. There was such a great turnout despite the weather and hope that you all had a great time. It is lovely to be able to put on large events for our whole community and we feel very well supported buying tickets and crafts from the stalls.

As you can imagine there is a lot of thought and effort that went into the fayre and I am very grateful to so many people. Planning starts months in advance!

Thank you so much to all our FOMS team for their great stalls and games. Thank you to Rob and Abi for their wonderful hot chocolate stall. Thank you also to Claire for her great gift of her time and photographic skills. I would like to give a **great big thank you** to Nicola as she has been working so hard on gathering raffle prizes and she finally has some room in her house now the 150+ bottles have been won!

I am sure you agree Team Monty are just the best people and I thank our whole team for the organisation, thought, time and energy. A very special thanks to Mrs Bowron for her imagination, creativity and effort in making the Christmas Fayre such a success. To undertake events like this on top of the incredible dance off and all of the forthcoming Christmas performances is remarkable.

To turn around the school for the next day takes a lot of time in the morning and before school so we need to stop fairly promptly at 7pm. I know some families might have missed out on seeing Father Christmas due to his availability – he will be back again for the Christmas parties of the younger classes.

All of the money raised by both FOMS and the school raised is used for our children's benefit – thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets or donated prizes too.

FOMS Christmas presents

Thank you to FOMS for providing a Christmas gift for each child in school. This year they need to be opened ahead of Christmas – Sunday might be a good day in preparation for Monday December 1st!

Felting Workshop in Year 4

This week Year 4 had a great time as part of their Art topic when they were visited by Claire Priestly, who is a local felting artist. Claire worked with the class showing them felting techniques with wool in order for them to produce their own nativity scene.

Year 5 Swimming

Next Thursday (December 4th) is the last swimming session for our Year 5 children before Christmas.

Swimming will recommence for Year 5 children on January 15th.

Reception's Nativity

Our Christmas performance starts next week as our Reception Class take to the stage for their Nativity which begins at 1.45pm. I look forward to seeing families of our Reception children next week. FOMS are running a refreshment stall during the event.

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performances

Year 1 and 2's performance of 'Hey Ewe' will be on Tuesday 16th December. There will be two performances; one beginning at 1.30pm and the other at 6pm. Each family has been allocated 2 tickets for each performance. These have been sent home with children this week. If you do not require all of the tickets, we would appreciate it if you could return any extras to school. If you would like an extra ticket, please request this on the form included on the letter and any surplus tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. FOMS are running a refreshments stall at both performances.

Preloved Event

Our 'Pick-up Something Pre-loved' event will take place on **Monday 1st December, 3.15 – 3.45pm** in the School Hall, accessed via the hall double doors.

Reception Places for September 2026

The window for applications for Reception school places for children due to start school in September 2026 will close on January 15th 2026. School Admissions at the Local Authority organise this. Please see further information [here](#).

Attendance

This week's attendance figures are below. Today's attendance was comfortably the lowest of the year and hope we have a healthier week next week. Well done Reception!

Class	Attendance this week (%)
Reception	97.7
Year 1	94.3
Year 2	93.2
Year 3	90.4
Year 4	84
Year 5	88.3
Year 6	96.6
Whole School	92%

Dates for the Diary

December 1 st	Pick-up Something Pre-loved event 3.15-3.45pm in School Hall
December 5 th	Reception Nativity (1.45pm)
December 10 th	Nursery Christmas Singalong (pm)
December 10 th	Christmas Lunch
December 12 th	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Concert and Christmas Jumper Day 1.30pm start at St Marys
December 15 th	Reception-Y6 to the pantomime at The Witham
December 16 th	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Play (1.30pm and 6pm starts)
December 17 th -19 th	Christmas Parties
December 22 nd - Jan 2 nd	Christmas Holidays
January 5 th	Children return to school

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Please see the QR code for the School Lottery. The more players we have, the more we raise for the school and the bigger the prize fund.

