



# QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

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## Purple Post

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### Principal's Message

*We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.*

*As the song says, 'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas' around school with younger pupils practicing their nativity ready for next week and lots of festive preparations in classes. A huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported our Winter Fair this week - we don't yet have the total amount raised but it was great to see so many of you enjoying the games and activities as well as trying your luck on the tombola, raffle and even indoor bowling! I look forward to welcoming you into school again if you are coming to watch the nativity, breakfast with Santa or the storytime/crafts with Santa - he really is a very busy man this time of year!*

*Liz Latham*



### Household Support Fund

The government's Household Support Fund is open. The council has funding of £3.4m which they plan to distribute to households who are most in need and considered to be financially vulnerable. The fund will be used to support households most in need with Gas and Electricity. This scheme will be in place until the end of February 2025, unless funding is exhausted before this date. Please click to find out more [leicester.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](http://leicester.gov.uk/householdsupportfund)

### Dinner Dates

Here are the dates for booking your child's dinner:

For wk beginning 16/12/24 order by Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

For wk beginning 6/1/25 order by Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec

For wk beginning 13/1/25 order by Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 25

Please talk to your child and make choices together about what they will have for lunch.

### Dates for your Diary

Nativity Performances to parents	2.15	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec
	9.30/2.15	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Y1 to St Anne's Church		11 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day		12 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Y1,2,3 Film night		12 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christmas parties Y5 and 6		13 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Breakfast with Santa	8.00am	16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> Dec
EYFS/ Y1 parties		16 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Crafts with Santa		16 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Y2,3,4 parties		17 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christmas Dinner		18 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Rocksteady Performance to parents and school		18 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Break up and Honours Assembly		19 <sup>th</sup> Dec
School reopens		7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Healthy and Safe

#### Packed Lunches

Please be reminded again that as a Healthy School we encourage you to make healthy choices when preparing your child's packed lunch. No Sweets, • chocolates, • fizzy drinks, • anything that contains nuts, • hazelnut chocolate spread, • hot food, • take away food such as chips, nuggets, burgers, • rice (hot or cold) • flasks regardless of the contents • any meat on the bone. Thanks for keeping everyone safe and well.



### Class Assembly Dates

Here are the class assembly dates for you to plan ahead! Class assemblies are always on a Tuesday at 2.50pm in the main hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

Satoshi Kitamura	21 <sup>st</sup> January
Jonny Duddle	4 <sup>th</sup> February
Jenny McLachlan	4 <sup>th</sup> March
Valerie Thomas	18 <sup>th</sup> March
Zanna Davidson	1 <sup>st</sup> April
Marcela Ferreira	13 <sup>th</sup> May
Joseph Coelho	10 <sup>th</sup> June
Rob Biddulph	24 <sup>th</sup> June

### Attendance Counts

#### Moments Matter

It is vital to ensure that your child is in school, on time, every day.

Please do contact the school office if you need support with this as we may be able to offer support. The overall attendance for this year is **94.8%**. This is below Government expectations which are 96%. **We need to work together to improve this.** The class with the highest attendance this week is Valerie Thomas with 98.5% Well done! Please do support your child to attend every day to ensure they get the best start to their education

