



Dear Families,

It has been a truly wonderful half term, filled with many achievements and successes for our pupils. They have worked extremely hard both in and out of the classroom, and we are very proud of the progress they have made and the positive attitudes they continue to show towards their learning.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Christmas performances this week. Your support and encouragement were greatly appreciated by both the children and the school team. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed performing, and it was lovely to see our community come together to celebrate their efforts and talents.

Our children were also delighted by their second visit from Santa and his Elves. This brought lots of excitement and laughter creating some very special memories for the children as we approach the end of term.

As we come to the close of 2025, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. For those who are currently celebrating, we also wish you a very Happy Hanukkah. We look forward to welcoming our community back to school on Monday 5th January 2026.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Ferla and the PWP Team





## Upcoming Events



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5th Jan	6th	7th	8th	9th
1 <sup>st</sup> day of term	Years 1-6 Launch Day			



Merry Christmas from Elsie!

## ATTENDANCE

Current Attendance- 94.6%

### Nursery AM - 97.3%

Lime - 80.5%

Poplar - 80.5%

Bay - 91.8%

H/Chestnut - 93.5%

Bamboo - 92.8%

Box - 91%

Ash - 90%

Nursery PM - 90.9%

Cypress - 91.8%

Acacia - 90.9%

Palm - 91.8%

Holly - 92.8%

**Myrtle - 97.1%**

Eucalyptus - 89.3%

**Willow - 96.7%**

**Green**=met the minimum attendance rate



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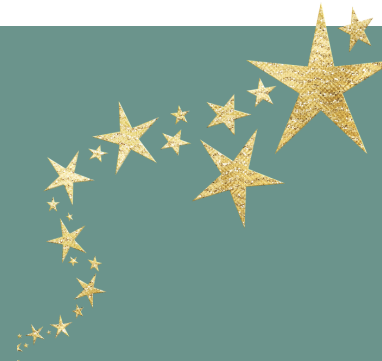






## WELL DONE!

Class	Pearsewood Champion
Nursery AM/PM	Prapti/Emmanuella
Lime	Clara
Poplar	Marnie
H/Chestnut	Melody
Bay	Poppy-Sue
Bamboo	Bryanlee
Box	Elijah
Cypress	Olivia
Ash	Ruby-Rose
Acacia	Angie
Palm	Bavinaash
Holly	Prasna
Myrtle	Ellie
Willow	Ossie
Eucalyptus	Charlie



### SCHOOL VALUES

The value this term is Kindness.

EYFS - Reception have had a busy week looking at making shapes with peg boards. They have been discussing the shapes and showing them to their friends.

KS1 - The children in Year 2 have been making maps of London and placing some London Landmarks in the correct place. They have been helping their friends making sure they put the landmarks in the right place.

KS2 - Children in KS2 have been playing 'Four Square' on the playground at lunchtime. They are all taking turns and being kind helping each other and waiting their turn.

Under 13

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CALL OF DUTY



This guide lets you know how to help children and young people through the transition back into education after a school holiday.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO ROUTINE

Most of us look forward to the school holidays as an opportunity to slow down and relax, stay up later, sleep in and generally approach life in a more leisurely fashion. However, this does mean that returning to normal school-day routines can feel like an uphill battle. Here are some practical tips to ease that transition, reduce stress and set children up for success.

- 1 START SMALL AND EARLY**  
Begin reintroducing elements of the school routine a week before term starts. Gradually adjust bedtime, wake-up times and mealtimes to be more in line with school-day rhythms. Small changes can make a big difference in avoiding last-minute panic and helping children to readjust smoothly.
- 2 REVISIT THE SCHEDULE**  
Involve your child in mapping out their daily routine so they understand what's going to change. Visual tools like charts or calendars can help keeping to that schedule feel more engaging. When children understand and anticipate their personal timetable, they feel more secure and in control.
- 3 CREATE A SLEEP PLAN**  
Sleep can present one of the biggest challenges, as children can sometimes become night owls, prone to staying up late during the holidays. Limit screen time before bed and encourage winding-down activities like reading or listening to calming music. A restful night's sleep improves focus, mood and overall wellbeing, making mornings much smoother.
- 4 ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIPS**  
Help your child to reconnect with school friends by organising playdates, catch-ups or arranging to go to after-school clubs. Re-establishing social bonds can make the return to school more exciting and less intimidating, allowing youngsters to focus on the positive aspects of the new term.
- 5 GRANT RESPONSIBILITY**  
Give children control over some aspects of the morning routine. Maybe they could be in charge of waking everyone up, serving breakfast or choosing the radio station that everyone listens to while getting ready. Something that gives them a sense of ownership over their morning schedule can help them view the task as one they've chosen to do, rather than being told to do it.
- 6 FOCUS ON NUTRITION**  
Make sure children are receiving balanced meals (with regular healthy snacks to boost energy and concentration), putting them in the best possible state to return to education. A nutritious breakfast is particularly crucial for a positive start to the day. Involve children in meal planning to make it enjoyable and collaborative.
- 7 COMMUNICATE OPENLY**  
Talk with your child about how they're feeling about returning to school: whether they're excited, anxious or a mix of both. Validating their emotions helps them feel supported and understood. Try asking them about the things they're looking forward to at school, such as seeing their friends again. Focusing on the positives can be useful for children struggling with change.
- 8 RECONNECT WITH LEARNING**  
Ease children back into a learning mindset by incorporating fun, educational activities into their home life. Reading a favourite book, playing games that involve maths or discussing an interesting topic can gently reawaken their focus and prime their minds to learn, which can have helpful impacts on their academic performance.
- 9 PREP TOGETHER**  
Turn preparation into a shared activity, to shoulder the responsibility together and provide support where needed. Pack school bags, lay out uniforms and plan lunch the night before. This not only reduces early morning stress but also gives children a sense of ownership over being ready for school.
- 10 BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE**  
Transitions take time, and every child adjusts differently: so, it's important to stay calm and supportive, especially if they're reacting adversely to the change in their daily life. Be ready to tweak routines as needed, and work with the child to make the return to education easier possible for them. Patience can go a long way to setting a positive tone for the new school year.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Becky Dawson is an education expert with a focus on mental health and wellbeing. Passionate about empowering adults who spend time with and care for young people, Becky specialises in creating practical strategies that promote wellbeing and resilience in children during life's transitions.

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### Bob the Elf's Nursery Fun! 🎄

Our Elf Bob has been up to all sorts of mischief in nursery! The children loved spotting his silly antics and sharing in the jokes and giggles every day. Christmas magic was definitely in the air!

