



St Peter's C of E Junior School
A place for all to flourish

INFORM



Thursday 18th December 2025

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear families,

Only a week ago, our school building was suddenly and unexpectedly closed.

A place that has echoed with laughter and learning for generations of pupils was suddenly silent, still and empty.

However, when our building closed, our school certainly did not because St Peter's is far more than bricks and mortar.

It is our amazing children who carried their courage this week into unfamiliar places. It is our staff who carried their commitment and dedication across different villages and towns. It is our families who carried patience, trust and understanding through days that have been anything but easy.

And it is our community.

Over the past week, in Ruddington and beyond, something extraordinary happened. People came together. Doors were opened. Hands were offered. Kindness met challenge at every turn. What could have broken us instead revealed the very best of us. What could have been a story of only disruption became a story of togetherness.

The spirit of this village—its kindness, its generosity, its quiet determination—has shone brightly through one of St Peter's most challenging moments.

Messages of support, offers of help and goodwill have poured in - all of which has lifted the spirits of the whole staff team.

We now know that the next couple of months will not look the way we expected. Our children will continue to learn in different buildings, go on different journeys, with different routines. That is not going to be easy – and we should not pretend that it will be.

It will continue to bring challenges, yes—but it also brings an opportunity to remember what truly holds us together.

Not walls.
Not corridors.
But people.

The Christmas story that we all know so well begins in disruption - a family far from home, plans changed, uncertainty everywhere. And yet it is also the greatest story of hope we know. It reminds us that even in the most fragile moments, light finds a way. That love endures. And that better days are ahead of us. That message feels especially close to us this year.

As we break up for Christmas, may we hold onto what this last week really represents. Gratitude for one another. Pride in our community. And confidence that whatever lies ahead, we will face it together. While this chapter has been difficult, it is certainly not the end of the story.

Because buildings may close—but a school like ours, a community like ours, and a spirit like Ruddington's cannot be shut down for very long.

In a couple of months, when we are all back together in one school building, we will look back on this moment not only as a time of challenge, but as a time when we discovered just how strong a community we truly are.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Michael

ARRANGEMENTS FOR JANUARY

Unfortunately, we are still not in the position to be able to share details of what January is going to look like.

We are still negotiating with different schools and the local authority to get the best deal for our children; particularly around ensuring wraparound care is available for all, hot meals can be provided and all classes in each year group are together.

Once plans are finalised, we will get these out to you as soon as possible.

*Thank You for
Your Incredible
Support!*

*The Christmas Fair raised an
amazing £2,000, and generous
donations following the school
closure exceeded £1,300*

*There will be challenges for the FOS team over the
coming months and we appreciate your continued
support. We would love to see new faces with new ideas
at our meetings in the New Year.*



Thank You

