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## Dates

**Thursday 30th November** – KS2 Film Night, from 3:15pm

**Friday 1st December** – Christmas Jumper Day

**Tuesday 5th December** – EYFS at West Lodge Christmas Experience

**Wednesday 6th December** – Walk in Wednesday – 3:15pm

**Thursday 7th December** – PSA Christmas Wreath making, 7:30pm

**Friday 8th December** – EYFS/KS1 Film Night, from 3:15pm

**Tuesday 12th December** – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – performance to parents, 2pm

**Wednesday 13th December** – ABM Christmas lunch

**Wednesday 13th December** – Carols in the Church, 2pm

**Tuesday 19th December** – Whole School Panto Trip – see letter sent this week

## School Value

This half-term, the school is recognising its value of 'care' and we are linking this to kindness too. Congratulations to Albie who was nominated for welcoming another child into his game, then explained what they were playing and continued to check that he was having a good time. What a perfect role model for our school values you are, Albie. Thank you!

Another 'care' award this week goes to Bertie who stepped aside to allow adults through a busy door, passed through a group of children and said 'excuse me' and said thank you for every piece of work given to him. Freddie for being so patient and helpful at lunch with Deene boys playing football, and for Henry who asked a member of staff out-of-the-blue this "how is week going?" and followed the reply with "Good to hear!". Thank you Bertie, Freddie and Henry - your care and kindness has been recognised!

Congratulations to all of those recognised for their great work this week and to the many new members of the 144 club!



## The Gardens are Growing...!

On Thursday we welcomed members from Great Addington Horticultural Society to school to help plant up the bulbs and seeds into the soil donated from Plants2Gardens. Children from across the school got stuck in and will now be in charge of watering and looking after our garden patches.

We have been very reliably informed by our helpers Nick and Pam that we will see Daffodil Kendon (yellow/Orange), Tulip Qatar (Red), Iris Reticulata (Blue) and Sedum Spurium (Green foliage). The first to flower should be the iris in March followed by the daffs and tulips in April/May.



## The Big Ambition

Rachel is from the Children's Commissioner for England. She has launched this survey, **The Big Ambition**, to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person aged up to 18. She will use this survey to take children and young people's views to the Government. To find out more, visit the [website](#) or use the link to the survey below:

[About this survey: The Big Ambition - Have your say! \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

## Eco Schools Award

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Following Lamport and Rockingham engaging in Eco-Workshops run by the Eden Project, the school has earned a Planet Mark Award!

Rockingham are putting into practice what they learnt from the day and are busy growing their own plants to generate more oxygen in their classroom.

**Well done GA!**



# PlanetMark



## A little reminder...

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It's lovely to see chats and gatherings on the playground before school as the gates open at 8:30am, but just a quick reminder to please be patient and wait for your teacher to open the classroom door at 8:35am. Thank you.

## PSA

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This time next week we will have completed our very first Great Addington movie and munchies evening! If you haven't booked your child's ticket yet here is your reminder to do so - ticket price includes hot chocolate with marshmallows, popcorn, and a gift from Santa.

Don't forget about our wreath making workshop - this is always a fun evening! We do have a few tickets left which can be booked on parent pay, the price includes everything you need to make your wreath, plus a glass of mulled wine.

Lastly, we have our raffle coming up, with top prizes including designer sunglasses, a frontier centre party worth £180, and a set of Air Pods! Tickets will be with your children within the next couple of weeks, with the draw taking place on 19th December.



**Lucy Kingsnorth, Principal**