



# Lower Farm Weekly



**Friday 9th December 2022**



## Attendance

**For week beginning 5th December:**

Beech Class:	100%
Birch Class:	100%
Cherry Class:	97.2%
Chestnut Class:	95.0%
Elder Class:	91.5%
Elm:	86.8%
Hazel:	98.2%

**Congratulations** to those classes that have reached an attendance of 97% or above. It would be great to see every class reach 97% or above next week.



## Value Awards

### *Birch*

Elijah Resilience  
Macen Integrity & Resilience

### *Cherry Class*

Riley Integrity  
Harlem Resilience

### *Elder Class*

Theo Achievement & Integrity  
Elijah Resilience

### *Hazel Class*

William Respect, Resilience & Collaboration  
Alexander Achievement, Integrity & Respect

### *Beech Class*

Rupert Care  
Sienna Resilience & Achievement

### *Chestnut Class*

David Integrity & Respect  
Suyen Resilience & Achievement

### *Elm Class*

Mason Achievement & Resilience  
Isabella Achievement



## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 12th December: Nursery Christmas Songs** 11:00 in Acorn class

**Monday 12th December: Reception Nativity** 14:00 (2 people per child) followed by refreshments served by Friends of Lower Farm.

**Wednesday 14th December:** Christmas Dinner Day. Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper with the rest of their normal uniform today. Donations can be made directly to Save the children via the following link: <https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/cherie-padmore-christmas-jumper-day>

**Thursday 15th December:** Photo Booth in school. Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper with the rest of their normal uniform today. Classes will come down one at a time to have individual photos taken and a free photo will be given to each child - thank you to 'Boss Photobooths and Entertainments' who will also be at the Christmas Fayre for children/families to have some festive photos taken. If you do not want your child(ren) to have their photograph taken in the photo booth, please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we can ensure they are removed from the list.

**Thursday 15th December:** Christmas Fayre 15:30 - 17:00. Children will be dismissed at normal time from their normal collection point. Parents/carers can then come round to the front of school to enter the Christmas Fayre together through the main entrance. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

**Friday 16th December:** Non-uniform Day. Children are invited to wear non-uniform today. Please ensure that their non-uniform is suitable for the weather at break time and lunch time and that shoes are flat soled and have a back to them. **School closes at 13:30 for Christmas Holidays**

**Christmas Holidays:** Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January

**Tuesday 3rd January:** Staff inset day - school closed

**Wednesday 4th January:** School opens - spring term

Dear Parents/Carers

9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Scarlet Fever Information

As you may well have seen in the press there have been several Streptococcus-A infections reported across schools nationally. We want to provide some information for actions you can take at home to ensure your child's safety and to inform you of actions we are taking at school to help minimise the risk to your child. It must be stressed that serious complications associated with Streptococcus are very rare, but this does not mean vigilance is not needed. Please do familiarise yourself with the guidance below and speak to us if you have any concerns.

#### What is Streptococcus and what is the risk?

Streptococcus (strep) is a bacteria. Group A cause scarlet fever. These bacteria are also the cause of strep throat. Scarlet fever is a contagious bacterial infection that causes flu-like symptoms and a rash that feels rough. It mostly affects young children.

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Therefore, look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.



#### What to do if you suspect your child has Strep-A

**Contact NHS 111 or your GP** if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection.

If your child has scarlet fever, **keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment** to avoid spreading the infection to others. Please use the schools normal reporting process to report absences, please however do let us know specifically if you have received a positive diagnosis with Strep-A

In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). While still uncommon, there has been an increase in invasive Group A strep cases this year, particularly in children under 10.

### **Keeping our school safe**

It is not necessary to keep children off school for any duration after the first 24 hours after they start antibiotic treatment, unless advised otherwise by a medical professional. In school we are taking proactive measures to limit the risk of spread, this includes:

- We role model good hand and respiratory hygiene with staff and children washing their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell.
- We have a robust cleaning programme in place that has been reviewed, taking into account common touch point areas and areas of high traffic.
- All our staff are briefed in the common signs and symptoms of scarlet fever and strep – A infections. We will notify parents of any concerns and act quickly to get support.

We understand this is a difficult situation, which is attracting a lot of press attention. We wanted however to stress the fact that serious complication with Step-A are very rare and we are acting as robustly as we can to ensure the safety of our staff and your children at school.

### **Further support and guidance**

For further information please visit the NHS web site below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

Yours sincerely

**Mr How**  
**Head Teacher**





# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

## LOWER FARM ACADEMY

### THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER

### 3:30PM TO 5:00PM

**Festive Stalls \* Tombola**

**Refreshments \* Mrs Clause's Cakes**

**Mulled Wine \* Mince Pies**

**Santa's Grotto \* Reindeer Games**

**Elves Workshop**

**Get in touch with the Lower Farm Academy PTA at:**

**[friends@lowerfarmacademy.org](mailto:friends@lowerfarmacademy.org)**





A festive poster for a Santa event. At the top, the lower half of Santa Claus is visible, including his white beard, orange nose, and the top of his red suit with white trim. The background is a deep blue with white snowflakes. A large, stylized red shape, resembling a reindeer's nose or a large letter 'R', frames the central text. The text is in a playful, bubbly font. The bottom of the poster shows a yellow shape, possibly a reindeer's body or a gift box, against a black background with white snowflakes.

# **SANTA IS COMING...**

**TO LOWER FARM ACADEMY!**

**MEET HIM IN HIS MAGICAL GROTTO  
& RECEIVE A SPECIAL GIFT!**

**15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 3:30-5:30PM**

**BOOK YOUR TICKET NOW AT;**

**PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/**

**FRIENDSOFLOWERFARMACADEMY**

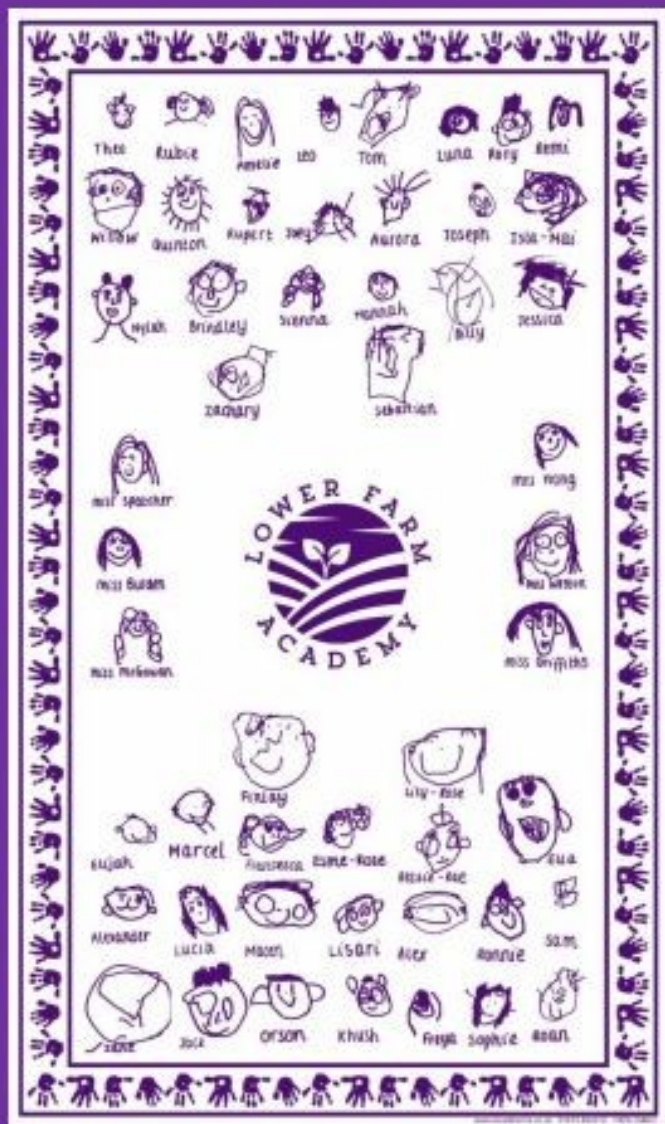
**£3.50 PER TICKET**





FRIENDS OF LOWER FARM ACADEMY

# RECEPTION CLASS TEA TOWELS



**PERFECT AS A CHRISTMAS  
GIFT AND KEEPSAKE!**

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3 FOR £12**

**Limited Availability –  
Get Yours Fast!**

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<https://friends-of-lower-farm-academy.sumupstore.com/>



Friends of Lower Farm Academy

[Friends@lowerfarmacademy.org](mailto:Friends@lowerfarmacademy.org)



St James Church  
Weddington and Caldecote  
24<sup>th</sup> December  
at 3.00pm and 4.30pm

# CAROLS FOR THE FAMILY

Book free ticket via Eventbrite

Follow The Star  
THE GREAT  
INVITATION

St James Church  
**MESSY**  
*Christingle*

**3.00 pm on Sunday 11 December**

St James Church Hall, Church Lane, Weddington

Please book your place via Eventbrite

Come share  
the light this  
**Christingle**

The  
Children's  
Society



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# WE ARE RECRUITING

## A HEAD OF KITCHEN

At Lower Farm Academy

Are you looking for a role where you can spread smiles by serving delicious food to children and also be part of an amazing team?

**27.5 hours per week      £ 10.19 Per Hour**

If you're interested in the role, please send your CV to

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Or if you would like more information, please call us on

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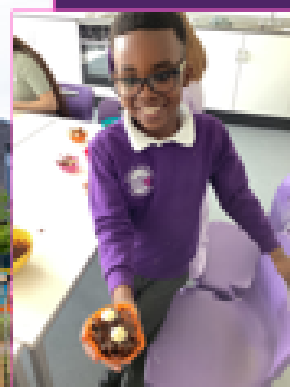


## OPEN EVENTS FOR LOWER FARM ACADEMY 2022/23 ADMISSIONS



### Growing Brighter Futures

Lower Farm Academy is a new primary school in Weddington, Nuneaton. We are a two form entry school and will host up to 420 children as well as a 26 place nursery when we are at full capacity.



We will be holding open events on the dates shown below. Everyone is welcome to join us. We would love for you to come and have a look round, ask any questions and have a chat about our school and our admissions process. In the meantime, please look at our website and Facebook page and we look forward to meeting you.

DATE	TIME
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	09:00 – 12:00
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	17:00 – 18:00
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	17:00 – 18:00
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	17:00 – 18:00

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