



Dates for your Diary

Monday 12th December	KS2 Christmas Lunch KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 13th December	KS1 Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 14th December	Year 4 Class Trip to the Waterworks Museum
Wednesday 14th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Service 1:30pm and 5:30pm Holy Rood Church
Thursday 15th December	KS2 Christmas Party
Friday 16th December	Last Day of Term 2.00pm Christmas Sing along
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET Day (School Closed to Children)
Wednesday 4th January	First Day of Spring Term

Christmas Sing along

Parents are invited to join us for a Christmas Sing along on **Friday 16th at 2.00pm**. Please click [here](#) if you would like to attend. We will allocate places on a first come first serve basis and limit the numbers to 30 people.



Christmas Fayre

Thank you to the PTFA for organising the Christmas Fayre on Thursday. There was a lovely festive feel, we hope you enjoyed the event.



Nativity

What a lovely performance of "Lights, Camel, Action!" by our Reception and KS1 pupils this week. The children practised long and hard to perfect their performance and we are very proud of them.

Thank you for your support and for their wonderful costumes and a big thank you to the PTFA for organising refreshments.



Christmas Jumper Days

All children can wear Christmas jumpers on **Monday 12th December** and **Thursday 15th December**.



Christmas Party Games

There are a couple of games left over from the Christmas Fayre that still need to be completed before they can be drawn.

If your child would like to have a go, the PTFA will be in on the Christmas party days, **Monday** and **Thursday**.

The games will be priced at 50p a go and the prizes are a £15 Entertainer voucher and a sack full of presents!

Parish Council

The Parish Council has planted a small Christmas Tree, a Fraser Fir.

They will mark the planting with a small ceremony to measure its height and girth and then decorate it with the help of Mordiford School.

To help us celebrate, The Moon will be opening to sell mulled drinks and burgers.

We would like to make measuring the tree and decorating it and the Iron Hut, into an annual event.

We hope you will join us at **3.30 pm on Wednesday 14th December.**

Abies Fraseri is a small, slow-growing species, which over the next 30- 100 years could reach a maximum height of 60-80 ft (25M) if left to its own devices. They can live for 400 years.



Adverse Weather

In the event of colder temperatures and snow-fall our aim will always be to remain open if possible. However, in the event of extreme conditions we may have to close the school. This decision will be based on safety: road conditions, ability to clear the site and adequate availability of staff.

You will be informed of school closures as soon as possible via the school website, Herefordshire Council website: school closure section (you are advised to sign up to their alerts) and Parent Pay. Where the school remains open it is down to each individual family to decide if your journey is safe.



School Closures 4th and 8th May 2023

As you may be aware Mordiford Primary School is regularly used as a Polling Station and has been booked for the General Election on **Thursday 4th May 2023**. Due to the implementation of the Elections Act next year the Local Authority have said the use of the Severn suite is no longer suitable and they will need use of our hall.

Keeping the school open with members of the public accessing the hall causes logistical problems with toilets, cloakrooms and lunches and also poses an unacceptable safeguarding risk to pupils.

Unfortunately we have had to make the decision to **close the school to pupils** all day on **Thursday 4th May 2023**. We will look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Friday 5th May which will be a normal school day.

King Charles' Coronation will be on **Monday 8th May**. This day will be a national holiday in the UK so the school will also be closed on this day.

Family Values

This half term our family value is **RESPECT**.

Respect is one of our three core values at Mordiford: **Love, compassion and respect**. Click [here](#) to see the activities for you to explore together.

Children can bring their artwork for a Values display in the hall.

Prayer Corner

I pray that happiness be at your door. May it knock early, stay late and leave the gift of God's peace, love, joy and good health behind.

Amen.

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