

# Forest Edge Learning Federation

*Respect, Grace and Courage*



Parents' Update - 5th December 2025

*"Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling."*

Edna Ferber

This week we celebrated the first day of Advent. Advent is a special time for reflection and preparation as we look ahead to Christmas. The word Advent simply means 'coming', it's the period before Christmas which celebrates the birth of Jesus. Advent is a time of hope, of getting ready, and expectation.

Waiting is hard, but Christmas is worth waiting for. In our worship this week we thought about things we can do whilst we wait. Each class was given a compassion and kindness advent calendar so that they can count the days down to Christmas by showing acts of kindness to others.

I want to say a huge well done to all of our children in Willow and Pine class for their fantastic nativity performance of 'Twinkle Town' on Tuesday night. The singing was wonderful and the children performed brilliantly. We are so proud of how confidently and enthusiastically all the children took part. Thank you to all staff who helped make the performance such a success.

We are also incredibly proud of the combined Hale and Hyde choir who performed their entry in the 'Song for Christmas' competition at the Sarum Academy on Wednesday evening. It was such a treat to hear them singing both live and on Salisbury radio this morning! Don't forget, it will be broadcast again today at 4.30pm, so do tune in if you can.

Don't forget it's our pantomime trip (oh no it isn't) next Friday! We are so excited to be visiting the Salisbury Playhouse and sharing a fun pantomime experience all together. Thank you to our fantastic HFSA for funding such a memorable and magical day for everyone.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Don't forget to come and see Miss Newman, Mrs Seaward and myself at the Hyde Christmas Fair on Saturday!

*Mrs Allen*

**Executive Headteacher**

*Breamore CE Primary, Hale Primary, and Hyde CE Primary Schools*

**Dates coming up - new dates underlined**

- **Breamore - 5.12.25 - Garden Theatre festive grand opening! - 3pm**
- **Breamore - 9.12.25 - Nativity 2pm & 6pm**
- **Hale - 11.12.25 - Nativity 2pm & 6pm Performances**
- **Breamore - 12.12.25 - FABs Christmas raffle draw & Scavenger Hunt - 3.30pm**
- **Federation - 15.12.25 - Years 5 & 6 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church - more details to follow**
- **Breamore - 16.12.25 - Years 3 & 4 - Music Concert @ Breamore**
- **Breamore - 16.12.25 - Buttercups visit to Fordingbridge Library**
- **Hale - 17.12.25 - Christmas Lunch**
- **Breamore & Hyde - 18.12.25 - Christmas Lunch**

- **Hale - 19.12.25 - Christmas Hamper Draw**
- **Federation - 19.12.25 - Last Day of Term & Christmas Jumper Day**
- **Federation - 5.1.26 - Inset Day**
- **Federation - 6.1.26 - First Day of Term**

## **Term Dates 2025-2026**

### **Autumn Term**

Inset Day	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
First Day	Thursday 4th September
Half Term	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October
Inset Day	Monday 3rd November
Last Day	Friday 19th December

### **Spring Term**

Inset Day	Monday 5th January 2026
First Day	Tuesday 6th January
Half Term	Monday 16th - Friday 20th February
Inset Day	Monday 23rd February
Last Day	Friday 27th March

### **Summer Term**

First Day	Monday 13th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May
Half Term	Monday 25th - Friday 29th May
Inset Day	Monday 1st June
Last Day	Wednesday 22nd July

## **Term Dates 2026-2027**

### **Autumn Term**

Inset Day	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Inset Day	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
First Day	Thursday 3rd September
Half Term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October
Inset Day	Monday 2nd November
Last Day	Friday 18th December

### **Spring Term**

First Day	Monday 4th January 2027
Half Term	Monday 15th - Friday 19th February
Inset Day	Monday 22nd February
Last Day	Friday 25th March

### **Summer Term**

First Day	Monday 12th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May
Half Term	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June
Inset Day	Monday 7th June
Last Day	Wednesday 21st July