



Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good last week of Term 2!

I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information. I can be contacted at exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk over the holidays, however I will not be checking my emails every day, as I am spending time with my family. I will endeavor to get back to you within a couple of days if needed.



Winter Mini Reading Challenge-

The Winter Mini Challenge has returned for 2025, encouraging children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays.

Running from 1 December 2025 to 20 February 2026, taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is simple. Children read at least three books of their choice between 1 December and 20 February and add them to their online profile and review them on the Reading Agency's [website](#). Reaching their reading goal will unlock online badges and a certificate for them to download, print off and keep when they have finished.

Parental Online Learning Training-

Please see attached leaflets regarding online training courses for parents taking place in the New Year.

These include- Understanding your child's behaviour, Supporting your child with wellness and fears, Autism and Sleep and Understanding Neurodiversity.

To book a place you can use the QR code provided on the leaflet.

Christmas Celebrations at ASPIRE-

Kingswood-

Kingswood have had a Nativity - Prickly Hay - and Christmas Carol Concert.



They have had the Christmas Fayre and Kingswood Older Neighbours mince pie and sing along this week.

All enjoyed Christmas Dinner and we are finishing the year with a parent/carers awards assembly on the last day of term.

Leeds & Broomfield-

Last Thursday - 11th, school had their Christmas Fayre and Years R, 1 and 2 performed the Nativity.

On Wednesday 17th - Year 6 went and sang Christmas Carols and songs to the residents of Ledian Gardens retirement village.

On Tuesday 16th - children made Christingles which they then used on Wednesday 17th the whole school had their Christingle in the local church, parents were able to attend.

Platts Heath-

Platts Heath had a Christmas film night.

Ash class performed 'A Wiggly Nativity' this week.

All have had class Christmas parties this week and had a final festive Celebration Assembly of the year today!

Ulcombe-

This week at Ulcombe School had a festive feel.

All took part in the "Christmas Counts for Everyone" - a retelling of the nativity at Ulcombe church, led by Reception and Year 1, and classes enjoyed watching an online pantomime together.

There were also class Christmas parties and a visit from the Elf on the Shelf, which added to the excitement as the term comes to an end.

Free School Meals-

For those families entitled to benefit related Free School meals, please look out for your holiday food voucher within your inboxes.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all your continued support and we look forward to another great year!

Just a reminder that Monday 5th January 2026 is an INSET Day. Therefore children are NOT in school. We welcome all back on Tuesday 6th January.



Kind regards,

Emma Hickling
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