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I AM STRONG THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

TO THE BEST THAT I CAN BE

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Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers;
In the season of Advent, it is important for all the children to remember that this is a time of preparation and waiting. They have been making preparations this week and it is uplifting to hear Christmas Carols and songs being practised.

Safeguarding – healthy children are happy children
A very important element of keeping our children safe and well is making time to encourage healthy attitudes to food and exercise. Have you ever thought about the specifics of what children need? Please click through here to find out:
https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/physical-activity-guidelines-children-and-young-people/

Leadership of the school
Yesterday the Trust Governing Board met for their second full meeting of this academic year. The Governors play a vital role in shaping the direction of our school, advising and leading in the big decisions that are needed. We are lucky to have such a dedicated group, who are volunteers, and who are so committed to making sure our children receive a first-class education. If you ever feel like you would like to contact the governors, you are able to do so by making a request via our School Office.

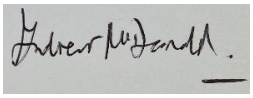
Term Dates for 2026/27
Please note that the school term and holiday dates were ratified yesterday and are now available on our website and at the foot of this newsletter. The Leaders of the school have made a difficult decision for next year to fix Easter Holiday dates with the Western calendar. However, Orthodox Easter Sunday is significantly later on 2nd May 2027 and will be recognised in school. A day of holiday for the children has been guaranteed for Good Friday, 30th April 2027. Families requiring time for attending services on Maundy Thursday may request this.

Poem of the Week
The poem of the week is a classic that is included in 'The Hobbit' by JRR Tolkien. It describes the fun that the dwarfs have in the home of Bilbo, the Hobbit. It is lots of fun. Please share it with your child:
https://tolkiengateway.net/wiki/Chip_the_glasses_and_crack_the_plates!

The religious life of the school
"A voice cries, 'in the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'" (Isaiah 40:3)
Our focus from now until our holiday is preparing our hearts for the great feast of Christmas. The children are reminded how important it is to think about the real focus; as the tidal wave of commercialism, adverts and overindulgence can be overwhelming for everyone.

On Monday we shared an assembly about the life of **St Andrew**, a disciple of St John the Baptist and the first to be called by Christ. (Πρωτόκλητος, *Prōtoklētos).* The children learned the important lesson of being brave and answering the call when it comes.
Yesterday the children of **Year 1 Cyprus** class attended church. Many thanks to Father George and for the selfless support of those at St Constantine and St Helen to welcome and support our children.

I wish you a restful weekend.
Yours faithfully,



Andrew McDonald
Headteacher

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Schools are closed when the date is shaded red (bank holiday), blue (Inset Day) or orange (school holiday). School term and holidaydates for 2026/2027 include 190 pupil days and 5 in-service days as agreed by all Trade Unions. Purple indicates GO Easter.

Greek Orthodox Easter 2nd May 2027 & Western Easter 28th March 2027