

East Allington Primary School NEWSLETTER



Active - Bold - Caring

Friday 5th December 2025

Attendance to date	
Beech	97%
Hazel	94%
Willow	93%
National expectation	96%

The last two weeks

*At East Allington Primary, the countdown is here,
The sparkle is building—our favourite time of year!
We're festive and ready, all excitement in swing,
With rehearsals and glitter and carols we sing.*

*The hall fills with twinkles, soft shimmering light,
As nativities shine and warm hearts every night.
Together we gather, sharing moments so sweet,
A time filled with kindness and memories to keep.*

*So come join the journey—there's still more to do,
Fun activities waiting and surprises for you.
The pantos bring laughter, applause and delight,
With costumes and chorus that brighten the night.*

*At Blackawton Primary, we treasure it all,
From practising songs to decking the hall.
These final two weeks will be joyful and fun,
Making memories together—each and every one.*



We educate children so they can lead great lives





Monday 8th December 2025	Open Parent and Carer Forum 5:30 - 6:30pm
Tuesday 9th December 2025	Table decoration making with Julie
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Christmas Dinner (whole school)
Friday 12th December 2025	PTFA Christmas Faye @ 2:00pm
Tuesday 16th December 2025	KS1 and KS2 Panto trips
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Reception and Nursery Nativity in the Church @ 9:30am
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Candlelit Service in the Church
Thursday 18th December 2025	Open Classroom @ 2:30pm
Friday 19th December 2025	Pyjama day
Friday 19th December 2025	Saplings Christmas Performance—9am
Friday 19th December 2025	Last day of school
Monday 5th January 2026	First day back to school

CLASS 'SNAPPY' NEWS

“Nature Sense!”

Saplings

This week our home corner turned into Santa's workshop. The children loved wrapping toys in tissue paper and foil and roleplaying Santa's helpers, dressing up as elves .



We made a magical sleigh and a paper plate Christmas tree, adding lots of sparkly Christmas decorations.

A lovely start to our Christmas fun !



Beech Although this has been a short week, we have packed in a lot of learning.

The PTFA funded the children to build sculptures using natural materials and a glue-gun. We needed the support of some of the older children to help us with the fiddly bits but really enjoyed the process and the product.

We went down to the church to practice the Nativity in a larger space; it was a lot scarier out of the comfort of the classroom so, we'll take a couple more trips down before the big day!

In their maths sessions the Y1 children have started to look at shapes - 3D shape names and their properties. The Reception children are consolidating the make-up of 4 and 5. We have also been learning how to write the numbers correctly by following the rhyme: [Number Formation Rhymes](#)

We are loving the role-play shop and kitchen bought in by Zoe. and

Hazel

This week Hazel have been learning about adverbs and adverbials in relation to the film of Mog's Christmas Calamity.



The class have worked brilliantly in collaborative groups. The older children showed real leadership by supporting the younger pupils in their oracy, which will be used to support their writing next week. The whole class have shown how confident they are by performing their poems in front of each other, in preparation for the Twilight Carol Concert. It is not to be underestimated how challenging standing up in front of your peers can be, so really well done Hazel class! In maths, the children have been using dienes and place value charts to demonstrate their understanding of exchanging in addition and subtraction, as well as learning different mental methods for calculating. The highlight of the week was definitely the amazing nature-makes workshop, where the children created some incredible artwork. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising this and to Naomi for her patience and creativity. What a brilliant morning!



Willow

Willow Class have enjoyed another very busy and productive week! Alongside completing a range of assessments, the children have shown real maturity, focus and determination—they should be extremely proud of themselves. Our rehearsals have also continued, and it has been wonderful to see the children supporting one another, remembering lines, singing enthusiastically and showing real confidence on stage. Their teamwork has really shone through.

We also spent time creating some beautiful 3D snowflakes. The care and concentration that went into these was excellent—children followed each step of the instructions carefully, demonstrated great perseverance and produced some stunning results. They are now proudly displayed in the classroom and have added a real festive feel.

As we begin to move closer to the end of term, we are very much looking forward to embracing all things Christmassy—from performances, crafts and celebrations, to finishing touches on our learning. Well done Willow Class for another fantastic week!



In Other News

Forest School Update

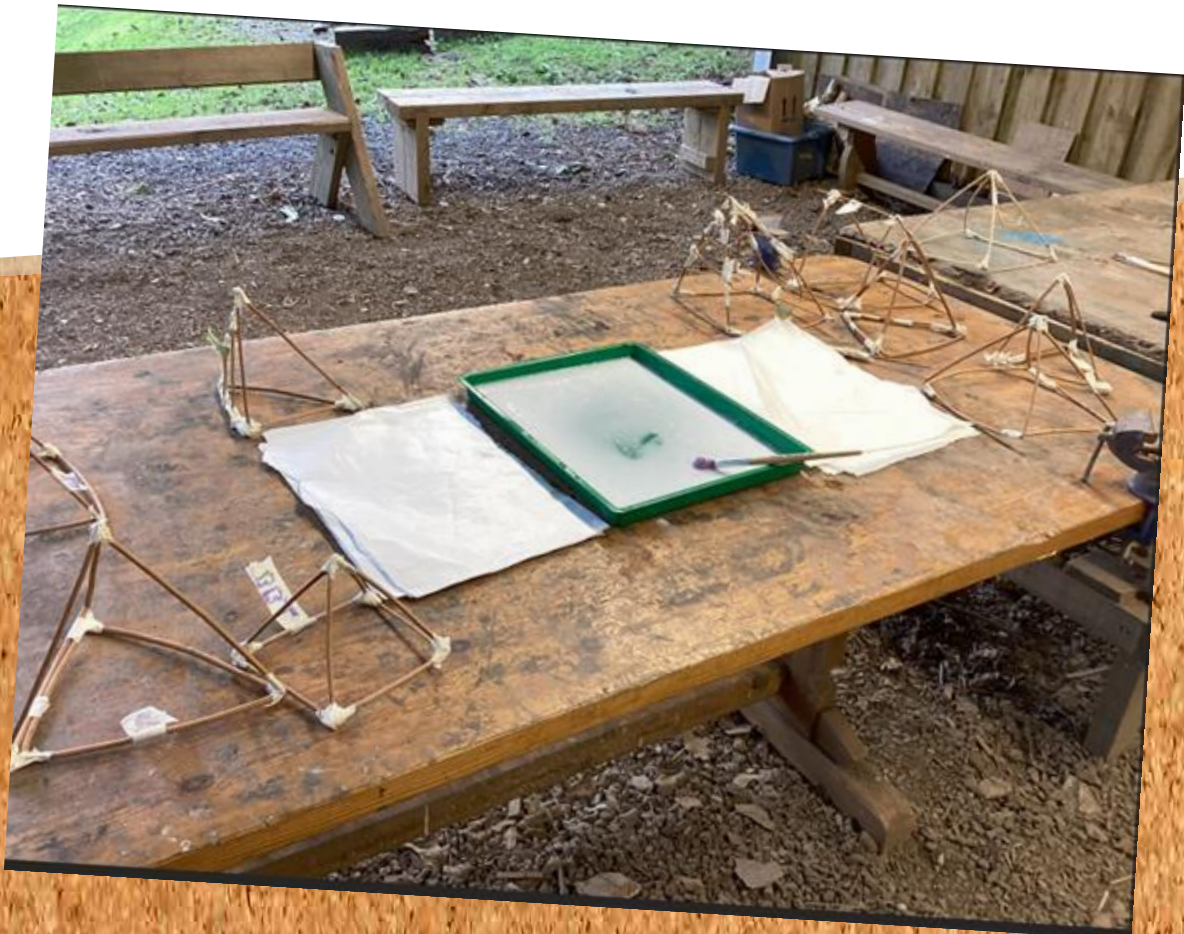
Lanterns, Light & Little Works of Art!

There has been a wonderful mix of craftsmanship, creativity and community spirit in Forest School this week:

- **Beech Class** continued their **copper ring making**, adding beautiful **embellishments** and using the **blow torch to anneal** their creations. Their confidence with metalworking tools is really growing.
- **Hazel Class** moved on to the next stage of their lantern project, carefully applying **tissue to their willow lanterns** — the colours and patterns are already looking magical.
- **Willow Class** created some truly **astounding models** with support from **Nature Make** and our fantastic **PTFA volunteers**. Their imagination and attention to detail really shone through.

It's lovely to see each class working with such focus and joy as winter approaches, building skills while bringing their ideas to life.

✦ Next week... we'll be adding **final touches, festive details and winter sparkle**.





This weeks ABC Stars.

Beech

Finn

Oscar

Hazel

Grace G

Penelope

Willow

Alfie

George M



Nature Sense

Nature Sense was an amazing day, organised by our fantastic PTFA. The children absolutely loved the experience, and it was wonderful to see such perseverance, creativity and teamwork throughout the activities. A particular thank you goes to Willow Class, who supported our younger children with such kindness, patience and enthusiasm. They were excellent role models and helped make the day truly special for everyone involved.



Maths puzzle of the week – family fun

Try this mathematical thinking to get maths conversations happening at home

Can you name these 3D shapes?

Can you find any other objects around your home or in the environment, that are similar?













Mrs Partridge's Recommended Read:

The lights that dance in the Night, by Yuval Zommer

In this wonderfully festive picture book, Yuval Zommer imagines the Northern Lights' fleeting journey from space to Earth and how they weave a special magic for the animals and people living in the frozen lands below.

From tiny specs of dust to gleaming rays in the dark, the Northern Lights travel across the Arctic, uniting every creature in a celebration that reverberates through land and sea.



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SEND signpost



Children, Young Person, and Families'
Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team

Understanding ADHD Parent/Carer Workshop

An interactive workshop for parents and carers of children and young people with a diagnosis of ADHD, or on the diagnosis pathway



Including topics such as, but not limited to

- Explaining Common Symptoms
- Support Strategies
- Understanding Behaviours
- Awesome Qualities of ADHD

To book a place, give us a call on 01752 435404 or email livewell.neurowellbeing.enquiries@nhs.net

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Children, Young People, and Families'
Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team

Understanding Autism Parent/Carer Workshop

An interactive workshop for parents and carers of children with diagnosed ASC or on a diagnosis pathway



Including topics such as, but not limited to:

- Understanding Autistic Traits
- Communication and Language Interpretation
- Sensory Experiences and Self Regulation
- Practical Positive Strategies and Tips

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Navigating the Journey Parent/Carer Workshop

An interactive workshop for parents and carers of children on a neurodiversity waiting list



Including topics such as, but not limited to:

- Gaining a Clear Understanding of the Process
- Guidance for both CAMHS and CDC Pathways
- Empowerment and Support

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Behavioural Toolkit Parent/Carer Workshop

An interactive workshop for parents and carers of children with neurodiversity related behavioural difficulties



Including topics such as, but not limited to:

- Understanding Behaviour as Communication
- Practical Proactive Strategies for Behaviour Management
- Fostering Family Support and Management

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Do you like to sing? Would you like the chance to perform?
Are you in Year 2-6?

Then you might like to join our new...

Choir Club

Every Tuesday lunchtime 12.45-1.05pm in Hazel Class
We will be working towards some Christmas performances.
No experience needed - just enthusiasm.



LOST PROPERTY

Dear Parents/Guardians

Over the course of the term/year we accumulate many items of lost property in the school. If items were labelled I could then reunite them with the children. I am sure it costs a lot of money to keep replacing items so it would be good if you could help me to help you.

Maggie

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Join the hugely talented cast at their Panto—you won't be disappointed—you will be ENTERTAINED with a capital E.

A massive well done to Ollie L in Willow Class who is starring in the Panto.

🎉 ✨ TICKETS ON SALE NOW! ✨ 🎉
Tickets for this year's MAD Panto: Aladdin are now ON SALE!
Head over to www.madpanto.co.uk and grab yours before they disappear in a puff of smoke!
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Show dates: Jan 21st–24th 2026 at Malborough Village Hall



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CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER



MENU



***TURKEY OR VEGAN FILLET
CARROTS/PEAS/ROAST POTATOES/
GRAVY/PIGS IN BLANKETS***



CHRISTMAS ICE CREAM



***PLEASE ORDER AS NORMAL ON PARENT PAY APP
UNTIL 8AM ON DECEMBER 10TH***

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HAZEL CLASS ONLY -

PHOTOGRAPH CONSENT - DEVON WILDLIFE TRUST

BECAUSE WE ARE A THIRD PARTY AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ANY PHOTOS WITH FUNDERS, DWT MEMBERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN HAZEL CLASS NEED TO GIVE THE WILDLIFE TRUST PERMISSION SHOULD THEY WISH THE WILDLIFE TRUST NEED TO ASK THAT A SEPARATE PHOTO CONSENT FORM IS COMPLETED.

THIS CAN BE COMPLETED BY CLICKING ON THE LINK BELOW.

<https://forms.office.com/e/kjXJkr9TPY>

Beech Class are on the look-out for role-play items. Please let Mrs Partridge know if you can source any of these from family or friends:

Scarves /Hats

Jewellery

Pots/pans

Cutlery/plates



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Devon Wildlife Trust have a festive nature challenge for you!

Devon Wildlife Trust have a festive nature challenge for you!

They are encouraging people to do one wild thing a day from the 25th December to the 5th January each year. In those quiet days between Christmas and New Year, winter wildlife is just waiting to be explored!

These wild acts could be little things to help nature - like recycling a Christmas tree or feeding the birds – or ways to connect to the natural world, like trying stargazing.

Parents and carers can sign up to receive a digital pack to help them to take part. The link is below. Please share with your school community as it's a great activity to get families involved and engaged with nature over the Christmas holidays.

[12 Days Wild | The Wildlife Trusts](#)



East Allington Primary School PTFA



Festive Table Decoration

A Workshop led by our own
professional florist Julie Piper

09TH
DEC 25

£35

MULLED WINE
& MINCE PIES

BOOK NOW: EAPTFA@GMAIL.COM
VENUE: EAST ALLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
STARTS AT 7.30PM

East Allington Primary School PTFA

UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

Held on the last Thursday of
every half term ★



Bring in clean uniform which
is too small and swap for
larger sizes

or

buy items for
a donation



**EAST ALLINGTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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December

**28-29 November
Candlelit Dartmouth**

Friday 28th

10-8pm Market in Royal Avenue Gardens (RAG)
5.50pm Opening ceremony & lights switch on
6pm Santa arrives at RAG
Free parking Mayors Ave from 6pm

Saturday 29th

10-8pm Market in RAG
11-5pm Kids events & Music in RAG
5pm Lantern procession meet in The Old Market
5.30-6.15pm Lantern procession
Free parking Mayors Ave

**6 December
Santa Con**

2pm Santa pub crawl
7 drinks, 6 pubs and after party
Fancy dress compulsory
Scan for tickets

**9 December
Fat Stock Show**

10-3pm The Old Market
Celebrating the best
in local farming

**12 December
RNLI Crabpot
Lights**

6-8pm Stalls, Shanty band, refreshments
& Santa
6pm Switch on lights

**13 December
Tractor Festival**

10-6pm Farmers Fayre, at The Old
Market
Free parking Mayors Avenue

**24 December
Carols on the Cove**

5pm Carols on the Cove
Band and mince pies at
Dartmouth Arms

**31 December
NYE Fireworks**

Midnight on the harbour

Sponsored by:

The Holland Group, Dart Marina Hotel, The
Crab, The Seahorse, Rockfish, SHDC, Salcombe
Brewery, Dartmouth Rotary

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Piano lessons with Jess Heywood, available in school

(with option to work towards accredited piano exams)

Contact:

jess_h_heywood@yahoo.co.uk

Jess is the Director of the Youth Festival,
Dartmouth Music Festival
and is available for new bookings

Please book your child's place by contacting Jess directly
or get in touch with the school office.

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Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born
between 1 September 2021
and 31 August 2022?



Apply online at:

devon.cc/admissionsonline

or scan the QR code. Applications open from
15 November 2025 to the **15 January 2026**

If you can't access the school admissions website you can get more information by emailing admissions@devon.gov.uk or call our Education Helpline on:

0345 155 1019



You must apply through the Admissions Team, even if you've already given details to a school. Applications made directly to schools or on their lists will not be accepted.

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County Council 

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SPORTIVA^{EVENTS}

TRAIL RUNNING RETURNS TO DARTINGTON

*Chip Timing / Professional photographs & friendly marshals /
Family-friendly atmosphere / Medals for all finishers / Well-marked courses
Free hot drink or beer when you finish + Food options at Green Table Cafe*

Friday 21st Nov, 9am-3pm

DART CHALLENGE

*Choose your challenge: run a marathon,
a 10K or as many 5K laps as you can
fit into six hours!*



Saturday 22nd Nov 5.30pm

THE DARK DART DASH

*Head torches on! Take on a thrilling night-time
trail run (10K, 5K & kids races) through
Dartington's beautiful grounds. Expect twisting
trails, glowing markers, and a post-race buzz
like no other. Podiums & Prizes including best
fancy dress!*



Location: Dartington Estate, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 6EE

Sign up online: sportivaevents.co.uk

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**THINGS
HAPPEN
HERE**


**DYNAMIC
ADVENTURES CIC**

SANTA FUN RUN 2025

Get your hats, your spirits, and your running shoes
ready for a jolly dash!

Saturday 13 December 2025

Sign-in from 1.30pm, Race begins at 2.00pm

Things Happen Here, Meadowbrook Community Centre,
Shiners Bridge, Dartington, TQ9 6JD



- A fun Santa Run/Walk for all ages and abilities
- Distance options – from 1 mile (1 lap) up to 5 mlaps)
- Kids up to age 10: FREE! Adults (10+): E10
- Fancy dress is most definitely encouraged (but pot co)
- Treat yourself to a pint and pizza at Things Happen Here
- Free toasted treats around the fire



Book now via Dynamic Adventures website

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Junior Hockey Years 4 to 9

Tuesday's 5.00pm - 5.50pm

KCC AWP

Girls & Boys

Starting Tuesday 16th September



You will need to wear trainers, shin pads and a mouth guard. Hockey sticks can be provided. Please bring a drink.

Cost is £25.00 subscription for the year and £30.00 for 12 sessions, from September to December.

If you would like more information, please email Sarah Budgen at
slb1.home@outlook.com

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Making Christmas Manageable



Citizens Advice

|Simple ways to enjoy the festive season without overspending

Christmas can be a great time to relax and spend time with family, but it often comes with extra costs and pressure to spend more than we'd like. With household budgets already stretched, a bit of planning can make a real difference.

1. Set a Realistic Budget

Work out what you can comfortably afford to spend and stick to it. It's easy for small extras to add up, so keep a list of what you need — and what you don't. If you can, set aside a small amount each week to spread the cost.

2. Keep Gifts Simple

Children often remember the fun and attention more than what's under the tree. Low-cost or homemade gifts, or pooling together for a "Secret Santa" within the family, can keep things fair and affordable for everyone.

3. Plan Food Carefully

Christmas dinner doesn't need to be over the top. Planning meals in advance helps avoid waste, and sharing the cooking with friends or relatives can save both time and money.

4. Make the Most of What's Local

There are plenty of free or low-cost events in Teignbridge over the festive period — from school fairs to community activities. These can be a great way to get into the Christmas spirit without spending much.

5. Don't Feel Pressured

It's fine to say no to things that stretch your budget. A walk to see the lights, a film night at home, or a board game with family can make just as good memories as anything that costs money.

Need a Bit of Advice?

If you're worried about money or would like some support with budgeting, benefits, or local services, the **Citizens Advice Schools Project** can help. You can speak to your school for a direct referral.

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Better Housing Better Health

The Warmth & Wellbeing Service

HOME ENERGY ADVICE

Better Housing Better Health (BHBH) is a charity working locally to improve your warmth & wellbeing. In a preventative approach, our free helpline provides you with a single point of contact for services, advice and financial support in order to help improve the energy efficiency of your property.

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SUPPORT**

**HOME
ENERGY
VISITS**

**FINANCIAL
SUPPORT**

**PRIORITY
SERVICES
REGISTER**



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0800 107 0044

OR VISIT : WWW.BHBH.ORG.UK

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As well as enjoying the content with your child, you can get advice on supporting their health and wellbeing.

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Follow us: Health for Kids: Grownups healthforkidsgrownups @Healthforkids1

ChatHealth
Text a school nurse for confidential advice and support
07520 631721

Or scan the QR code for further service contact details:

Disclaimer: We may need to inform someone if we are concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored securely and can only be accessed by other authorised health care professionals who follow the same strict confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to your message within one working day and you should get an immediate message back from us to confirm we have received your text. If you need help before you hear back from us, please contact your GP nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. In an emergency please dial 999. Unfortunately, our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some number masking mobile apps). To opt-out of receiving messages from a healthcare professional, please text 'STOP' to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



CORNWALL & DEVON
School Age Immunisation Service
Provided by Kernow Health CIC

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- FLU - Reception - Year 11
- MMR - Catch-up
- HPV - Year 8 - Year 11
- Meningitis ACWY - Year 9 - Year 11
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) Year 9 - Year 11

Did you miss us?
We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- Home educated children
- Anxious children
- Children who missed the session at school

SCAN HERE

For further information scan the QR code or please speak with a member of the team

Call us on
01392 342678
Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu i mmunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.