



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a **successful and rewarding time** for our school community. It has been a busy term, filled with strong learning, **fantastic trips** and a range of **celebration events** that have highlighted the achievements and positive attitudes of our students.

One particular highlight was the **Character Awards**, which took place in the penultimate week of term. These awards celebrated students who consistently demonstrate our school values through kindness, resilience, respect and ambition. It was a pleasure to see so many students recognised for the positive contributions they make to school life.

Another highlight has been recognising our students' **achievements beyond the classroom** through our **Advent celebrations**. This has been a wonderful way to acknowledge some incredible successes outside of school and serves as an important reminder that the character we strive to develop and instil at Aylesford extends well beyond the school gates. Well done to all students who were recognised — we are extremely proud of you.

As we move into the holiday period, I would like to remind families of the importance of **staying safe online**. We encourage Parents and Carers to continue conversations at home about online behaviour, digital safety and the impact of words and actions online. Just as importantly, we ask that students continue to show **kindness and respect towards one another**, both online and offline. Looking out for each other and speaking up when something does not feel right helps keep our community safe and supportive.

Although there is **no newsletter this term**, we hope you feel well connected to school life through our **Facebook page** and our **new WhatsApp channel**, which launched this term. These platforms allow us to share news, celebrations and important updates more regularly. Please click [here](#) to follow our WhatsApp channel:

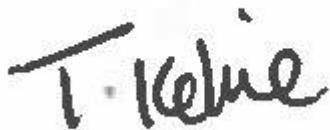
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This term also saw us bid a fond farewell to **Mr Mushekwa**, who after **35 years in education**, including **10 years at Aylesford School**, has retired. We thank him sincerely for his dedication and commitment to the school and wish him a long and happy retirement. We also say goodbye to **Miss Hudson** who, although with us for a shorter time, has made a valued contribution. We wish her every success as she moves on to new adventures.

Please note that **students return to school on Monday 5th January**.

On behalf of everyone at Aylesford School, I would like to thank you for your continued support this term. I wish you and your families a very **Merry Christmas** and a happy, healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming students back in January.

Yours sincerely



Miss T Kelvie  
Headteacher