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3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Active Citizenship at Smestow Academy - December Events**



As part of our Personal Development curriculum here at Smestow Academy, we aim to offer a wide variety of active citizenship opportunities for our pupils. Participation in such events can help contribute to our school vision of building successful, resilient and confident young people who make outstanding contributions to modern British society.

Active citizenship can be through a variety of different forms and we have explored many of these this term, from hosting a Macmillan Cake Sale to wearing odd socks to raise awareness of anti-bullying week, and raising money for Children in Need to writing postcards for staff in support of World Thank a Teacher Day. This month, we have launched three events with pupils:

- Advent Calendar of Kindness (1st December 24th December) an act of kindness a day that could be carried out at school or home, which also includes the donation of tinned goods to a foodbank on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December. We do have a box for donations in school if you are able to contribute.
- Mince Pies & Carols (17th December) an event for Years 7, 8 & 9 Parents & Carers to join us in school for a morning of performances and festive refreshments.
- Christmas Jumper Day (17th December) all pupils and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper underneath their blazer in return for a £1 donation to "Save the Children"



We thank you all in advance for your support of our active citizenship programme in school and are grateful for your donations to charity at this busy time of year.







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## **Dates for your Calendar**

As we near the final 2 weeks of a busy school term, I write to remind you of some key dates coming up in the School Calendar:

- Thursday 18 December  $2025 \frac{1}{2}$  day for all pupils. School will close at 12:30pm and the 751 bus will collect pupils at 12:40pm
- Friday 19 December 2025 School will be closed for staff training
- Monday 5 January 2026 School will be closed for staff training.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Chamberlain Headteacher





